

CALL FOR PAPERS

Africans in China: Guangzhou and Beyond

Special Issue of *The Journal of Pan African Studies* (JPAS):

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Research articles are invited to be considered for publication in a special issue of *The Journal of Pan African Studies* (JPAS), dedicated to research on the African Diaspora in China.

Africa - China relations have increasingly constituted a prominent research topic in many Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines since the turn of the Millennium. An important aspect of this research theme is dedicated to issues of migration between Africa and China and the formation of Diaspora communities in these two parts of the world. We often hear of research on Africans in China and Chinese in Africa. There is however a tendency to conflate the two quite distinct phenomena into "Chinese in Africa/Africans in China" and special issues of various journals are then published about these two different and rather disparate migratory and Diaspora phenomena.

This special issue of *The Journal of Pan African Studies* aims to be uniquely focused and will be dedicated solely to exploring the African presence in China and the formation of Diaspora African communities in various cities including Guangzhou, Yiwu, Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Macau, and many other prominent locations within Greater China.

Authors are asked to address both empirical and theoretical questions. Already there is a body of about 40-odd research journal articles and a book that have enabled us to have fairly good answers to empirical questions like why Africans go to China, the major cities Africans live in and visit, what they do there, and how they are received by the Chinese State and the Chinese people. While building on these works and giving more updated answers to these questions, authors are expected to address theoretical and methodological issues as well. Papers will be expected to develop theoretical formulations to explain the African presence in China. Already four main competing theories or metaphors have emerged: the migrant community as an enclave, the migrant community as an outpost, the migrant community as a bridge between source and host communities, and the migrant community as a networked community. Will there be newer theoretical metaphors? Will some of the current ones be proven to be incorrect when subjected to new methodological insights? These issues constitute important research agendas that should be addressed by the papers.

Papers are expected to be no more than 25 pages long, double-spaced, and in any case not more than 6000 words, including appendices, references, and end-notes. For more details about the style to be used and the guidelines for submitting papers consult the JPAS website at: <http://www.jpanafrican.com/submission.htm>

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