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Staying or Leaving: South Asian Young People's Aspirations, Opportunities and Barriers in Hong Kong

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In 2020, Hong Kong experienced negative population growth due to low fertility rates and longer life expectancy, a trend seen in other Asian regions. With 19.6% of the population being elderly, Hong Kong has become an aging society, affecting dependency ratios, the labor force, pensions, housing, technology, and healthcare. Increasing fertility is crucial to address population aging, but the extremely low fertility rate in Hong Kong poses a challenge.

While attracting skilled immigrants to give birth in Hong Kong is seen as a solution, an alternative could involve tapping into the well-established South Asian communities in Hong Kong, which currently make up approximately 1.4% of the total population of 7.4 million. These communities include many young individuals of South Asian descent who were born and raised in Hong Kong, spanning multiple generations. These individuals are Hong Kong citizens and possess core citizenship. Amidst a new wave of outmigration in Hong Kong, considerable focus in mass media and academia has been placed on documenting the experiences of Chinese Hong Kongers. However, little attention has been given to the city's South Asian population. In this seminar, Prof. Kwok will present findings from two studies that specifically examine the social participation, aspirations, and considerations of young South Asians in terms of staying or leaving the city. Drawing upon the exit, voice, and loyalty model (Hirschman, 1970), Prof. Kwok will discuss the factors that contribute to and hinder the sense of loyalty towards Hong Kong, as well as the opportunities for these young individuals to voice their concerns. In terms of policy implications, it is crucial not only to reduce the barriers faced by South Asian youth but also to recognize their aspirations and valuable contributions to Hong Kong society, rather than neglecting their potential talents, which exerts far-reaching implications on population aging.



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Kim Kwok is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at City University of Hong Kong. She specializes in social work, ethnic studies, and migration studies, having earned her PhD from the University of Vienna. Her research focuses on marginalized populations in contemporary multicultural societies, including migrants, individuals with diverse sexual and gender identities, and children with special needs.

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