

Overseas Chinese and the Emigrant Community's Local Document

Collection: A Discussion

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The trans-national survival condition of Overseas Chinese is a product of the particular historical circumstance. It is also a unique survive strategies and living style. The international and globalization theory can not be applied to explain such phenomena. There should be greater emphasis on the inner connection between Overseas Chinese and emigrant community, pay attention to the interactive relationship among the special group and concrete survival environment especially the multi-level special connection form of the social-cultural network in order to deepen the trans-national survival condition of Overseas Chinese. Thereby, we can examine the survival environment of Overseas Chinese through analyzing the family structure, living model and social institutions as well as the evolution process of the connection of the Overseas Chinese and emigrant community. We also try to build the human-centered social life history. Therefore, we should systematically collect the data for overseas Chinese, especially the local documents and civil archives, to establish a concrete socio-cultural database as a scientific research center.