



Stuck in the suburbs? Socio-spatial exclusion of migrants in Shanghai

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Migrants' residential location plays a critical role in their social integration processes. In China, large numbers of migrants are coming to major cities due to the opportunities they offer, and most of them settle in the disadvantaged urban periphery. By examining the place effects of suburban residence on the incorporation of migrants into cities, this presentation contributes to the literature on understanding the socio-spatial exclusion of migrants. Drawing on a survey undertaken in Shanghai, it finds that, after controlling for the effects of individual characteristics, migrants living in the suburbs not only earn less than their counterparts in the central city but are also less likely to construct inter-group and diverse social ties to aid future prospects. To make matters worse, they are likely to be trapped in the suburbs with little chance of moving to more central locations where there are more resources.