

Conference

TRANSNATIONALISM AND THE ASIAN BUSINESS CLASS. SPAIN, GIBRALTAR AND ANDORRA

Barcelona, November 28 2006
Jordi Maragall Hall, CIDOB Foundation
Elisabets 12, 08001 Barcelona

This conference aims to announce the progress made by the Network of Research on Asian Communities in Spain (RICAÉ-CIDOB) in the research project, "The Economic Activities of Asian Communities: The Ethnic Business Class and Transnationalism", directed by Joaquín Beltrán (UAB) and Amelia Sáiz (UAB). Other objectives are to disseminate this work and put other researchers who study different aspects of Asian communities into contact with each other. In addition to Spain in general and the Mediterranean, with a note on the role of the Sindhis, the scope of this study includes Gibraltar, Andorra and, especially, Catalonia, through the contribution of different local case studies.

Programme

10.00 Presentation
Josep Ribera. Director, CIDOB Foundation

Transnationalism and the Asian business class

10.10 Social Networks and the transnational family in the Asian ethnic economy
Joaquín Beltrán. RICAÉ-CIDOB, Autonomous University of Barcelona

10.40 Women in the Asian business class
Amelia Sáiz. RICAÉ-CIDOB, Autonomous University of Barcelona

11.10 Coffee break

11.30 The wholesale businesses of Asian immigrants in Madrid: political and economic strategies in the urban context
Débora Betrisey. RICAÉ-CIDOB, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

12.00 The ethnic business class, family networks and transnational ties. The case of the Indo-Pakistani community in the Canary Islands autonomous community
Ana María López. RICAÉ-CIDOB, University of La Laguna (Tenerife)

12.30 Transnationalism. The case of Pakistanis in Catalonia
Mònica Tolsanas. University of Barcelona

13.00 Sindhis and the Mediterranean trade: an historical portrait (intervention in English without translation service)
Mark Anthony Falzon. University of Malta.

Local experiences

16.00 Chinese Business People in Mataró: economic and social impact
Josep Palacios. Commission for the New Citizenry Plan. City Government of Mataró

16.30 The Indian population of Andorra
Meritxell Borra. University of Barcelona

17.00 Indians in Olot and Lloret de Mar

Anna Farjas. IES La Garrotxa. Olot

17.30 Coffee break

18.00 **Round table**
From local to global. Asian transnationalism in action

19.00 Closing.

Co-ordination:

Alex González

Co-ordinator of the Asia Programme, CIDOB

Registration:

Free attendance with limited seating

Attendance must be confirmed through the CIDOB web page

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