

Abstract of Doctoral Thesis

An Analysis of Korean-Chinese Communities in Non-Traditional Residential Areas in China: On the Interdependence between Social and Economic Factors

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This thesis investigates the mechanisms behind the construction of Korean-Chinese communities in non-traditional residential areas (NTRAs) in China by investigating the three NTRAs of Shenzhen, Qingdao and Yanjiao, as well as the traditional residential area (TRA) of Ha'erbin. The communities in these regions are examined along the following three analytical lines: Internal factors within the Korean-Chinese communities; external influence from Chinese policies; and the external impact from abroad, particularly from South Korea. Previous scholarship on this matter is overly myopic and neglects the link between economic and certain social variables.

From a methodological point of view, the interdependence between social and economic factors within these case studies is analyzed by means of three theories, namely Primordialism, the Instrumentalist Theory and Ethno-symbolism. Moreover, the method of Multi-sited Ethnography is applied in this research. The data collection of this dissertation focuses 1) on economic resources as complements to social capital and 2) on the thereby created social resources.

The conclusion of this research can be summarized into two main parts: First, the Korean-Chinese communities in the NTRAs were established through the interaction of social and economic factors. The second part would be that within the NTRAs, there is a considerable diversity among the Korean-Chinese communities. While the Korean-Chinese community in Shenzhen is keen on the creation of economic resources, the Korean-Chinese community in Yanjiao has strong connection with its Chinese government. In Qingdao on the other hand, social resources are created due to strong cooperation between its Korean-Chinese community and foreign countries.