



**Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network
Participation Guidelines – Updated September 2024**

The Chinese in Africa/Africans in China (CA/AC) Research Network is an independent and international China-Africa platform. Our mission is to spearhead cutting-edge research, vibrant deliberations, and exchange of ideas about China-Africa issues by supporting a still-growing global network of international scholars, students, journalists, and practitioners.

Through our Listserv (Google Group) and WeChat group we encourage and facilitate discussions about all facets of the growing ties between Chinese and Africans, focusing especially on people-centered issues. We organize academic events and facilitate participation in international conferences for Network members and other experts. We support Network chapters, work with institutional partners to host capacity-building workshops, and sponsor research & writing fellowships. We also collaborate on publications and offer knowledge, experience, and expertise to a wider interested public.

Our website, hosted by Michigan State University, can be found here: <https://caac.msu.edu/>

If you'd like to join the CA/AC Google Group (listserv), you can complete the form here: <https://caac.msu.edu/contact/listserv> or contact our Secretary, Caitlin Barker, at barkerc9@msu.edu. If you would like to join the CA/AC WeChat group, please contact our WeChat group administrator, Winslow Robertson, at winslowalrob@gmail.com or directly through his WeChat ID w1198407268.

Members are welcome to post comments or queries, news stories, and announcements that are directly related to China-Africa events, activities, and analysis. Members should feel free to post information about new publications or share these with the respective administrators to share on your behalf. Our purpose is to provide a space that is filled with lively, informed, and intelligent discussions of up-to-the-moment developments and thoughtful theoretical or analytical questions. We intend to do this in an inclusive, respectful, and safe way. To help facilitate this, we have a few guidelines.

Our platforms (the WeChat group and the listserv) are for professional purposes and we do not tolerate the following types of posts or behaviors, which include:

- persistent and unwelcome solicitation of emotional or physical intimacy
- aggressive, intimidating, harassing, abusive, derogatory, or demeaning speech or actions.
- actions or comments related to gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, socioeconomic status, age, or religion that coerce others, foment hostility, undermine professional equity, or limit free academic exchange

- intimidation or stalking
- physical assault including unwelcome touching and/or groping (at our in-person events)
- real or implied threat of physical harm and/or professional reputational damage

Other forms of abuses consist of, inter alia,

- posting commercial advertisements.
- Sharing a member's private information without their permission (often colloquially referred to as "doxxing") will not be tolerated.

Further,

- Red packets are not permitted. We are an international group for professional networking among researchers. Monetary gifts are inappropriate in this context.

Debate and dissent are welcome, but personal attacks on any individual who participates in a conversation will not be tolerated. *The Executive Board and WeChat administrator reserve the right to immediately remove anyone who breaches protocol and decorum. Further, if breaches of our participation guidelines are deemed egregious, we will inform close colleagues and/or employers of infractions.*

Abuses outside of the group entail using connections made through either the WeChat group or listserv to make abusive comment or sexually harass members so that the recipient of the comments or harassment is made to feel uncomfortable. The recipient can report these comments or harassment to the Executive Board, who can treat such actions as being the equivalent of being made inside of the group and thus warn the offending party and potentially remove them without prior notification.

While you are permitted and encouraged to invite colleagues to join the group through either platform, we would ask that any new candidates also be serious scholars and/or followers of China-Africa issues. If a member invites someone, please make sure that the invitee understands that this is a professional network. For the WeChat group, all new members must share with the group her/his full name, affiliation, and a few lines that indicate the area of research/work.

Executive Board Members:

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中非关系研究网络（即“中国人在非洲/非洲人在中国”研究网络）是一个致力于研究中非交往的独立的国际化平台。我们的使命是通过建立与支持一个由国际学者、学生、记者和从业者组成的快速发展的全球网络，引领中非关系相关的前沿研究、激发深入思考并促进思想交流。

我们鼓励围绕日益紧密的中非交往的各个方面进行讨论，尤其关注以“人”为中心的议题。我们组织学术活动，并为网络成员及其他专家参与国际会议提供便利。我们支持地方网络，与机构伙伴联合举办学术研讨会，并为研究与写作提供资助。我们还参与出版合作，向更广泛的公众提供专业知识与经验，并积极推广相关领域的实践与创新。

中非关系研究网络的官方网站由密歇根州立大管理运营，网站链接如下：<https://caac.msu.edu/>

如果您想加入我们并订阅邮件，请在我们的网站上填写注册表单：

访问<https://caac.msu.edu/contact/listserv> 或者联系邮件群组管理员Caitlin Barker (邮箱地址：barkerc9@msu.edu)。如果您希望加入我们的微信群组，请通过邮箱或微信联系我们的微信群管理员Winslow Robertson (邮箱地址：winslowalrob@gmail.com; 微信ID: w1198407268)。

我们欢迎成员就中非关系发表评论、提问、发布新闻报道和相关学术活动的通知。成员可以随时发布自己的最新作品，或通过网络管理员将作品分享至平台。我们的目标是提供一个活跃且深入探讨中非事务最新进展、理论和问题的平台。我们希望这些讨论能够在包容、相互尊重和安全的环境中进行。为此，我们制定了以下规则：

- 我们的平台（微信群组和邮件群组）是为专业用途而设，严禁滥用。滥用行为包括但不限于：发布商业广告、发表涉及种族、民族、国家、宗教、性别/性别认同、性取向及年龄等歧视性言论、性骚扰任何性别/性别认同或性取向的成员（包括群内和群外）。如收到警告或被举报不当行为，将会被直接移除出群，恕不另行通知。
- 严禁未经成员许可私自分享其个人信息（或进行“人肉搜索”）的行为。
- 我们欢迎讨论和表达不同意见，但绝不容忍任何形式的人身攻击。中非关系研究网络执行委员会和微信群管理员保留将任何违规者直接移除群组的权利。
- 您可以邀请他人加入中非关系研究网络群组，但被邀请者必须是中非关系的严肃研究者和/或关注者。邀请他人时，请确保他们了解该网络的专业性质。在微信群内，所有新成员需告知其全名、所属机构及简要的研究/工作介绍。
- 我们不鼓励发红包。作为国际性研究人员交流平台，这里不适合进行红包赠送。

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