



Postdoctoral Fellowship on Modern & Contemporary China (Lyon Institute of East Asian Studies, France – 2 years)

We invite applications for a **2-year postdoctoral research position** at the **Lyon Institute of East Asian Studies (IAO)** starting in **Fall 2025**. The position is co-funded by the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and the French National Research Agency (ANR).

Missions. The appointed researcher will carry out an **independent research program** related to modern and contemporary China under the supervision of Dr. Cécile Armand. Research topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Chinese overseas students and intellectual migrations.
- Elite education, career development, and mobility.
- Academic and business networks.
- Sino-foreign exchanges and transnational approaches to China.

Activities. The appointee is expected to publish **at least three research papers** during the contract period, and to disseminate research findings regularly through conferences and other academic platforms. He/she is also expected to interact with students, faculty, and engineers affiliated with the Institute, to participate in the Institute's activities and events organized by the Principal Investigator.

Requirements/Skills

- Ph.D. completed **within the last three years** in modern or contemporary Chinese history, sociology, political science, or related social sciences.
- Experience with **data-driven approaches and digital methodologies** is highly desirable. Preferred methodologies include: social network analysis; statistical analysis; data visualization; Geographic Information Systems (GIS); text mining and analysis, and other computational or web-based research techniques.
- **Languages:** English and Chinese for academic work. French is welcome but NOT required.

Work Environment/Benefits. The selected researcher will be affiliated to the Lyon Institute of East Asian Studies (IAO), in Lyon, France. The IAO is an internationally acclaimed research center specializing in the study of the societies, cultures, and political, economic, and social dynamics of East and Southeast Asia. Renowned for its multidisciplinary approach, the Institute brings together leading experts from diverse



fields, including history, sociology, political science, geography, and cultural studies. With a robust network of institutional and academic partnerships across Europe and Asia, the IAO provides a dynamic and innovative environment for advancing research on contemporary issues. By joining the Lyon Institute of East Asian Studies, you will benefit from:

- A vibrant and stimulating work environment.
- 44 days of leave/RTT annually.
- Outstanding working conditions.
- Financial support for mission-related expenses.
- Partial reimbursement of transportation costs (75%) and a sustainable mobility allowance of up to €300/year.
- Financial contributions toward health insurance costs.

Risks/Constraints: None.

Position Start Date: October 1, 2025

Duration: 24 months

Salary: Starting from €3,021 gross per month, depending on experience.

Application Materials

To be submitted on the platform: <https://emploi.cnrs.fr/Offres/CDD/UMR5062-CECARM-001/Default.aspx?lang=EN>

1. **Curriculum Vitae** (max. 2 pages)
2. **Selected List of Publications** (max. 10) – including a short abstract and justification for each selection.
3. **Project Description** (max. 4 pages) – detailed outline of the proposed research project to be conducted under the contract.
4. **2 Sample Publications** – relevant dissertation chapters or articles, particularly those employing digital methods.
5. **PhD degree certificate** (including date of defense).
6. **2 Reference Letters** – to be sent directly by referees to cecile.armand@cnrs.fr

Application Deadline: March 15, 2025