

Foreword

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- The Glysi (Groupe Lyonnais de Sociologie Industrielle/Lyon Group of Industrial Sociology, which became MODYS: Mondes et Dynamiques des Sociétés/Worlds and Dynamics of Societies) of the ISH (Institut des Sciences de l’Homme/Institute of Social Sciences, Lyon), attached to the Lumière Lyon 2 University,
- and the IAO (Institut d’Asie Orientale/Institute of East Asian Studies), of the ENS LSH (Ecole Normale Supérieure Lettres et Sciences Humaines à Lyon), also attached to the Lumière Lyon 2 University.

The research which involved some 20 researchers and PhD students during four years, has led to surveys in China, Japan, Vietnam and Thailand. This work is the result of an international workshop held in Lyon at the end of 2006 entitled ‘Industrial clusters in Asia’.