Record Nr. UNINA9910574093003321 Autore Tong Peiru Titolo Learning Chinese in a Multilingual Space : An Ecological Perspective on Studying Abroad / / by Peiru Tong, Linda Tsung Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2022 **ISBN** 3-031-00307-1 Edizione [1st ed. 2022.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (269 p.) Collana Multilingual Education, , 2213-3216;; 41 Disciplina 495.10071 Soggetti Foreign study Multilingualism Educational sociology Language and languages - Study and teaching Studying Abroad Sociology of Education Language Education Xinès Ensenyament de la llengua Ensenyament multilingüe Llibres electrònics Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1. Introduction -- Chapter 2. Settings and Interaction Opportunities in the SA Program -- Chapter 3. Language Affordances and Emergence: Authentic Language Use in the SA Program -- Chapter 4. The Cultural, Intercultural and Symbolic Dimensions of SA --Chapter 5. The Influence of Identity and Self-Concept on Personalised Trajectories of SA -- Chapter 6. An Ecological Approach to SA: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives. Sommario/riassunto This book examines the benefits of an Australian in-country study (ICS) in China programme and explores ways to maximise the short-term ICS

experience in a multilingual space. The book employs an ecological perspective which has seldom been used to examine the study abroad

context. It emphasises the importance of the space itself as an arena of interaction, belonging and power, where conduct and modes of communication are often regulated by political authorities and societal expectations. Specifically, the book focuses on the following: • the extent to which the ICS facilitated interaction in different settings • the way in which interaction during ICS contributed to language learning • the degree in which the interaction during ICS contributed to culture learning and • the role of identity in the learning process in the ICS. The main argument of the book is that while the ICS promoted multilingual learning space for in-class and out-of-class interactions, which further facilitated language and culture learning to a great extent, Australian students' identities and self-concepts also played a core mediating role throughout individual learning trajectories.