

The **OBSERVATORY FOR CHINA (OC)**, founded on December 28, 2005, presents the newsletter featuring the main initiatives between January 2024 and November 2024.



The 5th Portugal-China International Conference was held on November 20, 2024, at the CCCM – Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre.



Celebration of the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the Portuguese Republic (February 2024).

## International relations and institutional development

### Union of Capital Cities of Portuguese-speaking Countries (UCCLA)

The Observatory for China has deepened its cooperation protocol with the Union of Capital Cities of Portuguese-speaking Countries (UCCLA). The existing protocol between both institutions has proven to be mutually beneficial.



### Union of Associations for Cooperation and Friendship between Portugal and China

The Observatory for China cooperated with the Union of Associations for Cooperation and Friendship between Portugal and China (UACAPC).



In 2024, the Observatory for China received delegations from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).



## Media

The Observatory for China continued to promote events organized by its partner associations and other organizations with activities related to China through its own media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, email, and its website.

Noteworthy were the open courses organized by the Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre (CCCM) and the Confucius Institutes at various universities in Portugal.

The Observatory for China also maintained its collaboration with various newspapers, among other media outlets. Dr. Rui Lourido, President of the Observatory for China, actively contributed to "China Radio International" with analyses on China in cultural, historical, and political terms. Caroline Cicarello, associate and researcher at the Observatory for China, contributed to the newspaper "Brasil Já," discussing the context of China-West relations.



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## National Conferences

At the national level, the Observatory for China participated in the Spring Conferences of the Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre (CCCM) in two panels. The President of the Observatory for China, Dr. Rui Lourido, participated in the panel “China and Missionaries – Sino-European Cultural Exchanges,” with a presentation titled “The View of China from Europe, 16th-19th Centuries.” Additionally, researcher and associate Caroline Cicarello organized and participated in the panel “Marxism and Technological Innovation,” with the presentation “China and Technological Innovation: The Impact on BRICS Structures.” The “Marxism and Technological Innovation” panel featured the presence of Dr. Elias Jabbour, Advisor to President Dilma Rousseff at the New Development Bank (NDB). Furthermore, the panel organized by researcher and associate Caroline Cicarello included the participation of Roland Boer, Professor at the School of Marxism, Renmin University of China.



## International Conferences

The Observatory for China participated in several international conferences. Dr. Rui Lourido, President of the Observatory for China and member of the Board of WACS, participated in the “Third International Forum on Democracy: the Shared Human Values” at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences in March 2024. Additionally, the President of the Observatory for China participated in the “Forum on Global China Studies Research” in April 2024, where he presented a paper titled “The Influence of Chinese Civilization on the Development of Europe, Through the Analysis of Portuguese Documentation.”



## National and International Events

The Observatory for China, represented by President Dr. Rui Lourido, participated in the celebration of the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Portugal, organized by the Chinese Embassy and the Portuguese Parliament, in February 2024.



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In February 2024, the Observatory for China participated in the Chinese New Year celebrations (Year of the Dragon) at the Casino Estoril.



In the same month, the Observatory for China (OC) participated in the Chinese New Year celebration at the Lisbon City Hall. The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Portugal attended the event.



In September 2024, the Chinese Embassy in Lisbon invited the Observatory for China (OC) to participate in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. The Observatory for China was represented by the President of the Board, Dr. Rui Lourido, and the Vice-President of the Board, Dr. António Queirós.





In May 2024, researcher and associate of the Observatory for China (OC), Caroline Cicarello, visited Chinese governmental institutions to promote technological innovation among BRICS countries, specifically the "BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center (BPIC)" and the "China-BRICS Science and Innovation Incubation Park for the New Era," both in Xiamen (Fujian Province).



In February 2024, the Observatory for China participated in the “X International Scientific Professional Congress on Cultural Tourism” in Córdoba (Spain), represented by Dr. Cristina Jesus, with her presentation titled “The Influence of Cultural Tourism on the Profile of the Chinese Tourist in the New Era of Eco-Civilization.”

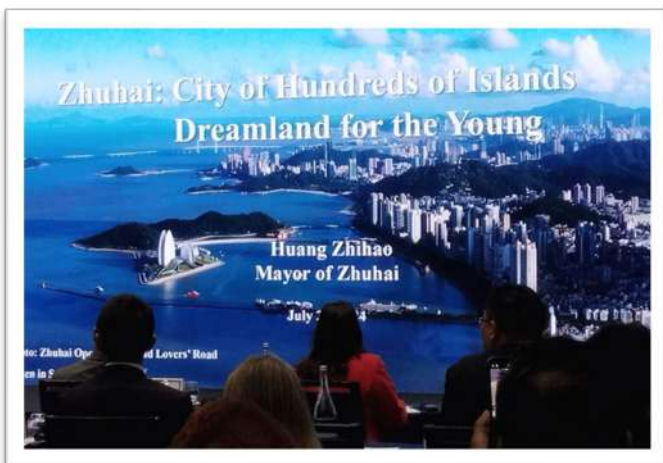


## International Cooperation

The Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) visited the Observatory for China in June 2024. The Secretary-General of SASS, Quan Heng, attended the meeting. In addition to the President of the OC, Dr. Rui Lourido, the Vice-President, Dr. António Queirós, the Vice-President of the Fiscal Council, Dr. Cristina de Jesus, and the associate Caroline Cicarello was also present.



The Conference on Economic and Trade Cooperation between China (Zhuhai, Guangdong-Macau Deep Cooperation Zone in Hengqin) and Portugal (Lisbon) took place in Lisbon in July 2024. The Observatory for China was represented by the President of the Board, Dr. Rui Lourido.



In August 2024, the Observatory for China participated in the commemoration ceremony of the 97th anniversary of the "People's Liberation Army" (PLA), organized by the Chinese Embassy in Lisbon.

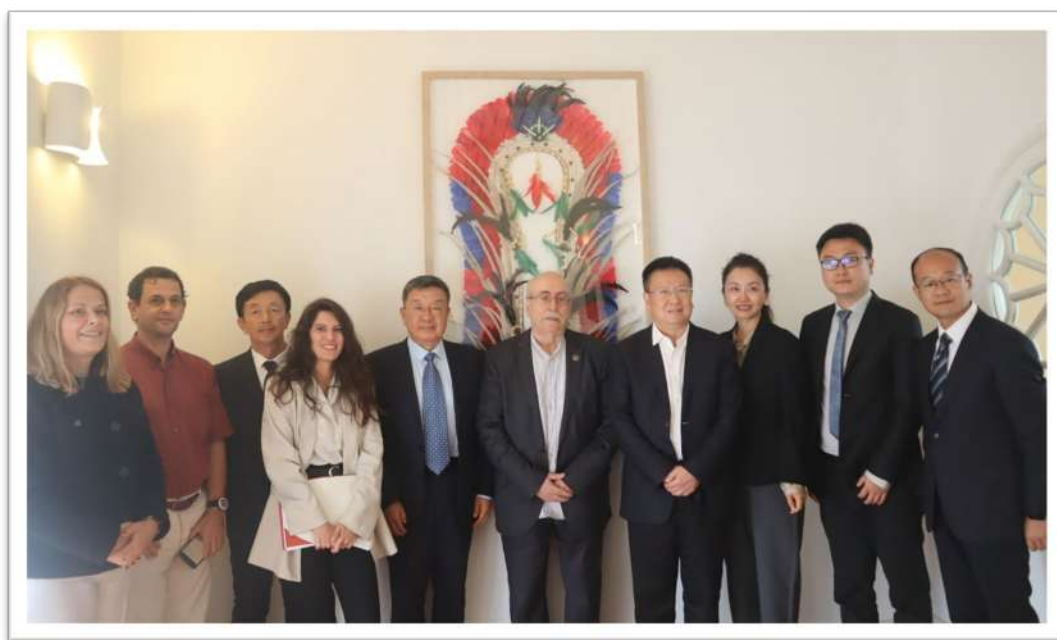


On July 2nd, the Observatory for China (OC) hosted a visit from the Institute of Marxism and the Institute of Political Science of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The CASS delegation was composed of Fan Jianxin (Head of the Delegation, Party Secretary and Vice-President of the Institute of Political Science, Senior Second-Level Researcher), He Qin (Director of the Department of Research on Contemporary World Socialism, Academy of Marxism, Senior Researcher), Sun Caihong (Deputy Director of the Department of Administrative Science Research, Institute of Political Science, Senior Researcher), Zheng Jianjun (Deputy Director of the Department of State Governance Research, Institute of Political Science, Senior Researcher), Zhang Jun (Deputy Director of the Department of Socialist Democracy Research, Institute of Political Science, Associate Researcher), and Yang Kangkang (Assistant Researcher of the Department of Socialist Democracy Research, Institute of Political Science). The Observatory for China (OC) was represented by Dr. Rui Lourido (President), Dr. António Queirós (Vice-President), and Caroline Cicarello (researcher and associate).



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In October 2024, a delegation from the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), a high-level political advisory body in China that, along with the National People's Congress (NPC), participates in the "Two Sessions," visited the Observatory for China (OC). The CPPCC delegation was composed of 9 members, including Mr. Yang Xiaobo, Dr. Sun Xueyu, and Dr. Bianba Lamu. The Observatory for China was represented by Vice-President Dr. António Queirós, Fiscal Council member Dr. Cristina de Jesus, and researcher and associate Caroline Cicarello.



## Exhibition "China Viewed from Europe: 16th-19th Centuries"

The Observatory for China and the National Library of Portugal, with the support of research centers and universities from Portugal, Italy, and China, are organizing the cartography exhibition *China Viewed from Europe: 16th-19th Centuries*. The exhibition will be held at the National Library of Portugal from November 29, 2023, to March 2, 2024.



## Curricular Internships

In 2024, the Observatory for China continued to establish protocols with Portuguese universities for the implementation and supervision of curricular internships. Notable students, courses, and respective educational institutions that carried out internships at the OC include:

- Beatriz Greco – Undergraduate student in African Studies at the University of Lisbon.

## V International Conference on Portugal-China Cooperation

Under the theme of Portugal-China Cooperation, in the context of the EU and the Global South, with a focus on Brazil and Africa's rise.

The 5th International Conference on Portugal-China Cooperation was a joint initiative of the Observatory for China, the Portugal-China Chamber of Cooperation and Development, and the Union of Associations of Cooperation and Friendship Portugal-China. The event was supported by the Embassy of China in Portugal and strengthened by the National Institute of Global Strategy of China and the Cultural and Scientific Centre of Macau. The President of the Portuguese Republic delivered a greeting at the Conference.





## Closing of the 'Aqui e Agora' Exhibition



The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Zhao Bentang, attended the closing of the "Aqui e Agora" exhibition, marking the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR).



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