

What's new at the CEFC?

Creation of the USR-CNRS 3331 Asie Orientale (East Asia)

The National Center for Scientific Research CNRS has created a new Unité de Services et de Recherches (USR), named « Asie Orientale (East Asia) ». This USR includes the CEFC and the [Maison Franco-Japonaise in Tokyo](#). Its director is the Director of the CEFC, Jean-François Huchet, the Deputy Director is the Director of the MFJ de Tokyo, Marc Humbert.

Scientific Cooperation Agreement between the Centre of Asian Studies of HKU and the CEFC

On November 5 2009, the Centre of Asian Studies (CAS) within the Hong Kong Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Hong Kong and the CEFC have signed a scientific cooperation agreement.

This agreement pledges to encourage contacts and cooperation between their researchers, and to promote cooperation in scientific research program and conferences and to establish regular communication and exchange of information related to their respective scientific activities.



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Staff Change

Departure:

Wing Lam has been the CEFC Research Associate from March to October 2009. The CEFC team is thankful for the work she had done during this period and wishes her all the best.

Welcome to:

Joël Ruet, CNRS Researcher, is Head, Observatory on "Emerging Economies and Global Industry", Associate Researcher at CERNA (Ecole des Mines-ParisTech), Researcher at LATTs (ENPC-ParisTech) and Head Asia, [NonFiction.fr](#). He has been posted to the CEFC for 1 year since October 15th.

Thomas Vendryes is PhD candidate at the Paris School of Economics (PSE), since 2006. He has been posted to the CEFC for 1 year since December 15th

Tang Xuemei took over Wing Lam's position as CEFC Research Associate since December 2009.

Conferences and Seminars

Upcoming Seminars

"History, Trauma, and Memory" Film Symposium

with Dr. Esther Yau (HKU, Department of Comparative Literature) (Facilitator), Nancy Tong (Producer, co-director, IN THE NAME OF THE EMPEROR, Visiting Associate Professor, HKU Journalism and Media Studies Programme), Li Ying (Director, YASUKUNI), Dr. Sebastian Veg (French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, HKU Department of Comparative Literature), Dr. Song Gang (HKU, School of Chinese) and Dr. Wang Aihe (HKU, School of Chinese).

Co-organized by the CEFC, HKU School of Humanities, HKU Centre for the Study of Globalization and Cultures, HKU School of Chinese, Chinese History and Culture Programme, HKU Journalism and Media Studies Centre and HKU Department of Comparative Literature

Venue: Chuang Yuet Ming Building Theater

Date : February 3, 2010, 5-8.30pm

"L'esprit de défense de Taiwan face à la Chine" by Jean-Pierre Cabestan and Tanguy Lepesant

Co-organised by the CEFC, la librairie Parenthèses and the Department of Government and International Studies of Hong Kong Baptist University.

Venue : Room Segalen, 25/F, Admiralty Centre, Tower 2, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong Date : March 4, 2010, 6.30 pm.

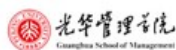
"Histoire de la présence maritime française à Hong Kong et en mer de Chine du sud" by Christian Ramage

Organised by the CEFC

Venue : Room Segalen, 25/F, Admiralty Centre, Tower 2, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong Date : March 11, 2010, 6.30 pm.

Previous Conferences co-organised by the CEFC

Towards a New International Financial Order



International Conference co-organised by
The French Embassy in China, the CEFC,

Guanghua School of Management, the ESSEC and the ADETUF.

Date: 16-17 November 2009

Venue: Guanghua School of Management, Peking University

Session 1 – Can the global macroeconomic imbalance be ended?

Session 2 – Regional monetary zones: European experience perspectives for Asian monetary cooperation

Session 2a – European experience on monetary cooperation

Session 2b – Asian monetary cooperation

Session 3 – Is a new international monetary system feasible?

For information, [click here](#). Download the detailed program, [click here](#)

Central Asia, the new "Great Game" between the emerging powers of China and India



French Centre for Research
on Contemporary China
法国现代中国研究中心



IFEAC

International Conference co-organised by the CSH-Delhi, the IFEAC and the CEFC with the Financial Support of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date: October 14-15, 2009

Venue: Conference Room II, India International Centre, New Delhi

Session 1 - The India-China-Central Asia Triangle in Its Global Context

Session 2 - Geopolitical Cooperation or Competition?

Session 3 - The Afghan Issue and the SCO structure

Session 4 - Multilateral and Bilateral Perceptions

Session 5 - Central Asia: A new market for both China and India

For information, [click here](#). Download the detailed program, [click here](#)

Previous Conference organised by the CEFC-Taipei

Cycle annuel de conférences de chercheurs français en sciences sociales et humaines

CEFC Taipei - Academia Sinica

Professor invited: Pr Ellen HERTZ, director of the Institut d'ethnologie de l'Université de Neuchâtel

"The making of ethical computers and the "decent work agenda" in East Asia. Preliminary findings", Academia Sinica, Institut de sociologie, 9 december 2009.

"Intangible cultural heritage: transnational politics and local "culture wars"", Academia Sinica, Institut d'ethnologie, 14 december 2009.



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Previous Seminars

The Problem in China's West: Impasse over Tibet by **Robert Barnett**, Director of the Modern Tibetan Studies Program, Columbia University

Venue: Room Segalen, 25/F, Admiralty Centre, Tower 2, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong

Date: Thursday 10 December, 2009 6.30pm

For more information and to listen to the seminar, [click here](#).

When China Rules the World by **Martin Jacques**, former magazine editor and academic.

Co-organized by the CEFC, the Hong Kong Baptist University and Civic Exchange.

Venue: Room Segalen, 25/F, Admiralty Centre, Tower 2, 18 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong

Date: Friday 25 September, 2009 7.15pm

For more information and to listen to the seminar, [click here](#).

Previous Seminars organised by the CEFC-Taipei

« Seismic Risk, Local Information and Policy Dilemmas » by **Stéphane CARTIER**, Researcher, CNRS, LGIT, Grenoble, Date: 30 september 2009.

« Filmer Taiwan (1907-1970) d'une colonie japonaise modèle à une République de Chine idéale ? » by **Wafa GHERMANI**, PhD Candidate, University Paris III and University Lyon III, Date: 5 november 2009.

"From One Religion to Another ; Old Wine into New Wineskins" by **Josiane CAUQUELIN**, Associate Researcher LASEMA, CNRS, Date: 27 November 2009.

« Analyse des élections municipales et régionales du 5 décembre 2009 à Taiwan » by Frank MUYARD, CEFC Associate Researcher and Fiorella ALLIO, Researcher CNRS/IRSEA, Date: 11 December 2009

Research and Researchers

Jean-François Huchet

Publications

Chapter in Book: Huchet Jean-François, « Entre rivalités géostratégiques et concurrence économique : l'émergence d'une relation pragmatique entre l'Inde et la Chine », in Jean-Luc Racine (ed.), L'Inde et l'Asie, Paris, 2009, 213 p.

Press Article " Chine : la croissance repart, les réformes sociales restent à faire ", Eco89, 08 november 2009.

Articles Presentations

"L'émergence des capitalismes autoritaires", at the international conference: "1989 - un événement planétaire" organised by CERI SciencesPo Paris, 22-23 October, 2009, Paris.

"India and China: between conflict and cooperation", at the international conference "Central Asia, the new "great game"between the emerging powers of China and India", organised by CSH, CEFC and IFEAC at Delhi, IIC, October 14-15, 2009.

Fieldwork

India : 12-17 October, 2009. During this mission, Jean-François Huchet took part in the organisation of the international conference "Central Asia, the new "great game"between the emerging powers of China and India" and conducted interviews in order to analyse Indians behavior again crisis in a comparative perspective with China.

China : 08-20 novembre 2009. In Guanzhou, Jean-François Huchet aimed to inforchise the relation and the cooperation with the Sino-France Organization Study Center hosted by the Sun Yat-Sen University of Guanzhou. In Beijing, Jean-François Huchet took part in the organisation of the international conference « Towards a New International Financial Order ».

Jean-Philippe Béja

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

Jean-Philippe Béja, « Soixante ans de pouvoir communiste en Chine : Les illusions perdues », Esprit, N°358, Octobre 2009, pp.106-124

Jean-Philippe Béja, « La crise financière en Chine : Une divine surprise ? » à paraître dans Esprit, n°359, Novembre 2009

Other article: « Un jour, la Chine s'est réveillée », in La Revue pour l'histoire du CNRS, Edition spéciale, 70 ans, 19 octobre 2009.

Book Published: Encyclopedia of Modern China (David Pong Ed., Julia Andrews, Jean-Philippe Béja, Flemming Christiansen, David Faure, Antonia Finnane, Vice-editors)

Chapters in Books

Jean-Philippe Béja, Merle Goldman, « The Impact of the Tiananmen Massacre on the Chinese pro-Democracy Movement », à paraître in Jean-Philippe Béja (Ed.), The impact of China's 1989 Tiananmen Massacre, à paraître chez Routledge, London

Jean-Philippe Béja, « The 1989 Tiananmen Massacre : A Watershed in China's History », Introduction de The impact of China's 1989 Tiananmen Massacre, à paraître chez Routledge, London

Book review: « Amselle, Jean-Loup : L'Occident décroché », Cahiers d'Etudes africaines, n°191, XLVIII (3), 2008, pp.610-612

Press Article: « Świątynia piękna, ale mnisi biedni. 60 lat komunistycznych rządów w Chinach », Gazeta Wyborcza, 5 octobre 2009

Articles on news website: « Chine : la pagode est belle, mais les moines sont pauvres », Mediapart, 1er octobre 2009.

Editorial Activities: Chief Editor of the book: The impact of China's 1989 Tiananmen Massacre, Routledge, London (2010)

Article Presentation: Jean-Philippe Béja presented a paper in Chinese for the international conference "走向共和：纪念建国60周年国际学术研讨会", co-organised by Sun Yat-Sen University and University of Boston, Guanzhou, 14-15 November, 2009

Fieldwork: Jean-Philippe Béja went to Beijing from september 19 to October 2 at the occasion of 60th anniversary of the PRC to observe the evolution of the Chinese civic rights movement.

Sébastien Billioud

Publications

Peer-reviewed article: Sébastien Billioud and Joël Thoroval « Lijiao 礼教: le renouveau des cérémonies confucéennes en Chine actuelle », Perspectives chinoises et China Perspectives no 2009/4

Book Published: Sébastien Billioud and Joël Thoroval (éd.), Perspectives sur le politique en Chine aujourd'hui, Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident no.31, Vincennes, Presses Universitaires de Vincennes, 2009, 200 p.

Chapter in Book: Sébastien Billioud and Joël Thoraval, « La Chine des années 2000: nouvelles perspectives sur le politique », in Sébastien Billioud and Joël Thoraval (éd.), Perspectives sur le politique en Chine aujourd'hui, Extrême-Orient Extrême-Occident no.31, Vincennes, Presses Universitaires de Vincennes, 2009

Translations

Lee Ming-huei : « Culture et démocratie : réflexions à partir de la polémique entre libéraux taiwanais et néo-confucéens contemporains », p.33-62.

Jiang Qing, « Le confucianisme de la Voie royale, direction pour le politique en Chine contemporaine », p.103-124.

Gan Yang : « Prendre en compte la continuité historique pour penser le politique en Chine aujourd'hui », p.125-140.

Book Review: Yoshiko Ashiwa and David L.Wank, Making Religion, Making the State, Stanford, 2009, China Perspectives et Perspectives chinoises no.2009/4.

Article presentation: Carrying the Confucian Torch to the Masses, at the international conference « Confucianism for the 21st Century », 100th anniversary of the Department of Sinology of Hamburg University, Hamburg, 21-23 september 2009.

Sylvie Démurger

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles:

DEMURGER S., FOURNIER M., LI S., WEI Z., « Zhongguo jingji zhuanxing zhong chengzhen laodongli shichang fenge wenti – butong bumen zhigong gongzi shouru chaju de fenxi » (« The issue of labor market segmentation during economic transition in China: An analysis of wage differentials across economic sectors »), Management World, 2009, 3:55-62.

Chapter in Book: DEMURGER S., FOURNIER M., LI S., WEI Z., « Economic liberalization with rising segmentation in China's urban labor market », in Governing Rapid Growth in China: Equity and Institutions, ed. by R. Kanbur and X. Zhang, Routledge, 2009, pp. 115-172.

Working papers:

DEMURGER S., XU H., "Return migration and occupational mobility in rural China: a case study of Wuwei county", Working Paper novembre 2009.

DEMURGER S., XU H., "Expérience migratoire et activité entrepreneuriale après le retour : Le cas d'un district rural en Chine", Working Paper octobre 2009.

Articles presentations:

"Return migration and occupational mobility in rural China: a case study of Wuwei county", at the international conference 2009 International Symposium on Contemporary Labor Economics organised by Wang Yanan Institute for Studies in Economics (WISE) at Xiamen University, China, 12-13 december, 2009.

"Promoting efficient use of firewood from rural households - A comparison of case studies in China", at a seminar organised by Li Junqing at the Beijing Forestry University, 21 october 2009.

Fieldworks: 3 weeks fieldwork in march and october in collaboration with Li Junqing of Beijing Forestry University).

Paul Jobin

Publications

Peer-reviewed article: Paul Jobin, Akira Matsubara, « Labornet Japan et le renouveau syndical par le net » (Labornet and the renewal of labor movement through Internet), HERMES, 2009, No55, p.115-123.

Book Published: Jean-François Sabouret, Paul Jobin, Guillaume Arotçaréna, Christianisme et modernité en Asie, Paris, Les Indes Savantes, 208 p.

Chapters in Books

P.Jobin, "Christianisme et pouvoirs dans le Japon moderne", in Jean-François Sabouret, Guillaume Arotçaréna,

Paul Jobin : Christianisme et modernité en Asie, Paris, Les Indes Savantes, p. 57-79.

Paul Jobin, "The postwar for labour unionism and movements against industrial pollution", in Michael Lucken, Anne Bayard-Sakai, Emmanuel Lozerand (éd.), Japan After the War, Routledge, London, 2009. (in press)

Working Paper: P.Jobin, "Past, Present and Future of Asbestos Victims in France; a Perspective from Risk Communication", November 15th, Paper for guest lecture, Kôbe University, November 15th, published in Journal of Innovative Ethics, Vol.2, p.14-29, 2009.

Editorial Activities: Paul Jobin, Keisuke Kikuchi, Sara Liwerant, "Les procès de Tokyo et de La Haye, regard franco-japonais sur la justice pénale internationale", numéro de la revue d'anthropologie du droit Droit et cultures, L'Harmattan, Paris, (sous presse).

Jean Ruffier

Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

Jean Ruffier (2009 à paraître), The knowledge of industrial development – The case of Guangdong, Chinese Sociology and Anthropology, New York

Jean Ruffier (2009 à paraître), Chinese Industry Development Anthropology, Introduction du dossier, Chinese Sociology and Anthropology, New York

Jean RUFFIER (à paraître), China Apparel in Textiles World Values Chains, in International Journal of Institutions and Economies, 17 p.

Book Published: Jean Ruffier (2009 à paraître), 中国工厂 :生产效率与管理社会学, (Les usines chinoises : Sociologie et gestion de l'efficience productive), Editions du CEFC, Hongkong), 341 p.

Editorial Activities: Jean Ruffier (2009 à paraître), Constitution d'un dossier de six articles sur l'anthropologie du développement industriel chinois pour Chinese Sociology and Anthropology, New York.

Articles presentations

« Les jeunes : le moteur de l'industrie chinoise » (powerpoint), at the international conference : « Les jeunes et le travail : perspectives internationales », organised by l'UCS de l'INRS, Montréal (Canada), 8 et 9 octobre 2009.

« Innovation et développement industriel chinois » (powerpoint), at the internationale Conference "Chine plurielle" organised by the RICCI Institut Paris, 27/10/2009,

Sebastian Veg

Publications

Peer-reviewed Article: Sebastian Veg "Democratic Modernism. Rethinking the politics of early 20th century fiction in China and Europe," Boundary 2, à paraître, 2010.

Book review: "Tibet, nationalisme et modernité. Deux contributions chinoises au débat", Perspectives chinoises, no. 2009/3, p. 106-116.

Article Presentation: "Les écrivains contemporains et l'histoire de la Chine populaire: points aveugles et contournements." Université d'Aix-Marseille I/Les Ecritures croisées, Le Roman en Asie, Aix-en-Provence, 15-18 octobre 2009.

Fieldwork: Sebastian Veg conducted interviews on cinema and literature in Beijing, 22 to 28 september 2009 in order to prepare CEFC-HKIFF 2010.

David Bartel

Publications

Peer-reviewed Article: « La Chine et son histoire : La dissolution du veau d'argile dans l'eau de mer », publié dans les Cahiers du Centre de recherche historique, EHESS, Paris, n° 44, octobre 2009.

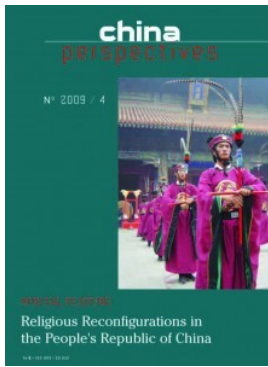
Press Article « Michel Houellebecq est un optimiste ! » in Paroles, n° 219, octobre 2009.

Translation Interview de Jin et Liu donnée dans un journal hongkongais à la veille du 60ème anniversaire de la fondation de la RPC, Courrier international, n° 990, 22-28 octobre 2009.

Judith Pernin

Article presentation

"Filming / Mapping: Space Issues in Chinese Independent Documentary Films" at the International conference Spaces of Asian Cinemas organised by University of California Davis, 5-6 November 2009



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