



Call for Papers

4th CERPE Workshop – 2020

“Chinese Migrations in Europe: Between Continuity and Renewal”

The 4th CERPE workshop will be hosted by The French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the Institute Convergence Migrations at Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers, Île-de-France, Nov. 12-13, 2020.

Objective of the 4th CERPE workshop

With China’s rapid economic transformation into a dynamic global power, migration flows from China to Europe are no longer characterized by low-skilled Chinese migrants seeking economic opportunities but now also include Chinese businessmen and women, entrepreneurs, students and tourists. These new migration flows are already notably transforming European economies, urban spaces and labour markets. The increasing number of Chinese migrants across Europe – particularly in metropolitan areas, such as Athens, Beograd, Budapest, London, Madrid, Paris and Rome – reflects how the continent is now transforming into a crucial hub of the new dynamics of global mobilities.

Although Chinese migrations are a more recent phenomenon than other migrations in Europe, they have recently gained prominence. There are now different generations within the social group of "Chinese people in Europe" and their descendants play a central and active role in bringing Chinese communities to the fore in their host European societies. Many life story productions, autobiographical fictions published by writers and artists coming from a Chinese background have emerged. In the meantime, their descendants shared their life experiences that include discriminations and racism they suffer from, both online - on social networks, blogs and Internet chatgroups - and offline, and vocalized their claims on behalf of Chinese diasporas.

In parallel with these renewed phenomena observed in European societies, the material, emotional and symbolic links that Chinese diasporas maintain with China - their country of origin or that of their ancestors - are profoundly reconfiguring in a context of intensified

globalization, which is marked by, among other things, digital technology and the emergence of China. New mobility opportunities to China are emerging and new migratory routes are appearing, not only due to renewed entrepreneurship models between China and Europe, but also in relation to an imaginary China transformed over the last few decades.

The fragmentation of European research on Chinese migration and mobility has made it difficult to connect this field to general migration studies related to Europe or the rest of the world. Limited dialogue between migration researchers in Europe – or beyond to the United States or Asia – has precluded comparative studies and the inclusion of Chinese and European cases in general migration studies. This lack of unification in academia turns "Chinese migrations to Europe" into an exceptional case and hinders the more general development of migration theories and concepts related to Chinese migration.

In the renewed contexts of Chinese migrations in Europe and of migration flows between Europe and China, the 4th CERPE workshop firstly aims to increase our knowledge of Chinese migrations in Europe between continuity and renewal. Secondly, this workshop aims to root our understanding of new mobilities from China to Europe in mainstream migration studies. Therefore, in order to foster exchanges and dialogue between Chinese migration studies and general migration studies, migration researchers external to the CERPE network are invited to join the workshop as panels' discussants.

Papers based on single country studies or on comparative issues related to Chinese migrations in or across European countries are both highly welcomed.

Paper proposals may deal with one or several of the following themes, but are not limited to:

- China's diaspora policies, and migratory policies in the host European countries
- Transnational economic, cultural and political activities and associations
- Identification, representation, discrimination and citizenship
- Family, descendants, socialization and intergenerational relationships
- Care, health, aging, food
- Elite and skilled migrations, and new migratory dynamics between China and Europe

Workshop format

The workshop will be organized as a research-intensive event with several thematic sessions and one migration data session.

Each thematic session will consist of three elements:

- 1) Short paper presentations (15 minutes for each)
- 2) Discussion of all papers by one migration researcher external to the CERPE network (15 minutes)
- 3) Plenum discussions (15 minutes)

A migration data session will also be part of the workshop as a new feature of CERPE workshops focusing on collating and discussing demographic data from across Europe and China on Chinese migration to Europe. All workshop participants will be expected to contribute with national data to a future open access database on available and comparable Chinese migration data. The data session at this workshop will collate the most basic data on the number of Chinese nationals, naturalized Chinese and Chinese descendants in Europe.

Paper presenters will be selected based on quality and relevance to the overall topic.

Travel and accommodation expenses are not covered by the organizing institutions. Coffee/tea and lunch are offered free of charge, as well as the closing cocktail on 13 November, 2020. No registration fee will be collected.

Presentation of the CERPE and previous meetings:

The China-Europe Research Platform (<https://projects.au.dk/cerpe/>) was initiated by Jinan University (China) and Aarhus University (Denmark) and later joined by several institutions in Spain, France and Germany to promote academic studies on Chinese migration to and beyond Europe from the perspective of both China and Europe. The first workshop was held in Aarhus in May 2016, the second one in Guangzhou in November 2017, and the third one in Barcelona in November 2018.

Participating institutions

[CERPE](#): China-Europe Research Platform on Chinese Migration to and beyond Europe

[ICM](#): Institute Convergence Migrations

[CNRS](#): The French National Center for Scientific Research

[The Paris City Hall](#): Granted research program Emergence(s) "Chinese in France: identifications and identities in mutation"

[CERMES3](#): Center for research in medicine, science, health, mental health, and society

[EHES](#): The School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences

[ENS de Paris](#): Ecole Normale Supérieure de Paris

[ENS de Lyon](#): Ecole normale supérieure de Lyon

[INALCO](#): The National Institute for Oriental Languages and Cultures

[INSERM](#): The French National Institute of Health and Medical Research

[University of Paris](#)

[University of Reunion Island](#)

[MAF](#): Research Network on East and South-East Asian Migrations in France

Venue

The workshop will be held at Campus Condorcet, Aubervilliers, Île-de-France.

Submission of paper proposal and important deadlines

4rd CERPE workshop invites interested scholars to submit a paper proposal by **1 March 2020** online: <https://4th-cerpe-paris.sciencesconf.org/>. Proposals should include a max 500 words abstract, a 150 words personal bio and a publication list of no more than two pages including contact information (email, mobile number, WeChat). Panel proposals are not accepted.

Abstract, personal bio and a publication list should be uploaded online as a single file in Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx) format.

Please name the file with your name followed by “paper proposal”.

Accepted language: English.

The confirmation of participation will be sent by **15 April 2020**.

Invitation letters for participants who need a visa will be sent by **30 April 2020**.

Participants should submit their full papers by **1 October 2020** to allow for panel discussants to prepare.

Updated information on the workshop program, participants and logistic notifications will be available on the workshop webpage (<https://4th-cerpe-paris.sciencesconf.org/>).

A collective publication project in English is planned after the 4th CERPE workshop.

For additional general information about the workshop, please contact:

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Program (tentative)

Day 1: 12 November 2020

9h-9h30: Welcome coffee/tea

9h30-10h30: Opening

10h30-12h: Session 1

Lunch: 12h-14h

14h-15h30: Session 2

15h30-15h50: Coffee/tea break

15h50-17h30: Migration data session

Day 2: 13 November 2020

9h-10h30: Session 3

10h30-10h50: Coffee/tea break

10h50-12h20: Session 4

Lunch: 12h20-13h30

13h30-15h: Session 5

15h-15h20: Coffee/tea break

15h20-16h50: Session 6

17h-18h: Discussing future CERPE activities and organization

18h-19h: Cocktail

Day 3: 14 November 2020

A walking tour to 'Chinatowns' in the nearby Parisian region will be organized in the morning.

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