

Scientific Focus Areas

Chinese politics and society, categorization and political control, digital governance, resource governance, fieldwork methods.

Education

03.11 2010 PhD International Development Studies, Roskilde University.

01.07 2001 MA Chinese, Aarhus University.

01.07 1998 BA Chinese and International Relations, Aarhus University.

Recent Employment

01.10 2019 – Associate Professor in Chinese Area Studies, Aalborg University.

01.10 2015 – 30.09 2019 Assistant Professor in Chinese Area Studies, Aalborg University.

01.01 2013 – 30.09 2015 Senior Analyst, Danish Government.

01.01 2011 – 31.12 2012 Teacher (Chinese and Social Studies), Greve Gymnasium.

Periods of Leave

05.07–31.08 2009, 19.01–03.02 2012, 01.08–31.12 2012. Paternity leave.

[Employment without time allocated for research 01.01 2011–30.09 2015]

Grants

01.11 2021–30.10 2024 PhD grant from Sino-Danish Centre. 1.7 million DKK.

01.01 2021–31.12 2025 DFF 0162-00011B PI Network 'CatCh: Ruling through Division: Categorizing People and Resources in Contemporary China.' 1.2 million DKK.

01.07 2020–30.07 2025 DFF 0133-00089B CI in Moving Data-Moving People in collaboration with the IT University of Copenhagen. Exploring digital governance on China's mobile population in China's social credit system. 6.2 million DKK.

01.01 2018–31.12 2020 Danish Innovation Foundation 7091-00025 Industrial PhD grant for PhD student in collaboration with the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland 'Chinese Arctic mineral interests - investigating institutional and political reach' 0.9 million DKK.

01.10 2015–30.09 2019 DFF 5052-00126 CI individual postdoc grant from the Danish Social Science Research Council: 'Entrepreneurs and Bureaucrats: Agricultural Enterprises in Sichuan, China' 1.8 million DKK.

01.08 2006–30.06 2010 DFF 09-061017 individual PhD grant from the Danish Social Science Research Council: 'Migrant Workers in Chinese Industry: Industrial Workers or Peasants Working in Industry?' 1.6 million DKK.

Management Experience

01.02 2023–Head of the Regional and International Studies Research Group, Aalborg University.

2006–Organization of several fieldwork trips to China including staffing with research assistants.

01.01 2013–30.09 2015 Coordinator of data collection team, Danish Government.

PhD Supervision

Giovanni Giamello since 01.11 2021 project on second generation Chinese migrants in Prato, Italy.

Patrik Andersson: 'Chinese Arctic mineral interests - investigating institutional and political reach' (co-supervisor 01.01 2018–30.09 2019, main supervisor 01.10 2019–31.12 2020).

Fieldwork/Stays Abroad

Zeuthen has stayed in China for a total of three years. A substantial part of these stays has been with the purpose of ethnographic data collection which have involved cooperation with Chinese universities, local authorities, and local business.

Editing

2023–Editor of Text as Method in China Studies w/ Christian Göbel, University of Vienna & Jun Liu, University of Copenhagen (publisher tbd).

2021–2024 Guest editor of special issue on categorization in Chinese governance for Journal of Current Chinese Affairs w/ Björn Alpermann, University of Würzburg.

2023 Guest editor of special issue of Journal of Contemporary China on automated decision making in China w/ Haiqing Yu, RMIT University, Melbourne.

2018–2020 Co-editor w/ Elena Meyer Clement, Freie Universität Berlin (now University of Copenhagen) special issue on rural urbanization for China Information.

2018 Guest editor of special section in Arctic Yearbook on China and Arctic resources.

Languages

Danish: Mother tongue. Chinese, English, German: Fluent.

Research Publications – peer-reviewed

Articles

"Red, Yellow, Green: Test, Test, Test." Tao, H., Zhao, H. & Zeuthen, J. W., 21 nov. 2023, I: Made in China Journal. 8, 1, p. 108–113.

"Local Politics in the Age of Automated Decision-Making in China: A Case Study of the Henan Health Code Scandal" Yu, H. & Zeuthen, J. W., 2023, (E-pub ahead of print), Journal of Contemporary China.

"Finding Good Help: Reconfiguring Digital Mediation in China's Domestic Service Labour Market." Jiang, Q., Zeuthen, J. W. & Bislev, A., 2023, (E-pub ahead of print), Journal of Current Chinese Affairs.

"Credit Ratings and financialized political capitalism in a Chinese Development zone." Lauridsen, T. S. & Zeuthen, J. W., Geoforum. 132, p. 72–80.

"China's rural urbanization and the state: Putting the countryside first?" Meyer-Clement, E. & Zeuthen, J. W., 2020, China Information. 34, 2, p. 161–167.

"Rescaling China's rural-urban frontier: Exception as norm in the access to development." Zeuthen, J. W., 2020, China Information. 34, 2, p. 208–228.

- "Whose urban development? Changing credibilities, forms and functions of urbanization in Chengdu, China." Zeuthen, J. W., 2018, *Land Use Policy*. 79, p. 942-951.
- "Chinese Mining in Greenland: Arctic Access or Access to Minerals?" Andersson, P., Zeuthen, J. W. & Kalvig, P., 2018, *Arctic Yearbook*. 2018, 15 pages.
- "China seeking Arctic Resources - The Arctic seeking resources in China." Bislev, A. K., Gad, U. P. & Zeuthen, J. W. 2018, *Arctic Yearbook*. 2018, 4 pages.
- "Part of the Master Plan? Chinese Investment in Rare Earth Mining in Greenland." Zeuthen, J. W., 2017, *Arctic Yearbook*. 2017, 14 pages.
- "Promises of Hope or Threats of Domination: Chinese mining in Greenland." Zeuthen, J. W. & Raftopoulos, M., 2018, *The Extractive Industries and Society*. 5, 1, p. 122-130.
- "Bittersweet China: New discourses of hardship and social organization." Griffiths, M. B. & Zeuthen, J. W., 2014, *Journal of Current Chinese Affairs*. 43, 4, p. 143-174.
- "Rule through Difference on China's Urban-Rural Boundary." Zeuthen, J. W., 2012, *Third World Quarterly*, 33, 4: p. 685-700.
- "Land, by og social harmoni i Kina" Zeuthen, J. W., 2011, *Samfundsøkonomen*. 5, p. 25-30.
- Book Chapters
- "How China Left Greenland: Mutually Reinforcing Securitization Policies and Chinese Mining Plans in Greenland", Andersson, P. S. & Zeuthen, J. W., 2024, in *Greenland in Arctic Security : (De)securitization Dynamics under Climatic Thaw and Geopolitical Freeze*. Jacobsen, M., Wæver, O. & Gad, U. P. (ed.). University of Michigan Press, (Configurations: Critical Studies of World Politics), p. 175-195.
- "From Peasants to Social Assistance Recipients? Semi-forced Urbanization in China." Zeuthen, J. W., 2020, in *Social Welfare in India and China: A comparative perspective*. Gao, J., Baikady, R., Govindappa, L. & Cheng, S-L. (ed.). Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, p. 417-434.
- "The end of Urban-Rural Differentiation in China? Hukou and resettlement in Chengdu's Urban-Rural Integration." Zeuthen, J. W. & Griffiths, M. B., 2011, in *Politics and Markets in Rural China*, Alpermann, B. (ed.). London: Routledge, p. 218-232