To Whom It May Concern:

We hereby confirm that Dr. Astrid Lipinsky M.A., University of Vienna, Austria, taught at the ECLC Program at the School of International Relations, Beijing University, during the Winter Term from September 2013 till February 2014. She managed a class of 23 Vienna students.

Specifically, Dr. Lipinsky taught two BA-level courses of two hours weekly, namely:

1. The Chinese legislation on the protection of the rights and interests of the elderly: The legal framing of discourses on ‘empty nests’, and ‘filial duties’.

2. The informalization of work in China. With a special focus on the feminization of informal jobbing and on housekeeping careers (‘ayi’).

Classes included field trips to expert institutions in Beijing like the Beijing Center of Chicago University and the Rural Women Training School (农家女技能培训学校). Students were trained in conducting, recording and analyzing expert interviews.

Students have to submit term papers (in German), and will receive their grades from the University of Vienna.

Sincerely yours,

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