Identity, Race and Immigration Approval in China

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Abstract
Facing the decline of population and engagement of the international community, a growing number of foreigners choose to stay in China for life and work as immigrants. However, we have limited understanding on how Chinese citizens perceive the inflowing immigrants. This talk introduces several studies conducted in recent years, focusing on explaining the Chinese citizens’ approval and opposition to immigrants. It further discusses racial consciousness as one important factor, and how racial consciousness is constructed via by media.

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