

Project Title: Social Resources and Mobility of Chinese Immigrants in Hong Kong:  
A Pilot Study

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Description:

Scattered studies show that mainland immigrants generally occupy disadvantaged socioeconomic positions in comparison with local-born Hong Kong Chinese. A cycle of disadvantages has also been hypothesized. However, the extent of generational perpetuation of disadvantages and the factors that differentiate more successful immigrants from others remain unclear. To fill this research gap, the present study explores the factors that have influenced the mobility process of mainland immigrants, with focus on the utilization of social resources. Statistics are used to provide a socioeconomic profile of the immigrants. In-depth interviews and home visits are conducted to uncover how mainland immigrants mobilize social resources in Hong Kong.