

## Call for papers

### Introduction

Africa-China relations date back to several centuries. For some scholars, trade links between African countries and China date back to the Song Dynasty (10<sup>th</sup> century); for others the relations date back to the Ming Dynasty (14<sup>th</sup> century). Since the founding of the People's Republic of China by Mao Zedong on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1949 in *Tiananmen Square*, cooperation between African countries and China has experienced a new beginning, marked by several official and mutual visits by political authorities. Since then, the development of cooperation and trade between African countries and China has gone through different stages, namely the "political alignment period (1950-1989)", the "Africa as a source of political support (1989-2000)", and the "growing economic relations (2000 to the present)" stage. Each is linked to broader political and economic realities (Nordtveit, 2011).

For Chinese scholars such as Liu Hongwu, Africa- China cooperation is based on "mutual respect, mutual understanding and mutual support" (Gonondo, 2018). Indeed, China's model of cooperation appears to be more "symmetrical and win-win", than an "aid relationship" (King, 2010, p. 75). This development model is known as "South-South development cooperation" (Niu, 2013, p. 31). Cooperation between African countries and China also extends to education with the establishment of Confucius Institutes for the promotion of Chinese language and culture in host countries, the allocation of scholarships, the short-term training programme, the construction of schools and several self-sustaining educational projects (Nordtveit, 2011).

The establishment of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in 2000 provided an "effective platform and multilateral mechanism for China and African countries to conduct collective consultations and realise pragmatic cooperation" (Aiping & Zhan, 2018, p. 88). The Forum is a mechanism that has enabled China to "virtually" have political cooperation with all countries on the African continent. In November 2021, the 8<sup>th</sup> conference of the FOCAC was held in Dakar, Senegal. This year marked the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between African countries and China. For Chinese President Xi Jinping, these decades of relations are marked by "sincere friendship and equality, mutual benefit and common development, equity and justice".

The proliferation of research centres and scientific productions focusing on sino-african relations is sufficient proof of the growth, scope and interest of this field of research. It should be noted, however, that most of these initiatives come from the Chinese or the West. Moreover, with the aim of promoting people-to-people exchanges and deepening exchanges and mutual learning of civilisations between Africa and China, the China-Africa Institute was established on 9 April 2019, following the official announcement by President Xi Jinping at the opening ceremony of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Similarly, several scientific platforms for popularising research on China-Africa cooperation are being set up around the world. The Journal of Sino-African Studies, which aims to promote objective and mutual knowledge between Africa and China, fills this gap. Indeed, this journal is a fine response to Piet Konings' challenge and is in line

with the documentation of what he so aptly called 'China's engagement with the continent and Africa's responses'. The journal provides an African perspective on the multiple and multi-dimensional challenges of Africa-China relations and the future of international relations. (Wassouni, 2022).

### Editorial Policy

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- Sino-African cooperation in the field of education and comparative education
- FOCAC issues for African development
- Socio-cultural exchanges between Africa and China
- Africa and the "Belt and Road Initiative
- African Students in China
- Confucius Institutes in Africa
- African Studies Centres in China
- African Literature Studies in China
- Chinese Literature Studies in Africa
- Translation/interpreting/cross-cultural mediation
- African language teaching & learning in China
- Chinese language teaching & learning in Africa

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- Wassouni, F. (2022). Introduction of the first issue. *Revue d'Études Sino-Africaines*, 1(1), I-VIII. <https://doi.org/10.56377/jsas.v1n1.IVII>

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- ❖ Publication of articles: 28 February 2023

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