



Lecture on

“Intergenerational Educational Mobility in Hong Kong: Are Immigrants More Mobile Than Natives?”

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Abstract:

Intergenerational educational mobility is characterized in two ways, the percentage of children who have more schooling than their parents, and the relative probability of the children attending university across their parents' schooling levels. We find that from 1991 to 2011, following a major expansion in higher education in Hong Kong, there has been considerable intergenerational educational mobility. Immigrant children are very upward mobile; their percentage of upward mobility has caught up with that of the children of the Hong Kong born parents. Hong Kong born children of immigrant parents, the second generation immigrants, are also more mobile than the children of Hong Kong born parents. In terms of access to university education, there is also considerable intergenerational educational mobility. Even though children from better educated families continue to have higher probability of university attendance than children from less educated families, immigrant children again have higher mobility than Hong Kong born children.

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