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Community service use by the elderly under the context of welfare socialization in China

- case study in Guangzhou and Zhongshan

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Ageing is one of the most pressing problems around the world, especially in the context of urbanization and industrialization. In China, the issue of ageing is particularly complex as the state’s ‘One Child’ policy, increased life expectancy, the weakened role of family care and limited formal care provision all interact with each other to exacerbate the problem. Since the 1980s, the government has highlighted the importance of the community in providing care services for the elderly in urban China. In line with this position local governments have, especially since the 1990’s, applied the ideology of welfare socialization to the service provision system by introducing multiple service agencies from the market and the third sector. In the context of the emergence of community care provision in urban China, this research explores what factors influence old people’s decision to utilize community-based services in the process of welfare socialization in urban China.

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