

## The Research Pillar on Internal Migration and Urbanization

The Research Pillar on Internal Migration and Urbanization conducts research under two themes: the mobility transition, which is related to the changing patterns and spatial impacts of population mobility; and the settlement transition, which is related to the changing levels and forms of population concentration in human settlements. Geographically, our research is concentrated in Asia, especially China, and international comparison is one of our main research approaches. The identification of these research themes, areas and approaches is based mainly on two observations. First, massive internal migration and rapid urbanization have been important characteristics of recent socioeconomic development in many Asian countries. Second, the intensity of internal migration and the degree of urbanization are very uneven among these countries. These facts make Asia an ideal setting for the comparative exploration of mobility and settlement transitions in developing countries.

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### Ongoing projects:

- 2020–2023: ‘A study on the temporal and spatial processes and their mechanisms of inter- and intra-urban migration in the late-intermediate period of urbanization’ funded by NSFC of China
- 2020–2023: ‘A study on the floating population’s residential mobility and spatial integration in large cities’ funded by NSFC of China
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