WS22 – Jeunes

Session 1

The Chinese vision

- Migration and mobility : Migration from rural area to urban in China. Problems for visa and permits.
- Economic concerns : Unemployment concerns for graduates and survival for rural migrants. Corruption and the perspective of the free market. Impact of corruption on the perception young people have of society.
- Communication : International cooperation between China and the rest of the world. New technology changes the way to communicate.
- Identity : Generation gap in terms of “traditional” and “modern” values. Urban lifestyle attracts rural migrants. Rejection of tradition and religion from young Chinese.
- Civil society (NGOs) is developing in different ways which is producing tensions and opportunities.

The European questions addressed to Chinese

- Political weight of 200 millions migrants?
- Reasons for migration?
- Policies for education?
- Opportunities and social sources support for Chinese students?
- Challenges for Chinese NGOs? How to find money/to operate?

Session 2

The European vision

- Young people show little civic involvement, for many reasons: disappointment, lack of interest, not a priority, et cetera.
- The job market does not offer many youth employment opportunities.
- Young people emigrate to fulfill their dreams.
- There is a large gap between the most educated young people and the most disadvantaged.
- Young people play an important role in crackdowns on multiculturalism in European societies.

The Chinese questions addressed to Europeans

- Attitude of Europeans towards religion?
- Is there pressure on young people?
- Opinion of young Europeans regarding the United States ?
- Are there values specific to European youth?
- What viewpoint regarding diversity?
- How is History taught in Europe?
- Main reasons for the rise of extremism?

Session 3

The convergences between the European and Chinese society

- Necessity to protect diversity and environment : harmony between mankind and nature
- Values or lack of in contemporary society
- Inequality and social divides between rich and poor
- Urbanization as future for economic opportunities.
- Individualization of society
- Pressure of society on personal ambition

The divergences between the European and Chinese society

- Relation to population density and space
- Other topics have been discussed but no further agreement has been reached : differences of opinion emerged at individual level

Session 4