

Goal of the Conference

Migration of people from one region to another is a phenomenon that stretches back through human history. Globalization has put the relocation of people in an international focus and has made the matter of ethnic identity, belonging, and the handling of national and international policy frameworks highly discussed topics. As the diverse reactions of people and governments to international and internal migration show, we still do not have sufficient knowledge of variations in the political importance of ethnicity in this context today as well as in previous historical periods. In this conference, we attempt to develop a comprehensive understanding of the interrelation of migration, ethnicity, and the state by addressing it from three different angles:

1. What role does migration play in the processes of ethnogenesis, and how can we locate diaspora groups within this context, viewed in different regional and historical contexts?
2. Are there visible ethnic migration patterns and governmental regulations concerning migration?
3. In which ways do governments differentiate between population groups regarding their access to rights and privileges?

For this endeavor we invite scholars from diverse disciplines and global regions to interact in three consecutive roundtable discussions, and to jointly develop a comprehensive approach to the role of ethnicity in the context of migration and national policy frameworks.

About the Center for Urban Studies, SYS University

The Center for Urban Studies, Sun Yat-sen University is a interdisciplinary and open research organization dedicated to the study of Chinese urban society. Since it was founded in 2006, the center has gained support from multidisciplinary network of Sun Yat-sen University such as sociology, political science, administrative science, anthropology, human geography, etc. Our faculty have achieved fruitful research results in the transition of urban social structure and system, the urban social mobility and stratification, the development of urban

community and civil society, city financial supply and public policy, urban residents' consumption and lifestyle, migrant workers and urban social integration and other fields. In addition to scientific research, we also carried out consultative services, academic exchanges and personnel training work.

About the UoC Forum

The University of Cologne (UoC) Forum "Ethnicity as a Political Resource: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe" is funded under the Institutional Strategy of the University of Cologne within the framework of the German Excellence Initiative.

We are a body of researchers from the Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology, the Department of Iberian and Latin-American History, the interdisciplinary Research Network for Latin America Ethnicity, Citizenship, Belonging, and the Department of African Studies within the University of Cologne. The Forum aims to promote scientific exchange between researchers from different institutes within the University of Cologne as well as with national and international partners. Its objective is to strengthen the interdisciplinary and international dialogue on the formation of ethnic identities and their use as a political resource, using a diachronic and comparative perspective.

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March 27th 2015

8:00–9:00h Registration

9:00-9:30h Welcoming remark, WANG Jin (Dean of the Department of Sociology and Social work, SYSU)

Conference Opening LI Xi Yuan (SYS University) | Michaela Pelican (UoC Forum Ethnicity)

9:30-13:00h

Panel 1: Migration, diaspora and ethnogenesis

Keynote Panel 1: CHAN Kwok-Bun (Chan Institute of Social Studies): Seven identities: New theoretical thoughts on the construction of Chineseness among long-settled Australian-born Chinese. Current anthropological case studies as well as historical research have shown that migration often leads to the genesis of ethnic groups. For example, accounts of mythical migration play an important role in narratives about primordiality, and myths of common origin are taken as constitutive for the formation of ethnic groups. The latter are also employed in political struggles, and are often invoked in individual and collective strife for resources. This panel aims to explore, if and how diaspora groups contribute to ethnogenesis and how they may use ethnicity as a political resource. Furthermore, transnational network patterns and transnational strategies of diaspora groups merit a more profound attention; because we believe that the different ways they are being used (or not) represent a significant factor in gaining (or losing) access to several kinds of resources. While looking at these patterns of mobility and the groups involved, as well as the active use of resources, we also want to take into account the framing factors that intersect with them, especially kinship, gender, and class.

Speakers:

Albert Manke (UoC Forum Ethnicity): Chinese in the Cuban revolution: An ethnically marked political mobilization?

Mark Wong (University of Northern British Columbia): Constructing authenticity: a case of Chinese cultural space establishment in a Canadian prairie city

Goolam Vahed (University of Kwazulu Natal): Ethnicity, identity and belonging: perspectives on Indian South Africans 1860-1914

Guillermo Wilde (Universidad Nacional de San Martín): Resettlement policy in the colonial borderlands of Iberian empires. Ethnocide, ethnification, ethnogenesis?

Moderator: Tobias Schwarz (UoC Forum Ethnicity)

14:00–18:00h

Panel 2: (Im)migrant populations, urban spaces, and the state

Keynote Panel 2: LIANG Zai (State University of New York at Albany): The rise of emigration from China and the renaissance of sociology of immigration

This panel focuses on the role of ethnicity and the state in the context of internal and international migration. We invite contributions that engage with governmental strategies to channel and shape domestic as well as cross-border movement and to influence the ethnic composition of the national population by legal, social, and other means. We discuss the application of policies of immigration and/or nationality; for instance, when the respective legal frameworks have been altered or are in the process of being amended. Equally, space will be given to discuss migrants' strategies in reaction to state power and efforts to evade state interventions. Other possible issues are the formation of ethnically segregated neighborhoods in major cities due to internal and/or international migration. Here as well, we want to address the relationship between ethnic migration patterns and governmental regulations

Speakers:

Cynthia Pizarro (University of Buenos Aires): Migration policy and state control mechanisms: Bolivia-Argentina

Tobias Schwarz (UoC Forum Ethnicity): Nationality law in Germany today: no ethnic exclusivity anymore?

Sofie Steinberger (UoC Forum Ethnicity): Spanish migration and border politics - the case of Melilla

XU Tao (Zhejiang Normal University): Economic benefits, social location and shared identity construction: Africans and Chinese

LI Xi Yuan (Sun Yat-Sen University): Cultural Diplomacy and Africa Students going to China's Colleges

Moderator: TAN Tongxue (Sun Yat-Sen University)

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9:00-13:00

Panel 3: Ethnic minorities and social governance

Keynote Panel 3: Michaela Pelican (UoC Forum Ethnicity): Ethnicity, indigeneity and minority rights: the indigenous rights movement in Africa

This panel focuses on the political management of ethnic diversity in the context of state building and state consolidation processes. The presentations will address different examples of the interplay and/or conflict between the state and non-majoritarian ethnic groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America. We discuss the question of the legal and political recognition of ethnic minorities as well as the ways in which minority groups try to use legal and political frameworks for their own benefit. An additional thematic focus will be the shaping of intellectual discourses regarding the official and social categorization of nationality/nationalities (both in History and Anthropology) and its diffusion and popularization by the (mass) media.

Speakers:

Anja Becker (UoC Forum Ethnicity): Ethnicity and Gender: being and becoming Pokot men and women

LIANG Yucheng (Sun Yat-Sen University): T.b.a.

Antonio Sáez-Arance (UoC Forum Ethnicity): Complicating the 'pacification': central European settlers and the Mapuche conflict

TAN Tongxue (Sun Yat-Sen University): Territorial segmented citizenship, ethnic immigrant, and social governance transformation in China

Kees van der Waal (University of Stellenbosch): Essentialist and performative categories of exclusion and inclusion: transformations of ethnicity in Southern Africa

ZHANG Guoxiong (Wuyi University): T.b.a.

Moderator: Mark Wong (University of Northern British Columbia)

14:00–16:00h

Final Plenary Discussion: Migration, Ethnicity, and the State

16:00 Farewell address, Albert Manke (UoC Forum Ethnicity), LI Xi Yuan (SYS University)

March 29th 2015

Excursion day in Guangzhou