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Curriculum

Olga Cojocaru is a postdoctoral researcher within the AspirE project at Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (CIES-Iscte) of the Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa. Over the past years, she has been affiliated with the Centre of Migration Research at the University of Warsaw where she has completed her PhD on migrant temporalities with a case study on Eastern European migrants in Italy (2020). Her doctoral research has been funded under Marie Curie Initial Training Networks (ITN) as part of 'Transnational Migration, Citizenship and the Circulation of Rights and Responsibilities' (TRANSMIC) project. Olga has been a Pontica Magna Fellow at the New Europe College in Bucharest (2018-19), a visiting doctoral student at COMPAS Oxford (2019) and at EUI in Florence (2017). She has completed her MA studies in Anthropology at CEU Budapest (2013) and at NSPSPA in Bucharest (2011).

Research Interests

temporalities, transnational families, migration aspirations, care, ageing, migration decision-making

Academic Qualifications

University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Post-Doc	Post-Doc in Migration Studies	2025

University of Warsaw	PhD	PhD in Sociology and Migration Studies	2020
University of Oxford Centre on Migration Policy and Society	PhD	Visiting Academic	2019
European University Institute	PhD	Visiting PhD fellow	2017
Central European University	M.Sc.	MA in Social Anthropology and Sociology	2013
National University of Political Science and Public Administration	M.Sc.	MA in Cultural Anthropology	2011
Scoala Nationala de Studii Politice si Administrative	Licenciate	BA in Communication	2009

Total Citations

Web of Science®	11
Scopus	10

Publications

• Scientific Journals

- Scientific journal paper

1	Cojocaru, O. & Gaspar, S. (2026). Geoarbitrage at the meso level: How intermediaries shape Chinese migration to Portugal. <i>International Migration</i> . 64 (2) - Times Cited Google Scholar: 3
2	Cojocaru, O., Gaspar, S. & Wang, X. (2025). 'Just look at those shabby trains in Lisbon': Post-arrival disappointment amongst Chinese migrants in Portugal. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> . 51 (15), 3772-3788 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 1 - Times Cited Scopus: 1 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 2
3	Cojocaru, O. (2021). "In the back of my mind, time always ticks one hour forward": The transnational temporalities of Moldovan domestic workers in Italy. <i>Population, Space and Place</i> . - Times Cited Web of Science®: 8 - Times Cited Scopus: 9 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 20
4	Cojocaru, O. & Anna Rosinska (2018). Double Time-Bind in Paid Domestic Work: (Migrant) Workers and Their Employers in Italy and Poland. <i>Culture and Society</i> . 62 (4) (19-46) - Times Cited Web of Science®: 2 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 10

• Books and Book Chapters

- Book chapter

1	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Carone, R.R. (2025). (Im)mobility aspirations and imagined pathways of young migrant descendants in Portugal. In <i>Immigration and Families: Examining the Causes, Processes, and Consequences of Migration.</i> : Emerald Publishing.
2	Cojocaru, O. (2021). On Permanent Migrant Temporariness. The case of Moldovans in Italy. In <i>New Europe College Yearbook 2018-2019.</i> : Pontica Magna Program.
3	Cojocaru, O., Kamila Fialkowska & Anna Rosinska (2020). On the Migrants or With the Migrants? Art, Academia and Challenges to Participatory Action Research. In <i>Right to the City, Performing Arts and Migration.</i> (pp. 87-102): Franco Angelli.

• Other Publications

- Working Papers

1	Cojocaru, O. (2016). Time and Migration Studies. Theoretical and methodological intersections. No 91(149) - Times Cited Google Scholar: 25
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- Report

1	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Carone, R.R. (2024). Aspiring (re)migrants' behaviour in mobility policies: the case of Portugal (Country report).
2	Cojocaru, Natalia & Cojocaru, O. (2016). Making it Through: Pioneer Migration Pathways of Moldovans in Italy.

• Conferences/Workshops and Talks

- Talk

1	Cojocaru, O. & Gaspar, S. (2026). Meso-level geoarbitrage and the role of intermediaries in shaping Chinese migration to Portugal. IMISCOE Spring Conference - Governing and Experiencing Migration in Contentious Times.
2	Gaspar, S., xuheng, W. & Cojocaru, O. (2025). Gendered political expression amongst Chinese middle-class migrants in Portugal. 8th CERPE Workshop – Chinese on the move.
3	Cojocaru, O., Wang, X. & Gaspar, S. (2025). In a state of flux: temporal metaphors in the video diaries of Chinese youth in Portugal. Webinar 3 do Projeto AspirE, Temporalities in Migration Decision-Making between Asia and Europe.
4	Gaspar, S., Wang, X. & Cojocaru, O. (2025). Comparing social networks amongst Chinese migrants in Portugal. Workshop The Challenges and future of transnational mobility/Transnational what, why and how.
5	Cojocaru, O., Gaspar, S. & Carone, R.R. (2024). Mobility Aspirations amongst Young Chinese, Brazilian and Ukrainian Descendants in Portugal. Conferência European Sociological Association - Tension, Trust and Transformation.

6	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Wang, X. (2024). The role of air pollution in the decision-making migration process of wealthy citizens from China to Portugal. European Association for Chinese Studies, 25th Biennial Conference 2024.
7	Cojocaru, O., Kwan, T., Gaspar, S. & Ng, I. (2024). Flexible residency: the desirability of Portugal as a mobility destination for aspiring Hong Kong and Mainland Chinese migrants. 21st IMISCOE Conference – Migration as a Social Construction: a Reflexive Turn.
8	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Carone, R.R. (2024). The Gleam and Fade of Golden Visa policy in Portugal: from aspiring investors' behaviour to local people's interests . Aspiring (re)migrants' behaviour in mobility policies.
9	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O., Carone, R.R. & Wang, X. (2024). Lifestyle aspirations of Chinese migrants in Portugal: a threefold temporal approach analysis. Euroseas Conference, 13rd Edition.
10	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Wang, X. (2024). Managing disappointment: Comparing pre- and post-arrival migration imaginaries of Chinese in Portugal. 7th CERPE Workshop Chinese Immigrants in Europe: Living in Transnationality and Transculturality? .

Research Projects

Project Title	Role in Project	Partners	Period
Decision making of aspiring (re)migrants to and within the EU: the case of labour market-leading migrations from Asia	Researcher	CIES-Iscte, MU - (Czech Republic), Goethe-Universität - (Germany), UNIMI - (Italy), Etusivu - (Finland), SMC - (Philippines), MaU - (Thailand), IS-VASS - (Viet Nam), Isaan - (Thailand), ULB - Leader (Belgium), Waseda University - (Japan)	2023 - 2026

Awards

Pontica Magna Fellowship (2019)
Marie Curie-Sklodowska Fellowship for Doctoral Studies (2014)
ERSTE Foundation Fellowship for Social Research (2014)

Professional Associations

APA - Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia/ Portuguese Anthropological Association (Since 2025)
ESA - European Sociological Association (Since 2015)

Organization/Coordination of Events

Type of Organization/Coordination	Event Title	Organizer	Year
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Chair of the plenary session "Migration on Display: Curatorships in Paris and Madrid" of the conference opening the exhibition "Asian Lives in Europe: a visual journey" opening conference, Iscte, Lisbon		2025
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Coordinated the organisation of a 2-day webinar on the temporalities of migration decision-making between Asia and Europe, involving 11 country presentations and 4 discussants, within the project AspirE (Asian prospects in (re)migration to/within the EU)		2025
Member of scientific event's organizing committee	Co-organiser, co-curator and photographer of the exhibition "Asian Lives in Europe: a visual journey" (Iscte, 2025-2026, Macau Centre, 2026)		Since 2025
Member of non-scientific event's organizing committee	Co-organiser of the panel „Temporalities of Migrant Well-Being, Rights and Responsibilities" within TRANSMIC Final Conference 'Migration, Rights and Citizenship: Coming Full Circle in a Challenging Environment'		2017
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