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Currículo

Olga Cojocaru is an anthropologist with expertise in migration studies and ethnographic research. Currently, she is a postdoctoral researcher at CIES-Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology at ISCTE-University Institute of Lisbon, working on the project AspirE, "Decision making of aspiring (re)migrants to/within the EU: The case of labour market-leading migrations from Asia", funded by the European Commission, within HORIZON Europe. Over the past years, she has been affiliated with the Centre of Migration Research at the University of Warsaw, where she completed her PhD on migrant temporalities with a case study on Moldovan domestic workers in Italy. Her doctoral research has been conducted under Marie Sklodowska-Curie ITN as part of the 'Transnational Migration, Citizenship and the Circulation of Rights and Responsibilities' (TRANSMIC) project. Olga has held fellowships and research roles at the New Europe College in Bucharest, the University of Oxford's Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), and the European University Institute in Florence. Her research engages with issues of time and space in mobility processes, exploring how temporalities shape and are shaped by migrants' lived experiences. She also works with visual storytelling, having co-curated and photographed the exhibition "Asian Lives in Europe: a visual journey," showcased at Iscte–University Institute of Lisbon, also available online.

Áreas de Investigação

temporalidades, famílias transnacionais, aspirações migratórias, cuidado, envelhecimento, tomada de decisões migratórias

Qualificações Académicas

Universidade/Instituição	Tipo	Curso	Período
ISCTE-Instituto Universitario de Lisboa	Pós-Doutoramento	Post-Doc in Migration Studies	2025
University of Warsaw	Doutoramento	PhD in Sociology and Migration Studies	2020
University of Oxford Centre on Migration Policy and Society	Doutoramento	Visiting Academic	2019
European University Institute	Doutoramento	Visiting PhD fellow	2017
Central European University	Mestrado	MA in Social Anthropology and Sociology	2013
National University of Political Science and Public Administration	Mestrado	MA in Cultural Anthropology	2011
Scoala Nationala de Studii Politice si Administrative	Licenciatura	BA in Communication	2009

Total de Citações

Web of Science®	16
Scopus	17

Publicações

• Revistas Científicas

- Artigo em revista científica

1	Cojocaru, O. & Gaspar, S. (2026). Geoarbitrage at the meso level: How intermediaries shape Chinese migration to Portugal. International Migration, 64(2). https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.70143 - N.º de citações Web of Science®: 1 - N.º de citações Scopus: 1 - N.º de citações Google Scholar: 5
2	Cojocaru, O., Gaspar, S. & Wang, X. (2025). 'Just look at those shabby trains in Lisbon': Post-arrival disappointment amongst Chinese migrants in Portugal. Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 51(15), 3772?3788. https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2025.2495046 - N.º de citações Web of Science®: 3 - N.º de citações Scopus: 3 - N.º de citações Google Scholar: 6
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. Population, Space and Place,. https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2406 - N.º de citações Web of Science®: 10 - N.º de citações Scopus: 13 - N.º de citações Google Scholar: 28

4	Cojocaru, O. & Anna Rosinska (2018). Double Time-Bind in Paid Domestic Work: (Migrant) Workers and Their Employers in Italy and Poland. Culture and Society, 62 (4)(19-46). https://doi.org/10.35757/KiS.2018.62.4.2 - N.º de citações Web of Science®: 2 - N.º de citações Google Scholar: 11

• Livros e Capítulos de Livros

- Capítulo de livro

1	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Carone, R. (2025). (Im)mobility aspirations and imagined pathways of young migrant descendants in Portugal. In Josip Obradovi; Sampson Lee Blair (Ed.), Families and migration: Examining the human meaning of migration (pp. 91?111). Emerald Publishing. https://doi.org/10.1108/S1530-353520250000033004
2	Cojocaru, O. (2021). On Permanent Migrant Temporariness. The case of Moldovans in Italy. New Europe College Yearbook 2018-2019. 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. Right to the City, Performing Arts and Migration (pp. 87?102). Franco Angelli.

• Outras Publicações

- Working paper

1	Cojocaru, O. (2016). Time and Migration Studies. Theoretical and methodological intersections. No 91(149). - N.º de citações Google Scholar: 30

- Relatório

1	Sumpsi Langreo, Amaya, Cojocaru, O. & Gaspar, S. (2025). Tracing migration aspirations over time: insights from Asia–Europe video diaries. Policy Brief, n° 5. Brussels: AspirE...
2	Sumpsi Langreo, Amaya, Cojocaru, O. & Gaspar, S. (2025). Mapping Asian migration to Europe: policy insights from two-step focus group discussions. Policy Brief, n° 6. Brussels: AspirE..
3	Gaspar, S., Cojocaru, O. & Carone, R.R. (2024). Aspiring (re)migrants' behaviour in mobility policies: the case of Portugal (Country report)..
4	Cojocaru, Natalia & Cojocaru, O. (2016). Making it Through: Pioneer Migration Pathways of Moldovans in Italy..

• Conferências/Workshops e Comunicações

- Comunicação em evento científico

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?,.

Projetos de Investigação

Título do Projeto	Papel no Projeto	Parceiros	Período
Decision making of aspiring (re)migrants to and within the EU: the case of labour market-leading migrations from Asia	Investigadora	CIES-Iscte, MU - (República Checa), Goethe-Universität - (Alemanha), UNIMI - (Itália), Etusivu - (Finlândia), SMC - (Filipinas), MaU - (Tailândia), IS-VASS - (Vietname), Isaan - (Tailândia), ULB - Líder (Bélgica), Waseda University - (Japão)	2023 - 2026

Prémios

Pontica Magna Fellowship (2019)

Marie Curie-Sklodowska Fellowship for Doctoral Studies (2014)

ERSTE Foundation Fellowship for Social Research (2014)

Associações Profissionais

APA - Associação Portuguesa de Antropologia/ Portuguese Anthropological Association (Desde 2025)

ESA - European Sociological Association (Desde 2015)

Organização/Coordenação de Eventos

Tipo de Organização/Coordenação	Título do Evento	Entidade Organizadora	Ano
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento científico	Co-organiser, co-curator and photographer of the exhibition “Asian Lives in Europe: a visual journey” (Iscte, 2025-2026, Macau Centre, 2026)		Desde 2025
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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
Membro de comissão organizadora de evento científico	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

Membro de comissão organizadora de evento não científico	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