Return Migration from Canada to Hong Kong

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Abstract

The author discusses return migration from Canada to Hong Kong, evaluating how much suggested theoretical perspectives in the literature help to explain the situation. The discussion suggests that many factors are involved in the return migration patterns from Canada to Hong Kong. No single theoretical perspective provides a full explanation of the pattern. Implications are discussed.

Since the 1970s, two trends have significantly altered the nature of immigration to Canada. First, there has been a dramatic increase of immigrants from visible minority populations. These immigrants have come mainly from non-European countries. Second, due to advances in communication technologies, there have been increases in the intensity and frequency of transnational contact between immigrants in Canada and their friends and relatives in their countries of origin. These trends, along with strong economic development in some Asian countries, have led to the rapid growth of return migration from Canada to Asia in the...