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Title of workshop: Migration and settlement issues of the post-1990s Mainland Chinese immigrants in Canada

Format of Workshop: Presentations

Theme: Welcome Communities

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Summary:

This workshop explores the experiences and policy challenges of migration and settlement amongst post-1990s Mainland Chinese immigrants in Canada. We will consider their settlement experiences alongside patterns of return migration to China, its outcomes, and the overall implications for immigration and integration policy in Canada.

Anstract

This workshop considers the experiences and policy challenges of migration and settlement amongst Mainland Chinese immigrants in Canada. This group of Mainland Chinese immigrants arriving in the post-1990s period (compared to historical waves of Chinese immigration) comprise a substantive volume of contemporary immigration to Canada. However, they face distinct difficulties settling and integrating into Canada due to factors such as language and cultural differences as well as employment barriers. While some of these migrants gradually overcome those obstacles and form new social networks to settle into Canadian society, others choose to return to China instead. The presentations in this workshop will consider the settlement experiences of Mainland Chinese immigrants in Canada alongside patterns of return migration to China, its outcomes, and the overall implications of these processes for immigration and integration policy in Canada.