



**BNU Chinese Laban Academic Research Center**  
**30th Biennial Conference of ICKL**  
**July 24-29, 2017**

In view of the upcoming biennial ICKL conference to be held in Beijing Normal University ("BNU") by Department of Dance of BNU and Beijing Normal University Chinese Laban Academic Research Center ("BNU LARC"), we'd like to provide a brief introduction of the conference host as well as the Laban community in China.

### **Beijing Normal University**

BNU is a public research university located in Beijing China with strong emphasis on basic disciplines of humanities and sciences. It is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in China. BNU grew out of the Faculty of Education, Imperial University of Peking that was established as China's first modern university on the initiative of the emperor of Qing Dynasty. After the Republic of China was established, BNU was renamed Peking Normal College in 1912. The college had its first graduate programs in 1920 and began to recruit female students in 1921. In 1923 it was renamed again as Peking Normal University, and became the first normal university in Chinese modern history.

Historically, students at Beijing Normal University played a significant role in patriotic and social movements, particularly in the May Fourth Movement in 1919, the Cultural Revolution, and the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989. The New York Times once described it as "one of the most progressive institutions" in China.

### **Academics**

So far the university's 16 schools are offering altogether 55 undergraduate degree programs, 162 master programs, and 100 doctoral programs. In 2015, 8,600 undergraduates and 9,900 graduates attended BNU.

### **Campus and surrounding**

It is conveniently located in northwest downtown Beijing in Haidian district and is the closest among all Haidian based universities to Tiananmen Square. The campus hosted the US Olympic Team during 2008 Beijing Olympics and is within walking distance to more than 50 hotels.





## Department of Dance, School of Art and Communication

The BNU Department of Dance provides comprehensive education in dance performance, choreography, and theoretical studies, offering courses in ballet, modern dance, Chinese classical dance, Chinese folk dance, choreography and dance history. Currently, the department offers Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree programs. Since its founding in early the BNU Department of Dance has consistently ranked as top dance program among the comprehensive universities and hosted a series of international dance events, including, among those events, the 23rd ICKL conference in 2004 and the international creative dance seminar in 2012 and 2013.



## Facilities and Support

The Department has its own professional performing theater (i.e. Northern State Theater) that holds nearly 300 audiences with a size of approximately 500 square meters. The theater is equipped with full suite of lightening, display and audio equipment that not only can be used to hold ICKL conference events, it also can be used to host other professional performances such as concerts and stage drama. In addition to Northern State Theater, the Department can also offer other spaces, upon request, that can easily hold 100 plus participants for ICKL conference if a more conference-like setting is preferred than a performing space such as Northern State Theater. In the meantime, a team of professional technicians will be available to meet the technical needs of the conference.





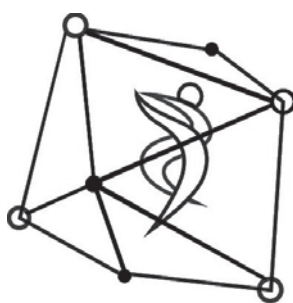
## BNU Chinese Laban Academic Research Center

BNU LARC was founded in 2014 by BNU Department of Dance along with a group of top Chinese Laban researchers which also marks the first time ever in China that Laban research and study becomes an official component of higher education which offers Chinese Laban community a far more open and resourceful platform to engage and communicate with other members of Laban community both within and outside of China. Currently, BNU LARC focuses its research on Labanotation as well as Choreutics, Choreology, Eukinetics and Choreography that also integrates Chinese cultural heritage and BNU's interdisciplinary academic strengths. So far, BNU LARC has successfully offered a number of workshops in BNU in collaboration with Dance Notation Bureau of New York and CCNT.

In addition, BNU LARC is also teaming up with a number of Beijing middle and elementary schools as well as universities to make Laban accessible to groups outside of traditional dance community.

### Laban Community in China

Laban was first brought into China in the 40s by Madam Dai Ailian (1916-2006) who founded China Labanotation Academic Committee back in 1985 which ceased activities in the late 90s. Currently, a few original committee members are still active in Laban research and education who also are part of BNU LARC. Since its establishment, BNU LARC quickly gathered a sizable group of young dance educators and researchers from more than a dozen of universities in Beijing and is quickly expanding its reach to universities in other regions.



## ICKL Conference 2017

### Onsite Organizer

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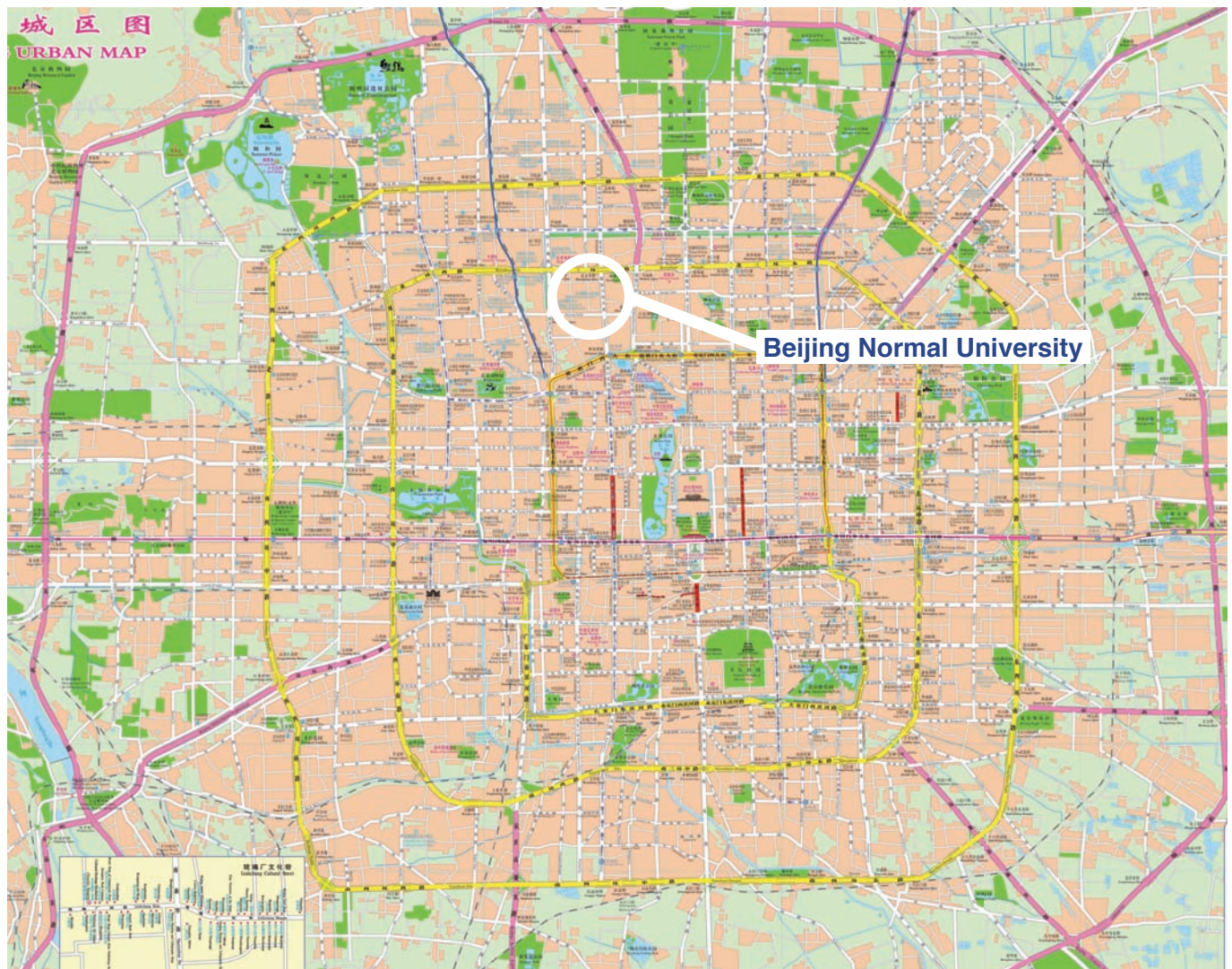
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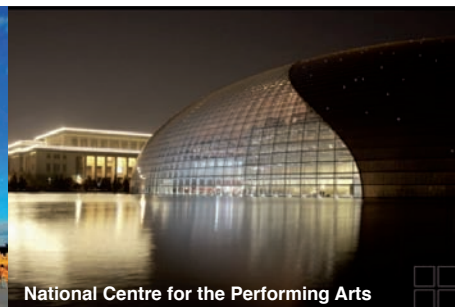




Forbidden City



Temple of Heaven



National Centre for the Performing Arts

## 北京 Beijing, Capital of China

With a population of more than 20 million people, Beijing is a bustling metropolis that is the capital city of China. The city is arguably one of the most historical and cultural cities and ancient capitals in the world. As the country's political, cultural and international exchange center, Beijing hosted the Olympic Games in 2008.

Beijing offers visitors a bevy of more than 200 tourist attractions and 7,300 historical sites. The immensely popular Great Wall at Badaling, Palace Museum, Temple of Heaven, which is the largest imperial palace in the world where emperors of old paid homage to heaven, the Summer Palace, are some of Beijing's must-sees. At dusk, a plethora of live entertainment, including Chinese operas, acrobatics and traditional dining options are to be sampled.



Summer Palace



Tiananmen Square

### Useful Links

Beijing Capital International Airport: [en.bcia.com.cn](http://en.bcia.com.cn)

China National Tourism Administration: [en.cnta.gov.cn](http://en.cnta.gov.cn)

eBeijing, the Official Website of the Beijing Government: [www.ebeijing.gov.cn](http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn)

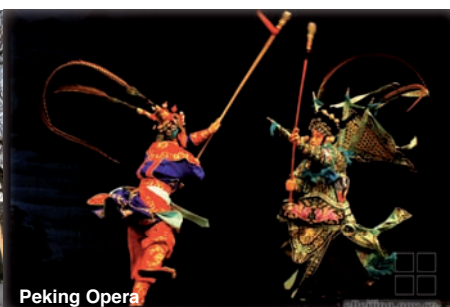
Beijing Subway: [www.ebeijing.gov.cn/feature\\_2/BeijingSubway/](http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn/feature_2/BeijingSubway/)

Beijing Normal University: [english.bnu.edu.cn](http://english.bnu.edu.cn)

BNU School of Art and Communication: [art.english.bnu.edu.cn](http://art.english.bnu.edu.cn)



Traditional Hutong



Peking Opera



Great Wall at Badaling