

Interdisciplinary and international in scope, this workshop focuses on the multifaceted phenomenon of Chinese migration and the complex negotiations of identities by Sinophone diasporas.

It seeks to deepen our understanding of transnational Chinese migrations and cultural representations from a broad spectrum of perspectives, such as sinology, history, sociology, educational sciences, and literary studies.



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Chinese on the Move

Migrations and Representations
across Time in Europe and Beyond

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8th Annual Workshop of the China-Europe Research
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Wednesday, November 26

15:00h Workshop Registration

16:00h Conference Opening

(Ralf Hertel, Kristin Shi-Kupfer and Mette Thunø)

16:30h Keynote by Chris Lee (UBC Vancouver):

Paths of Exit: Chinese Migrant Identities on the Move

18:00h Navigating Chineseness in the Diaspora

Film Screening with Elena Barabantseva

20:00h Optional Dinner at Great Wok (self paid)

Thursday, November 27

08:30h - Workshop Registration and Get-Together

09:00-10:30h - Panel 1: Politics and Diasporas

Chair: Kristin Shi-Kupfer

- Ming Luo (Beijing) / Maggi W.H. Leung (Amsterdam): Subjectivity in the Process of Politicization: Chinese Civil Society Activism in Europe

- Emilie Tran (Hong Kong): Strategic Mobility: Chinese Migration to the Middle East and the Belt and Road Initiative's Evolving Role
- Sofia Gaspar (Lisbon): Gendered Political Expression amongst Chinese Middle-Class Migrants in Portugal

10:30-11:00h - Tea & Coffee Break

11:00-12:30h - Panel 2: Literature

Chair: Emilie Tran

- Ralf Hertel (Trier): Unwriting Ethnicity: Madeleine Thien's *Certainty* (2006)
- Judith Neder (Dresden): 'Chinas of the Mind': Diasporic Identity and 'Imaginary Homelands' in British Chinese Children's Literature
- Eva-Maria Windberger (Luxembourg): "We cook what we can't say": Transgenerational Life Writing on the Move between China, Hong Kong, and the UK

12:30-14:00h - Lunch and PhD Poster Session (13:15-14:00h)

14:00-15:00h - Panel 3: Education

Chair: Eva-Maria Windberger

- Queenie Lam / Christof Schöch (Trier): Exploring the Biographical Pathways of Overseas-Educated Chinese through Linked Open Data
- Carsten Schäfer (Cologne): Caught Between Two Worlds: China's 'Talent War' and the Diaspora's Role
- Florence Lévy, Manon Laurent, Elisa Rossi, Elia Labdouni (Paris): Navigating Dual Words. Educational Trajectories of Chinese Immigrant Youth in France

15:00-15:30h - Tea & Coffee Break

15:30-17:00h - Panel 4: Museums, Memories and Qiaoxiang

Chair: Carsten Schäfer

- Mette Thunø (Aarhus): Reframing China's Diaspora Diplomacy: Qiaoxiang, Museums, and the Making of a Diaspora State
- Irene Masdeu Torruella (Barcelona): Self-Representation and Cultural Activism of Artists of Chinese Origin in Spanish Museums
- Ren Na (Jinan): Multi-Level Transnational Networks of Diaspora Governance: A Case Study of a Post-2000's Qiaoxiang Shandong County in China

19:30h - Conference Dinner

Friday, November 28

08:30h - Workshop Registration and Get-Together

09:00-10:30h - Panel 5: Politics and Diasporas II

Chair: Mette Thunø

- Desmond Cheung (London): Community Voices and the Evolution of British Chinese Identities between London and Hongkong
- Ute Wallenböck (Bonn): Tibetans in the Diaspora as "Chinese Overseas"
- Simeng Wang (Paris): Promoting Fairer Social Representations of Chinese and Ethnic Chinese for Combating Racism and Stereotypes: The Case of First-Generation Migrants and their Descendants Living in France

10:30-11:00h - Tea & Coffee Break

11:00-12:30h - Panel 6: Faith, Social Media and the Digital World

Chair: Nele Sawallisch

- Nanlai Cao (Hong Kong): Transnational Chinese Christian Faith-Based Tourism in Italy
- Kristin Shi-Kupfer (Trier): Faith Representations in Digital Chinese Communities
- Franziska Plümmer (Amsterdam): "I know the truth when I see it": Chinese Migrants' Media Competency between Authoritarian Culture and Civic Education

12:30-14:00h - Lunch and PhD Poster Session (13:15-14:00h)

14:00-15:00h - Panel 7: Food

Chair: Ralf Hertel

- Antonia Purk (Mannheim): Sara Bosse and Onoto Watanana's *Chinese-Japanese Cook-Book*: Recipes between Entertainment, Stereotyping, and Political Activism
- Martina Bofulin (Ljubljana): Rethinking the Heritage of Chinese Migration through the Discursive Landscape of Chinese Restaurants

15:00-15:30h - Tea & Coffee Break

15:30-16:30h - Closing Discussion

18:30h - Optional: Christmas Market Visit