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Employment or Modern Slavery?

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Abstract

Exploring perspectives on labour relations in Chinese small sized businesses and the impact of labour exploitation and human trafficking policies in the Netherlands and Romania

What's on the menu?

This poster was presented in January 2015 during the annual PhD poster competition of the Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands. In this annual presentation PhD candidates of the Erasmus School of Law are asked to present their research project in a conference poster format to their colleagues of the Faculty. For my poster I however choose to approach this task in a less conventional way. The format of the poster is not according to the classical standards of a conference poster. There is for example too much text and little use of models and figures. The aim was however to have the poster resemble a Chinese restaurant menu in the Netherlands of the 80's, which is current day often still in use by Dutch Chinese restaurants. In picture A you find two existing examples of Dutch Chinese menu's. Next to having the poster hanging, I also had the poster printed and folded like a take away menu. You find photographed samples in picture B. The aim of the format of the poster was to confront people with the fact that the research that I am conducting is not a far from their bed show. That labor relations and conditions in Chinese restaurants are also influenced by consumers who purchase (cheap) food. With this poster I aimed to address this issue by drawing from something conventional as a menu card and add to it an extra layer of meaning by presenting my research project in it which addresses harsh labour relations and conditions. To address this issue the poster however exaggerates a bit on the offered prices for its 'products' and 'food menu's'. During the poster presentation event I would offer the spectators this 'menu'. When receiving the menu, many spectators were first confused about the hand-out's format. Some people would think it was a Chinese menu card. Especially older native Dutch spectators who are more accustomed to these type of Chinese menu cards seemed surprised.

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Secondly, I also received remarks related to people’s confrontation with the subject of labour relations and conditions in Chinese restaurants and their role as consumers purchasing low priced foods. Some example reactions were: ‘ah, I never thought about take-out Chinese in this way’ or ‘perhaps in the future I should have more attention for the prices of the food I pay for’. For this poster I received an honorable mentioning from the jury for the conference poster with the best concept.

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SOEPEN

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2. Kippensoep..... € 2,60
3. Champignonsoep..... € 3,00
4. Haaisvinnensoep..... € 2,60
5. Kerriesoep..... € 3,00
6. Tong Ah Soep..... € 3,80
soep met garnalen en chinese champignons
7. Sun La Tong..... € 3,80
gebonden zure en pittige soep met peper, kippenvlees en groenten
8. Wantan Soep..... € 4,00
geurige bouillon met kippenvlees omwikkeld in een speciale deeg
9. Groentensoep..... € 3,00
vegetarische soep met groenten

VOOR- EN BIJGERECHTEN

10. Loempia..... € 3,30
- 10a. Loempia van het huis..... € 5,70
11. Tsun Kun, 3 kleine lenteloenpijltjes..... € 2,90
12. Pangst Goreng..... € 3,90
fijngesneden kippenvlees in een gefrituurd deeg
13. Pisang Goreng..... € 3,20
gebakken banaan, 6 stuks
14. Kroepoek..... € 2,10
15. Cassave Kroepoek..... € 2,70
16. Sate Ayam, kipfilet 4 stukjes met pindasaus..... € 4,60
17. Sate Oedang, garnalen 3 stukjes met pindasaus..... € 8,30
- 17a. Gebraden halve kip met pikante saus..... € 4,20
- 17b. Sausen (pikante, pinda of zoetzure saus)..... € 1,90
- 17c. Witte rijst..... € 2,30

EIERGERECHTEN

18. Foe Yong Hai met varkensvlees..... € 8,20
19. Foe Yong Hai met kipfilet en knapperig gebraden kip erbovenop..... € 9,40
20. Foe Yong Hai met Chinese garnalen..... € 12,30
21. Foe Yong Hai met kreeft..... € 12,30

GROENTENMIX GERECHTEN

22. Tjap Tjoi met varkenshaas..... € 8,50
23. Tjap Tjoi met kipfilet en knapperig gebraden kip erbovenop..... € 9,90
24. Tjap Tjoi met gesneden ossenhaas..... € 12,30
25. Tjap Tjoi met Chinese garnalen..... € 13,10

TOFU GERECHTEN

27. Ma Po Tofu..... € 12,30
Tofu blokjes met fijngesneden varkensvlees en groenten in Ma Po Saus
28. Ka Hong Tofu..... € 11,00
gebakken Tofu met varkenshaas, Chinese champignons en groenten
29. Tofu in sambalsaus..... € 10,50
Gebakken Tofu met varkenshaas en groenten

CHINESE MIX SCHOTELS

30. Hao You San Xin..... € 14,40
kip, garnalen en ossenhaas in oestersaus
31. Tofu Bao..... € 13,30
Tofu, kip, garnalen en Cha Siew
32. Tjap Ap Bao..... € 14,40
for nam, Cha Siew en Peking eend met pikante saus
33. Pi Kam Sam Xin..... € 14,40
Chinese garnalen, kip, ossenhaas, varkenshaas met pikante tomatensaus

OSSENHAASGERECHTEN

34. Shanghai Paksoi..... € 15,30
gesneden ossenhaas met Chinese groenten
35. Po Lo Ngau..... € 15,30
gesneden ossenhaas met ananas in zoetzure saus
36. Kun Chong Ngau..... € 15,30
gesneden ossenhaas met verse gember en lente-uitjes
37. Tauti Ngau..... € 15,30
gesneden ossenhaas met zwarte sojabonensaus
38. Yeng Chong Ngau..... € 15,30
gesneden ossenhaas met uien en verse tomaat
39. Ton Ko Ngau..... € 15,30
gesneden ossenhaas met Chinese champignons
40. Ossenhaas met champignons..... € 15,30
41. Ossenhaas met kerriesaus..... € 15,30
- 41a. Hui Kuo Ngau..... € 15,50
gesneden ossenhaas in Si-chuan (pittige) saus

VARKENSHAASGERECHTEN

42. Cha Siew..... € 13,60
in honing gemarineerde varkenshaas
43. For Nam..... € 13,60
geroosterd speenvarken met pikante saus
44. Lychee Yuk..... € 12,80
varkenshaas met lychees in zoetzure saus
45. Yu Siang Lo Shi..... € 13,80
fijn gesneden varkenshaas met een pittig gekruide saus
46. Kei Lan Yuk..... € 12,00
varkenshaas met broccoli
47. Hui Kuo Lo Shi..... € 13,80
fijn gesneden varkenshaas met pittige Si-chuan saus
48. Ton Ko Yuk..... € 13,60
gesneden varkenshaas met Chinese champignons
49. Ku Lo Yuk..... € 11,30
gepaneerde varkenshaas met vruchten en zoetzure saus
- 49a. Ku Lo Yuk..... € 11,30
gepaneerde vleesballetjes met zoetzure saus
50. Gesneden varkenshaas met kerriesaus..... € 11,00
52. Gesneden varkenshaas met champignons..... € 11,00
53. Gesneden varkenshaas met Roedjaksaus..... € 11,00

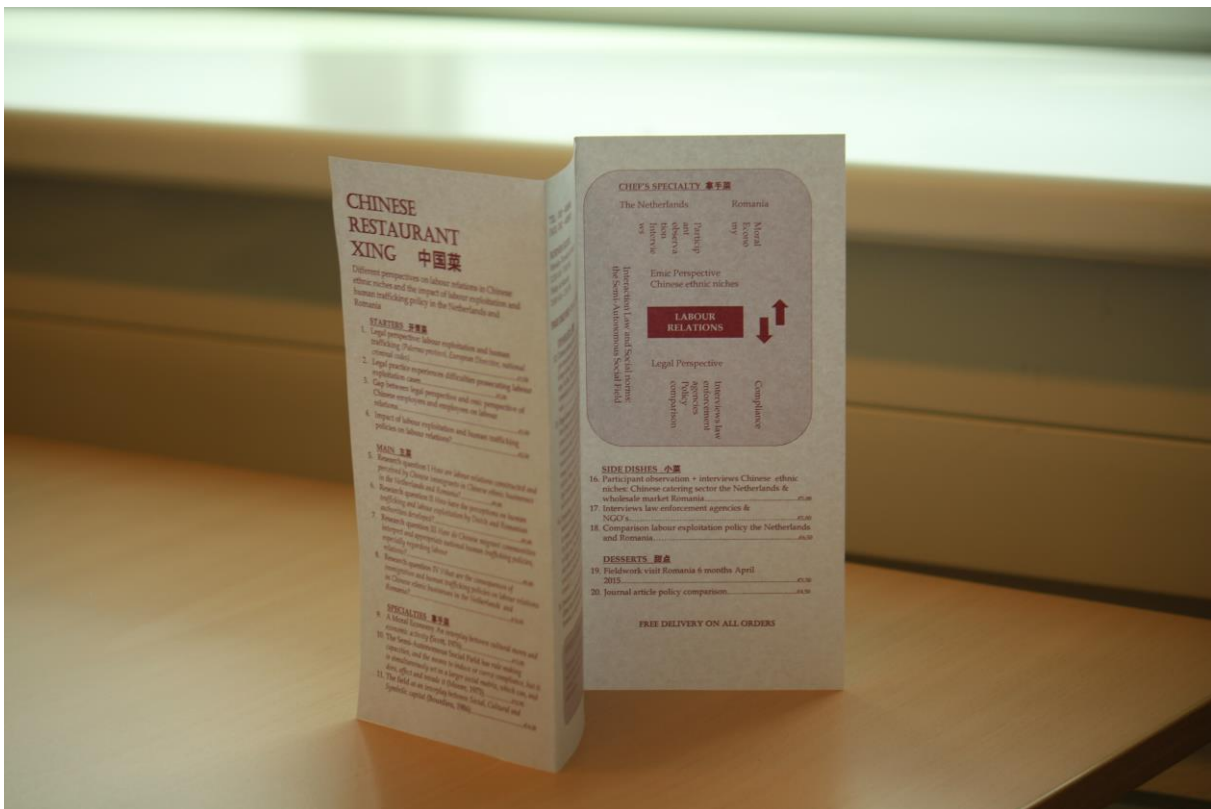
54. Babi Pangang in pikante saus..... € 11,00

- 54a. Babi Pangang in pikante saus met ananas..... € 11,00
55. Babi Pangang in kerriesaus..... € 11,00
56. Babi Pangang in ketjapsaus..... € 11,00
57. Babi Pangang in pindasaus..... € 11,00
58. Babi Pangang in Roedjaksaus..... € 11,30
Indisch gekruide saus

KIPGERECHTEN

59. Dan Zhi Kai..... € 12,30
licht gepaneerde kipfilet met zoetzure saus
60. Gon Bao Kai..... € 12,50
gesn. kipfilet met cashewnoten in pittige saus
61. Ton Ko Kai..... € 12,50
gesn. kipfilet met Chinese champignons
62. Iausi Kai..... € 12,00
gesneden kipfilet met zwarte sojabonensaus
63. Gesneden kipfilet met kerriesaus..... € 12,00
64. Gesneden kipfilet met champignons..... € 12,00
- 64a. Jiao van Kai..... € 12,30
kipfilet gekruid met knoflook en peper
- 64b. Po Lo Kai..... € 12,00
gesneden kipfilet met ananas en zoetzure saus
- 64c. Ku Lo Kai..... € 12,00
Kippenballetjes met zoetzure saus

Picture A.



Picture B.

CHINESE RESTAURANT XING 中国菜

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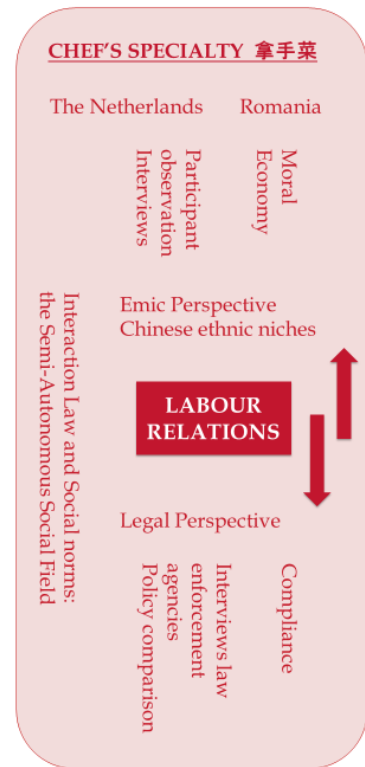
DINNER SETS 套餐

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