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International seminar

ASIANS IN SPAIN AND THE MEDITERRANEAN: DIASPORA, TRANSNATIONALISM AND ETHNIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Barcelona, 1-2 April 2008
CIDOB Foundation
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At a time in which international migration movements occupy an important place in Europe's political and social agenda, it is revealing to carry out an examination of the specific features of Asian migrations and their settling in Europe. Focusing particularly on the economic dimension of Asian immigration and on the transnational elements that characterise it, this seminar is an attempt to bring together contributions from experts from different locations in Mediterranean Europe. It is hoped that the results will help to develop an area of study that has been particularly prolific in the English-speaking world, and which is especially useful in terms of the management of immigration as well as for exploring new channels for the internationalisation of society and the economy.

Programme

Tuesday, 1 April

09.30 Inauguration

Josep Ribera. Director, CIDOB Foundation
Jesús Sanz. Director, Casa Asia
Roser Clavell. Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Generalitat de Catalunya
Oriol Amorós. Secretary for Immigration, Generalitat de Catalunya

10.00 Asian communities, transnationalism and economic activities: initial perspectives

Moderator: Alex González. Coordinator of the Asia Programme, CIDOB Foundation

- **Asians in Spain: a panoramic view of entrepreneurship and transnationalism**
Joaquín Beltrán. Lecturer at the Centre for International and Intercultural Studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona, and coordinator of the Research Network on Asian Communities in Spain (RICA-E-CIDOB)
- **Asian businesswomen in Catalonia**
Amelia Sáiz. Lecturer at the Centre for International and Intercultural Studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona, and coordinator of the Research Network on Asian Communities in Spain (RICA-E-CIDOB)
- **Asians in Greece: a general study**
Charalambos Tsardanidis. Director, Institute of International Economic Relations (Greece)

11.00 Debate

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 The economic dimension of Chinese immigration

Moderator: Gemma Pinyol. Coordinator of the Migrations Programme, CIDOB Foundation

- **Chinese entrepreneurship in Milan beyond the rhetorics of culture clash and the Chinatown myth**
Daniele Cologna. Lecturer at University of Insubria - University of Pavia, and a researcher for the Codici agency (Milan)



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- **Chinese entrepreneurs in Madrid: political actions and ethnicity**
Débora Betrisey. Lecturer at the Department of Social Anthropology, Complutense University of Madrid, and a researcher for the Research Network on Asian Communities in Spain (RICA-E-CIDOB)
- **Chinese entrepreneurship in Portugal: the traditional ethnic strategies?**
Catarina Reis de Oliveira. Head of Unit of Research and International Relations, High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue, and coordinator of the European Network *Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurs*

13.00 Debate

13.30 End of session

Wednesday, 2 April

10.00 **The economic dimension of South Asian immigration**

Moderator: Hugo Valenzuela. Lecturer at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Autonomous University of Barcelona

- **Sindhis in the Mediterranean**
Dieter Haller. Lecturer at the Department of Social Anthropology, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany)
- **Indians in Portugal**
Jorge Macaísta Malheiros. Lecturer at the Study Centre on Migrations and Minorities, Modern University of Lisbon
- **South Asian entrepreneurs in France: a first assessment of these Mileux in a fast evolving context**
Vasoodeven Vuddamalay. Pedagogic Director, University Institute of Professionalization on Organisation of the Territory, University d'Évry Val d'Essonne

11.00 Debate

11.30 Coffee break

12.00 **The transnational dimension of Asian entrepreneurship**

Moderator: Amadeo Jensana. Director of the Business Circle, Casa Asia

- **Ethnic entrepreneurship, family networks and transnational links: the case of the Indo-stanic community**
Ana Maria López. Lecturer at the Department of Sociology, University of La Laguna, and a researcher for the Research Network on Asian Communities in Spain (RICA-E-CIDOB)
- **Pakistanis in Italy: an exploration of transnational links with the United Kingdom**
Ali Nabil Ahmad. Lecturer, European University Institute (Italy) - Keele University (United Kingdom)
- **Migrated Filipinas in an intercultural marriage - and in business**
Marisha Maas. Lecturer at the Department of Human Geography, Radboud University Nijmegen (Holland)

13.00 Debate

13.30 Closing ceremony

Seán Golden. Director of the Institute for International and Intercultural Studies, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, and of the Asia Programme, CIDOB Foundation
Josep Maria Cervera. Director of the Business Internationalization Area, Barcelona Chamber of Commerce

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