



**“Migration in China and Asia: Experience and Policy”  
A seminar of the International Metropolis Project in China**

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**Conference Abstract**

There have been relatively few efforts to draw together the complicated threads of migration that exist in China and elsewhere in Asia. Asia’s experience with migration is vital to the future of the region. Migration in Asia also provides a vital theoretical corrective to a mass of migration research that tends to present generalized global overviews or is over-weighted towards North America and Western Europe. By comparison, Asian migration provides new and valuable insights on labor migration (especially the sheer range of border crossings and policy responses); international marriages (a crucial component of migration in many parts of Asia); education (especially the explicitly multilingual character of many internationalized Asian universities); the co-existence of comparatively balanced amounts of emigration and immigration in some Asian countries; and the degree to which immigration is often explicitly part of both short- and long-range planning in the areas of population growth, family policy, education, and economic development.

**Call for papers**

If you wish to attend this conference, please contact the organizers listed below by Feb.28, 2010, indicating your preferred panel and the title of your paper. We also require a 250 word abstract of your paper by March 31, 2010. If you have full paper, would you please send it before April 30, 2010. We will edit and print a proceedings of this conference.

The panels that will define the conference programme are the following:

**Panel 1:** Migration Trends and Migration Policy in China and Asia (Labor, Business, Marriage, and Education)

**Panel 2:** Return Migration: New Developments, New Responses

**Panel 3:** Migrants’ Ethnic Cultures and Ethnic Enterprise Development

**Panel 4:** Skilled and Unskilled Migration: Experience and Policy

**Panel 5:** International Education

**Panel 6:** Inter-ethnic, International Marriage

**Panel 7:** Chinese Overseas: the Chinese Diaspora

**Panel 8:** Multi-ethnic Society, Identity and Social Cohesion

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