

Best Paper Award 2013

Cora Lingling Xu's paper 'Identity and Cross-border Student Mobility: The Mainland China-Hong Kong Experience and Its Inverse-directional Parallel European Implications' is based on a multiple case study of the identity constructions of tertiary-level border-crossing students from mainland China studying in Hong Kong universities. It elucidates three aspects of their identities, showcasing their passive and active contestation and resistance against stereotypical derogation of the host community and power regulations stemming from their original context, while referencing to the broader international context when they turn back to critique the systems in HK and mainland China. This paper argues that it is high time for Europe to take a closer interest in research on cross-border student mobility in the Asian context, especially considering the increasing impacts of globalisation on both within and cross-country borders worldwide.

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