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# **The Chinese Diaspora**

#### Causes

* Emigration began in the 10th century with the expansion of maritime trade
	+ During colonialism → emigration to Singapore + Mauritius
* Increased with the opening up of China in 1978 (→ migration for business reasons)
* Further fueled globalization
* Chinese government attempts to increase influence with infrastructure projects → simultaneous emigration to the specified area, e.g. Sri Lanka + many countries in Africa (Morocco?)

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* 40 million people of Chinese origin are expected to live outside China
* Largest communities: Southeast Asia: 7 million in Thailand, 6.6 million in Hong Kong, 6.4 million in Malaysia and 2.8 million in Singapore; western nations: 3.5 million in the US and 1.35 million in Canada

#### Effects

* Chinatown exists in many, especially western, cities → contributes to *homogenization* of cities
* Significant economic power of the Chinese diaspora through
1. Remittances
2. Financial power invested in host countries
* Chinatowns
	+ show the assimilation of Chinese (+ their culture) into the societies of host nations
	+ are an important part of Chinese culture + identity
* Chinese investment (abroad) increased in recent years → this has fueled interest for Chinese culture + Mandarin

##### Figures:

* + In 2010, 750 000 took the Chinese language proficiency test, compared to 117,660 in 2005; an increase of 26.52%
	+ England, Wales and Northern Ireland: from 2000-2004 the number of students taking A level exams in Chinese increased by 57%
	+ US: 51,582 students study Chinese at college, three times higher than in 1986
	+ Many Uzbeks learn Chinese → economic opportunities, esp. due to the planned railway from Xinjiang through Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan

# **The Irish Diaspora**

#### Causes

* Mass emigration from Ireland in the 19th and 20th century
* Poor economic situation (instability)

#### Facts

* Located in North America (US + Canada), Australia, New Zealand and continental Europe
* Major fluctuations of migrant flows since the 1980’s

1980’s → less going emigrating to Britain

→ More emigrating to other EU nations

→ High rates of return, overall fall in # of emigrants

* Fall of birth rates in the 1980’s + improved economic situation → large scale emigration has ceded (18,000 Irish leave each year, yet many will eventually return [*circular migration*])

#### Figures

* Irish population: 5 million
* 80 million people claim Irish ancestry worldwide (>15x Ireland’s population)

##### irish diaspora in Britain

* 75% of Irish-born people living abroad live in the UK
* 1.7 million living in Britain were born to Irish parents + the third-generation Irish community encompasses 6 million people

##### irish diaspora in the US

* 30 million claim Irish ancestry (= 10.8% of the US population)
* 156,000 Irish-born live in the US
* US states with the largest Irish population → California, New York + Pennsylvania

#### Effects

**+** Remittances

**–** Brain-drain → out-migration of talented youth

### Diffusion of culture

* St. Patrick day parades in US cities, e.g. Chicago, New York + Savannah, Georgia
* Sport (hurling + Gaelic football)
* Traditional Irish music + dance
* Guinness (beer)