

## Third Sino-French Conference LIA

(Manifestation organized with France-Chine 50, Institut Français)

# The fabric of sociological knowledge

October 17-18-19 th, 2014

Peking University

Venue : Hall of Moonlight, Yingjie Exchange Center, Peking University

Organizers: Department of Sociology, Peking University, and Triangle, UMR 5206 CNRS-ENS Lyon

Co-organizers: International Associated Laboratory « Post-Western Sociology in France and in China » between CASS and CNRS-ENS of Lyon, Triangle

### **1. ARGUMENTARY**

To the best of our knowledge, international comparisons of paradigms and theoretical methodologies have not to date produced any investigations into sociological knowledge and sociologists' research practices in France and in China. While comparative research is scarcely new, the question of the processes leading to the production of sociological knowledge and cultural variations in research practices between China and Europe is absolutely new. This approach will enable us to identify the points at which sociologies constructed in the West and those produced in China meet, overlap and cross-fertilize each other. A cross-cultural perspective approach to the ways in which paradigms and theoretical methodologies are put into practice in France and China taking as a starting point clearly defined research situations, would lead to the production of new sociological knowledge on both sides. The aim of this conference is to contribute to analysis of the ways in which academic knowledge is produced and deployed over time.

Drawing on French and Chinese experiences, we will analyze how a **post-Western space** has come into being in which sociological knowledge is emerging that is both specific and shared and in which theoretical methodologies are gathered together on the basis of very different histories and traditions. We will examine how research practices and sociological knowledge are constructed by analyzing the different forms of field experience in sociology. Our aim will be to capture cultural variations in interpretative flexibility and their effects on the implementation of theoretical methodologies. To pose the question of cultural variations in interpretative flexibility in the production of sociological knowledge in France and in China means examining those forms of knowledge that appear to be specific, those that seem to be the product of re-appropriation, reinterpretation, borrowing and hybridization and those that seem to be have been produced in areas of non-translatability, that is in spaces in which research practices and sociological knowledge in France and in China

do not correspond with each other.

This International Conference will be included in the LIA's Program and attempts to bring together very different French and Chinese experiences and to carry out a simultaneous and comparative analysis in actuality of sociological practices in order to identify methodological innovations and creations.

## 2. PROGRAM

### Friday October the 17

#### 9h: Introduction

By Professor Li Peilin, Vice-President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Co-Director of the LIA

Professor Xie Lizhong, Head of the Department of Sociology, Peking University

Professor Laurence Roulleau-Berger, Research Director at CNRS and Co-Director of the LIA, ENS Lyon, Triangle

### 9h30: Session 1: How to Categorize and to Measure?

**Discussants: Professor Qiu Zeqi, Department of Sociology, Peking University and Professor Michel Kokoreff, University Paris 8, Deputy Director of CRESPPA**

9h30: Professor Li Peilin, Vice-President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: *China's Inequality and the New Stage of Development*

9h50: Professor Chen Guangjin, Director of Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: *The Innovation of Social Governance in the Process of Social Transformation of Contemporary China*

10h10: Professor Ahmed Boubeker, University of Saint-Etienne, Centre Max Weber: *What is Ethnicity?*

10h30: Associate Professor Bruno Cousin, Lille 1 University, Clersé: *Method Approaches in the Study of Urban Segregation: The Cases of the Upper-Middle-Class Refounded Neighborhoods of Paris and Milan*

#### 10h50-11h05: Break

11h05: Professor Li Chunling, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: *How to Define and Measure Middle Class in Today's China*

11h25: Associate Professor Djaouida Séhili, Lyon 2 University, IUTL, Centre Max Weber: *Job Evaluation, Gender, and Discrimination*

#### 11h45-12h30: Discussion and Synthesis1

12h30-14h: Lunch, Third Floor of *Nongyuan* Garden Restaurant

**14h: Session 2: Post-Western Space and Societies' Narratives**

**Discussants: Professor Cheng Boqing, Deputy Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Nanjing University and Professor Ahmed Boubeker, University of Saint-Etienne, Centre Max Weber**

14h: Professor Laurence Roulleau-Berger, Research Director at CNRS, ENS Lyon, Triangle: *Post-Western Space and Doing Sociology*

14h20: Associate Professor Sun Feiyu, Department of Sociology, Peking University: *Life World and Methodology: A Neurosis Analysis of Su-ku Phenomenon in China's Land Revolution*

14h40: Professor Luo Jiader, Department of Sociology, Tsinghua University: *Why is Trust in the Federal Government Higher than Local Governments in Rural China? A Social Capital Approach to Study Distributive Injustice*

15h: Professor Michel Kokoreff, University Paris 8, Deputy Director of CRESPPA: *Drugs Career and Drug Dealing*

**15h20-15h35: Break**

15h35: Professor Emeritus Numa Murard, University Paris 7: *Narrative Sociology: Unemployment and Poor Workers*

15h55: Professor Liu Neng, Department of Sociology, Peking University: *Returning Back to Space-based Qualitative Sociology: On Inheriting Prof. Fei Hsiao-Tung's Academic Heritage*

16h15: Samuel Lézé, Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Human Sciences Department, ENS Lyon, Triangle: *Emotions and Life Narratives*

**16h35: Discussion and Synthesis 2**

**17h30: Conclusion 1: Common Spaces and Singular Spaces in the Fabric of Sociological Knowledge in France and in China, by Professor Xie Lizhong**

**18h: Dinner, Third Floor of Nongyuan Garden Restaurant**

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| <b>Saturday October the 18: Session 3: Cosmopolitanism Methodology and Global Knowledge</b> |
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**Discussants: Professor Zhu Xiaoyang, Deputy Head, Department of Sociology, Peking University and Associate Professor Samuel Lézé, Deputy Director of the Human Sciences Department, ENS Lyon**

9h: Associate Professor He Rong, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: *Paradigms and Paradoxes: Reflections on the Methodological Knowledge about Chinese Religion*

9h20: Professor Liu Yuzhao, Deputy Director, School of Sociology and Political Science, Shanghai University: *Governance Structure, Path Dependence, Income and Social Insurance of Floating Populations in Chinese Cities: Comparing Studies between Yangzi Delta and Pearl River Delta*

9h40: Associate Professor Adelina Miranda, HDR, Naples University, LAVUE, Paris: *Circulations, Mobilities and Migrants' Networks in the Mediterranean Region*

**10h-10h15: Break**

10h15: Professor Agnes Deboulet, Department of Sociology, University Paris 8, LAVUE: *A Comparative Perspective of Urban Citizenship in International Cities*

10h35: Associate Professor Sung-Tae Lee, Department of Sociology, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Nanjing University: *Dialogue as Dao of Cosmopolitan Humanity*

10h55: Loïs Bastide, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Geneva: *Multi-sited Ethnography: (Dis)Locating Power, Recovering Hidden Voices*

11h15: Han Sang-Jin, Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, Seoul National University, and Senior Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, Peking University: *Cosmopolitan Significance of Discursive Sociology: Foucault and Habermas in East Asia*

**11h35-12h15: Discussion and Synthesis 2**

**12h15: General Conclusion by Professor Li Peilin, Professor Xie Lizhong and Professor Laurence Roulleau-Berger**

**12h45-14h15: Lunch, Fast Delivered Food, Chinese Style and Western Style**

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| <b>14h15: Sino-French Doctoral Session</b> |
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**14h15-14h30: Introduction by Professor Xie Lizhong and Professor Laurence Roulleau-Berger**

**Session 1 Discussants: Professor Liu Neng and Professor Agnès Deboulet**

14h30-14h45: Hu Liangang, Peking University: *Sociology in China: A Brief Retrospect*

14h45-15h: Marie Bellot, Triangle, ENS Lyon: *Uncertainty, Social Reshaping and Intermittent Commitments: The Case of Young Workers in a "Youth Space"*

15h-15h15: Bai Meifei, Peking University: *New Urban Dwellers and Their Life: Observations from a Newly Built Community in the City of Anqiu, Shandong Province*

15h15-15h30: Jean Tassin, ENS Lyon: *Public Sphere and Intermediate Spaces in Nanjing*

**15h30-16h: Discussion**

**16h15-16h30: Break**

**Session 2 Discussants: Professor Liu Aiyu and Associate Professor Samuel Lézé**

16h30-16h45: Pei Dianqing, Peking University: *On the Possibility of Moral Behavior: A Discussion on the Problem in Durkheim's Moral Sociology*

16h45-17h: Mathilde Cambournac, ENS Lyon: *The African Migrants in Beijing: For a Sociology of International Elites*

17h-17h15: Sun Mingzhe, Peking University: *Leftover Lady or Old Single Woman: A Name from Others*

17h15-17h30: Sun Chao, Peking University: *The Effect of New Technology on Local Governmental Behavior: Based on Three Cases in a County in West China*

**17h30-18h: Discussion**

**18h-18h15: Conclusion by Professor Xie Lizhong and Professor Laurence Roulleau-Berger**

**18h15 Dinner, Third Floor of Nongyuan Garden**

**Sunday October the 19: Meeting on the Organization of LIA's Scientific Life in 2015, 9h-12h**

**1. Workshops**

Thematic 1: Traditions and Scientific Controversies in French and Chinese Sociologies

Thematic 2: Fieldwork and Cross-Perspective Methodological Approach

2.1 Inequalities and New Collective Action

2.1 Cities, Risks and Environment

2.3 Work, Employment and Migration

**2. LIA's Sino-French PhD Seminars**

**3. LIA's Publication Policy**

*-Ecological Risks and Disasters in Europe and in China*, Li Peilin and L.Roulleau-Berger (eds.) Routledge Publishers, forthcoming in 2015

*-The Fabric of Sociological Knowledge*, Peking University Press, forthcoming in 2015

*-Controversies in European and Chinese Sociologies*

-Papers in French, Chinese and English academic journals