

STUDY ON STRUCTURAL DILEMMA AND COMPLEX LOGIC OF URBAN MIGRANTS' INTEGRATION IN CHINA- BASED ON CHINA MIGRANTS DYNAMIC SURVEY

Urban migrants¹ in China face various integration challenges due to the excessive speed urbanization and unique *hukou* system, which is a special population registration and an identity document that distinguishes individuals as “urban *hukou*” or “rural *hukou*” based on their family’s work and birthplace. As urban migrants encounter a Structural Dilemma during the integration process, leading to higher social risk, which makes Complex Logic more obvious, this project aims to use Machine Learning Methods, Decision Methods and Statistical Methods to achieve the following goals: 1) Find structural dilemmas that urban migrants face in terms of integration; 2) The complex logic of urban migrants’ integration; 3) The factors affecting urban migrants’ integration and the relationship between the structural dilemma and the complex logic of integration; 4) The ways that structural dilemmas and the complex logic of integration can be improved. To fill the literature gaps, this project will construct a complete theoretical framework. For instance, conceptualize and operationalize the structural dilemma from a policy angle, establish a policy evaluation system and construct the complex logic research system from risk society theory. Meanwhile, the empirical evaluation of integration as multidimensional is in development, so the work in this project like using machine learning, coupling coordination degree model and so on would contribute to the further development of work in this area. Furthermore, it will make an important contribution to evaluate existing policies and to find new solutions about urban migrants’ integration as well as superdiversity in China.

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¹ In this thesis, “urban migrants” are all referred to internal migrants whose destinations are urban and *hukou* does not belong to their current working place.