

**Chinese New Migrants in Czech and Slovakia:
A Fieldwork Report from Central Europe**

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A huge number of Chinese citizens have joined the international migration waves since 1978, when China opened its door while launching the economic reform. The Chinese transnational migration and diasporas can be seen almost in every city and town of the world. The academic studies, however, have usually been focused on the ethnic Chinese communities in North America, Australia, West Europe, Southeast Asia, and East Asian countries such as Japan, leaving the topic of Chinese new migrants in the former communist countries of East Europe basically untouched. Given that, the author particularly conducted a fieldwork research in Czech and Slovakia of Central Europe, visiting some new migrants from mainland China and leaders of local Chinese migrant voluntary associations in the two countries. A substantial number of records and statistics were amassed during the fieldwork trip, enabling the author to give an account of Chinese migration to Czech and Slovakia over the past two decades. Based on the materials collected during the fieldwork research, this paper looks at the history and current situation of Chinese new migrants with a focus on their migration patterns, occupational features, and voluntary associations in local society, aiming at facilitating the studies on the Chinese new migrants in the former communist countries of East Europe while alerting relevant authorities to pay more attentions to this particular issue which has long been overlooked.