

Global Cities and Migration: An alternative research and policy agenda for Australian cities

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Abstract

Existing research and analysis into the global cities phenomena has focused on measurements of economic globalisation, such as the internationalisation of capital and finance. Using such economic measures as criteria for global cities is one dimensional, and fails to capture the multiple complexities and social dimensions in the relationships between globalisation and cities.

This study argues that migration should be seen as an equally central component of globalisation as trade and finance. People flows are fundamental to creating a global economy, and the interplay among migration, capital, trade, and knowledge-sharing is essential to understanding the way globalisation affects cities.

Using Sydney as a case study, this study integrates the discourses of global cities and migration, and proposes an alternative research and policy agenda for Australian cities. It advances relevant debates along two strands:

- Moving from an economic dimension (Advanced Producer Services) to a social dimension (movement of people), to capture globalisation and cities; and
- Moving from a nation-state based approach to a city-based approach, to capture the new dynamics associated with people movement.

Investigation of these two strands will draw implications for Australian immigration strategy and urban policy.

This is the first of a series of presentations from the project *Social Transformations, Migration and Global Cities*, a collaborative research between the University of Canberra and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Presenter Details

Dr Richard Hu is a lecturer and course convenor of the University of Canberra's Urban and Regional Planning program, and head of the ANZSOG Institute's Globalisation and Cities Research Program. Dr Hu's research interests include urban competitiveness, global cities, and comparative urban studies. Dr Hu is a member of the Planning Institute of Australia and its certified planner (CPP), and a member of the American Planning Association and its certified planner (AICP).

Dr Hu also has cross-national academic and professional experiences in Australia, China and America through his various research and consulting projects.

These seminars are free to attend and no registration is required.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start.

