

Immigration and Transformation of Chinese America

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Since the US immigration policy reform in 1965, Chinese America has been drastically transformed from a diasporic community to an ethnic community with tremendous intra-group diversity in origins, socioeconomic backgrounds, patterns of residential settlement, ethnic formation, and social mobility. This lecture focuses on analyzing how international migration and social change in both sending and receiving societies affect the demographics, ethnic community development, social integration, and sense of belonging among Americans of Chinese descent.



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