

# Chinese Traders in Dakar, Senegal: Clarifying Patterns and Issues of Globalization

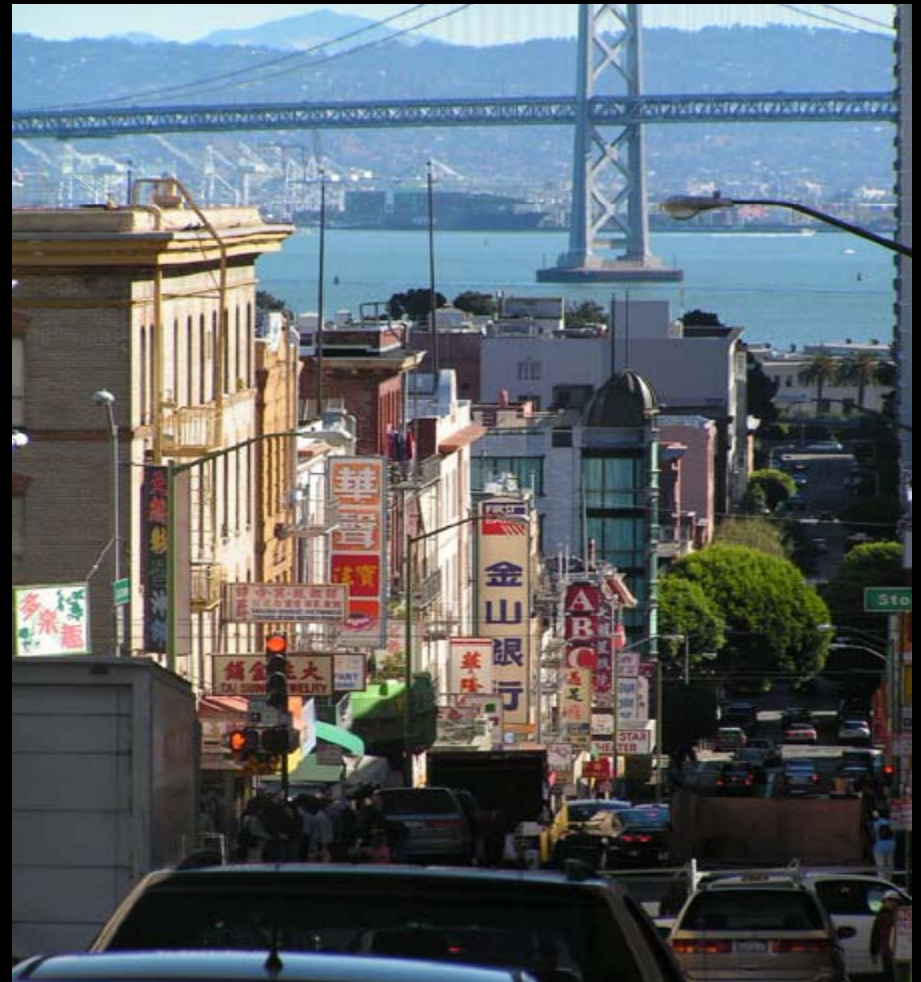


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# Stereotype: Chinese Migrant

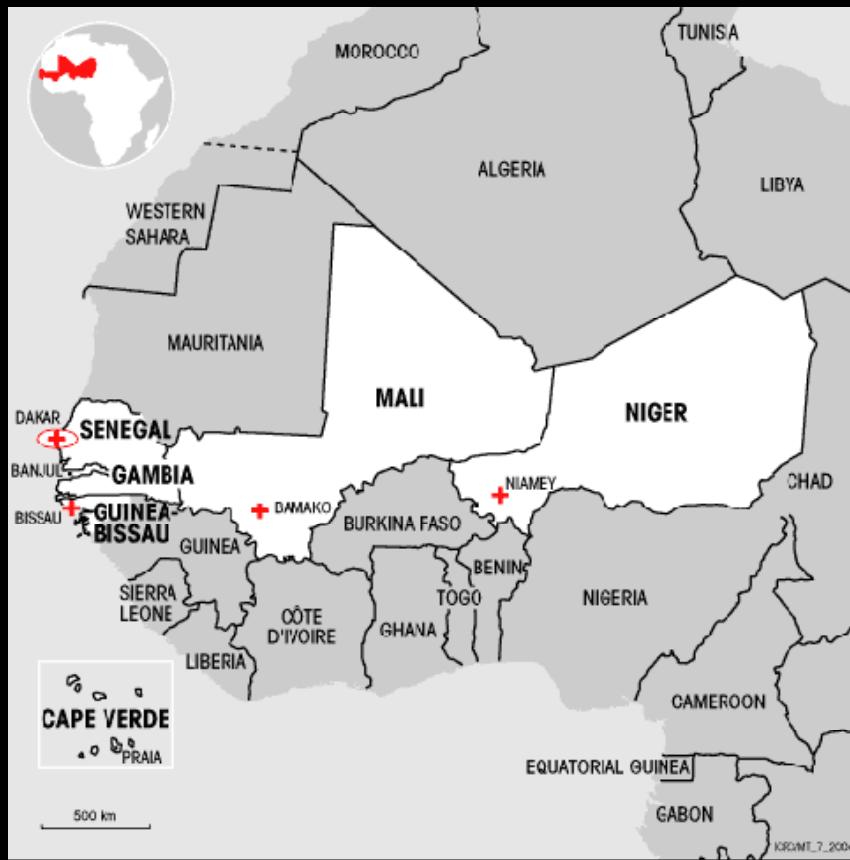


# Belief About Migration: The Move to a Stronger Economy



# Why migrate to Dakar?





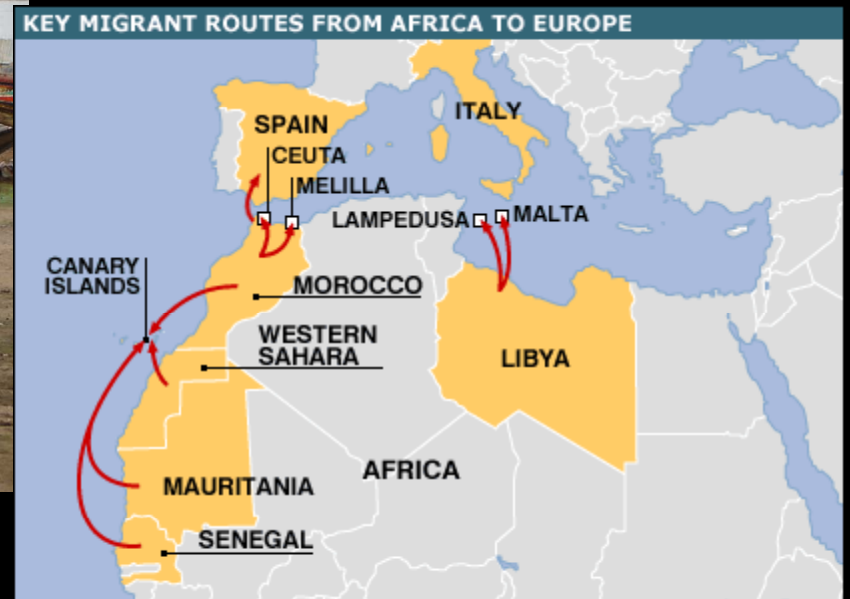
 1989 regional delegation
  1989 office







# “Barça ba mbarza” (Barcelona or “Paradise”)



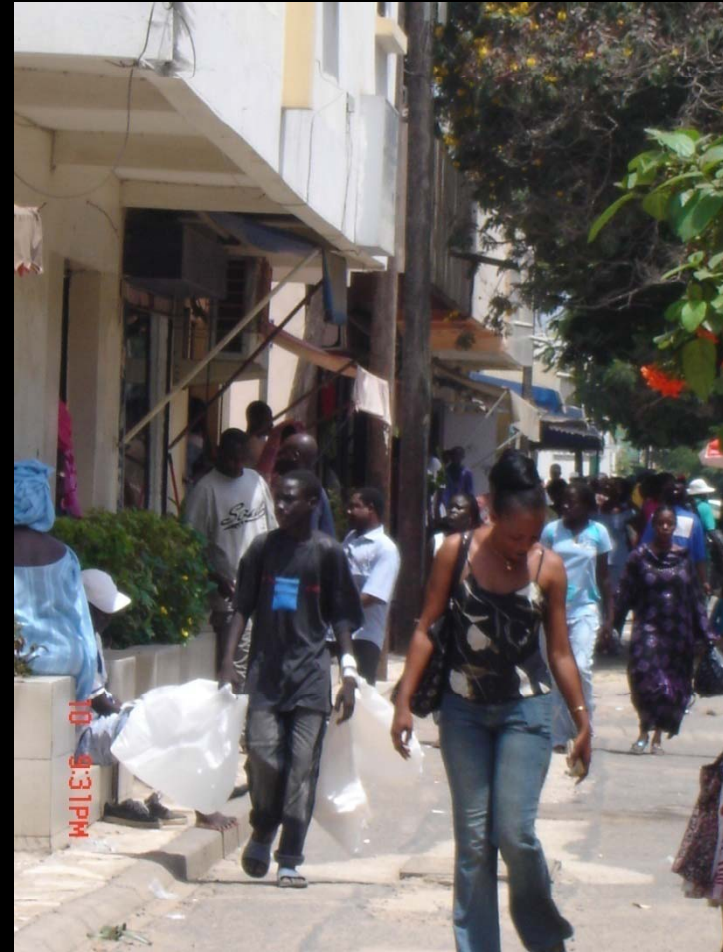
# Who, What, Where, When?

- Zhejiang Province
  - Epicenter of capitalist development in China
- 2000-2005: ~200 households
- small-scale merchants of Chinese imports





# Chinatown: “Les Allées du Centenaire”



# Commodity Outlet for Chinese Goods



# Responses to Chinese traders



Momar Ndao, leader of ASCOSEN  
(Consumer Protection Association)  
getting arrested at a protest

# Government Ambivalence



- Door open for capital-intensive investments



- Blind eye to regulate informal economy

# Conclusions



- “Redefines” → → clarifies patterns of globalization
  - Labor vs. trader migration

# Shaping the African City, An Important Node of Globalization

- “Northern” versus “Southern” forces
- Reshaping built environment (e.g. “Chinatown”)
- Informal economy and conflicts within



# Morality of Globalization

- What are the ethics of selling “cheap” goods?
- What are the ethics of encouraging a “consumer culture” in a developing economy?
- What are the ethics of selling cheap goods and encouraging a consumer culture when one is poor?



The End and Thank  
You Very Much!

