

News

## HPI Research School in Nanjing Celebrates Its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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On 8 November 2016 the Hasso Plattner Institute Research School at Nanjing University will be celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. HPI director Prof. Meinel and Vice President of NJU, Prof. Pan Yi, will both be greeting the assembly and will sign an extension of their collaboration for another five year period. That is, until December 2021. The German Consul General in Shanghai, Peter Rothen, will also speak at the occasion.

The research of the Chinese doctoral candidates in Nanjing is focused on the theme "Mass Data Analytics and Knowledge Discovery". Since the opening of the Research School branch in 2011, twenty-two doctoral candidates have done research in this field. More information can be found on:

<https://hpi.de/en/research/research-school/international-branches/nanjing-university.html>

"The cooperation in the past five years has been excellent. I am therefore delighted that Nanjing University will be joining our graduate school in the education of talented junior researchers for another five years," said HPI Director Meinel.

The HPI Research School in Nanjing is the HPI's third international "branch," besides Cape Town and Haifa. Like their Israeli and South African colleagues, the Chinese junior researchers work at their home university in China and are awarded scholarships from HPI in Germany. They are mentored jointly by their respective home professors and integrated into the research activities of the Research School in Potsdam. In addition, they are invited to take part in the annual joint HPI Research School symposium, as well as an annual retreat and workshop in Nanjing. They are also encouraged, and receive funding, to take part in prestigious international scientific conferences, workshops and symposia.

### **Profile of Hasso Plattner Institute**

The Hasso Plattner Institute for Software Systems Engineering GmbH (<https://hpi.de>), at the University of Potsdam, is Germany's university excellence center for IT-Systems Engineering. HPI is the only university

institution in Germany offering the Bachelor's and Master's degree in "IT Systems Engineering"—a practical and engineering-oriented alternative to conventional computer science studies. Current enrollment is at approximately 480 students. The HPI School of Design Thinking is Europe's first innovation school for university students. It is based on the Stanford model of the d.school and offers 240 places annually for a supplementary course of study. There are a total of twelve HPI professors and over 50 guest professors, lecturers and contracted teachers at the Institute. HPI carries out research noted for its high standard of excellence in its eleven topic areas. Research work is also conducted at the Potsdam HPI Research School for PhD candidates as well as at its branches in Cape Town, Haifa and Nanjing. HPI teaching and research focuses on the foundation and application of large-scale, highly complex and distributed IT systems. The development and exploration of user-driven innovations for all sectors of life is an additional area of importance. HPI always earns the highest positions in the CHE university ranking.

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