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Based on the Post-Doctors' Mobile Center for Chinese Language and Literature, the Ph. D. degree-Confering Center for Comparative Literature and World Literature, and the Ph. D. degree-Confering Center for Literary Theory, Comparative Literature Institute of Sichuan University was founded in 1992. Professor Cao Shunqing is its director; some eminent scholars such as Professor Feng Xianguang, Professor Li Yisun, Professor Xu Xinjian, Professor Wang Xiaolu, Professor Li Jie, Professor Shi Jian and Professor Zhu Hui are its members. Of them, Professor Cao Shunqing is a leading figure who has made outstanding contributions to comparative literature research and comparative poetics research in China. He has published a lot and is undertaking a number of state-level or ministry-level projects. Professor Feng Xianguang is also a leading figure in the field of Western Marxism studies whose works or papers enjoy a nation-wide reputation.

The institute boasts three research areas with its own characteristics: 1) comparative poetics, 2) comparative literature and cultural studies, and 3) media-translatology and Chinese-Western

literary and cultural relationships.

Following the institute, Department of Comparative Literature of Sichuan University was established in 2001 and began to enroll four-year-schooling students. Many basic courses about English and Chinese are set up at the lower stage of students while such theoretical courses as 'Comparative Literature', 'A General Introduction to Chinese-Foreign Culture', 'Cross-Cultural Communications' and 'Cultural Anthropology' set up at the upper stage of students.

The department is the first one of such a kind on the mainland. President of the Chinese Comparative Literature Association (called CCLA for short) Professor Yue Daiyun and Vice-President of CCLA Profesor Cao Shunqing each take up the post of honorary chairwoman or honorary chairman of it. Professor Feng Chuan is appointed the chairman of the department.