

# **Resource Sharing for Chinese Studies:**

## **A co-operative approach among Scottish University Libraries**

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# Background

- HEFCE review of Chinese studies in the UK (1997)
- SHEFC strategy (1999)
- Chinese Studies in Scotland Initiative (2000-2005; MCS programme)
- Library consortium: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen & Abertay University Libraries

# Method and Scope of Collaboration

## Models of resource sharing:

- Bibliographical data (e.g. RSLP)
- Library systems (e.g. Voyager Group)
- Reciprocal borrowing (e.g. SCONUL)
- Consortial approach to e-resources
- Open access to institutional repositories

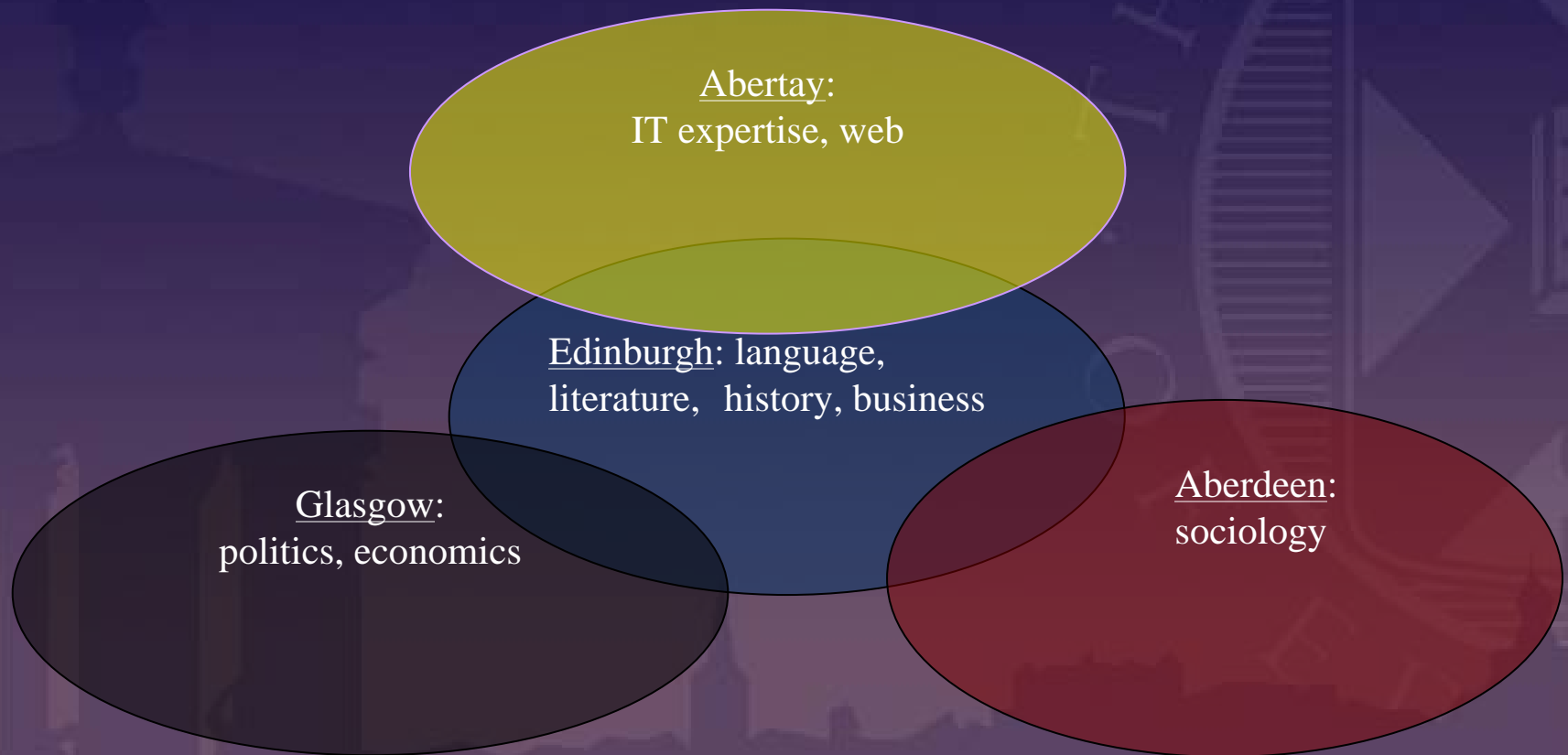
# SHEFC Chinese project collaboration extended to:

- Library post
- Language expertise
- Bibliographical service
- Collection policy
- Full library service (staff & students)
- Fund management
- Project website

# Method and scope of collaboration

Institution	Contributing roles							Benefiting areas					
	Central management	Subject knowledge	Chinese language skills	Web server & expertise	Web content	Bibliographical service	Information service	Library access	Funds	Materials collection	Bibliographical service	Information service	Library access
Edinburgh	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Glasgow		•				•		•	•	•	•	•	•
Abertay				•					•		•		
Aberdeen		•							•	•	•		•

# Spread of subject expertise



# Major achievements

- Substantial increase in library resources (£98,900 worth of materials), mostly for research
- Cost saving through consortial approach & avoidance of duplication
- Website as information and service centre; important for student recruitment
- High profile publicity (website launch, book donation & EASL conference)

# Beyond the SHEFC-funding

**Ended --** Shared library post and material funds

**Continued --**

- University commitment to MCS programme
- Consortial subscription to e-resources
- Collaborative cataloguing - extended (Chinese, Arabic & Russian)
- Reciprocal provision of library membership

# Issues and way forward

## -- Compare SHEFC with CASAW

- Information resources for research and/or teaching
- Resource sharing for CASAW?
- Funding issue – for library materials or scholarships, or both?
- Opportunity for CASAW
  - *Review of User Requirements for Digitised Resources in Islamic Studies* (May 2008)
  - DIWAN: Digitisation of Islamic Manuscripts Project (?)

**Thank you!**

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