Migration and Marriage in China: The Origin-education-gender Intersections
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ABSTRACT

China has witnessed tremendous increase in internal migration during the past three decades. While there is huge diversity in the direct causes of migration such as job, education, and marriage, the common theme has been pursuits of upward mobility. Specifically, both education and advantageous family origins may facilitate assimilation into the receiving communities, and render more marriages across the regional boundaries and better long-term career development in the receiving communities. However, the education effect has largely been moderated by family origins. For the highly-educated migrants, while those with wealthier family background tend to have prosperous career prospects in both the receiving and the sending communities, those from economically disadvantaged families are more determined to take root in the receiving communities. However, for migrants who did not go to college, their actions of migration tend to be transient regardless of family origins. There are remarkable gender differences in both the main effects of education and family origins, and their interactions.

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