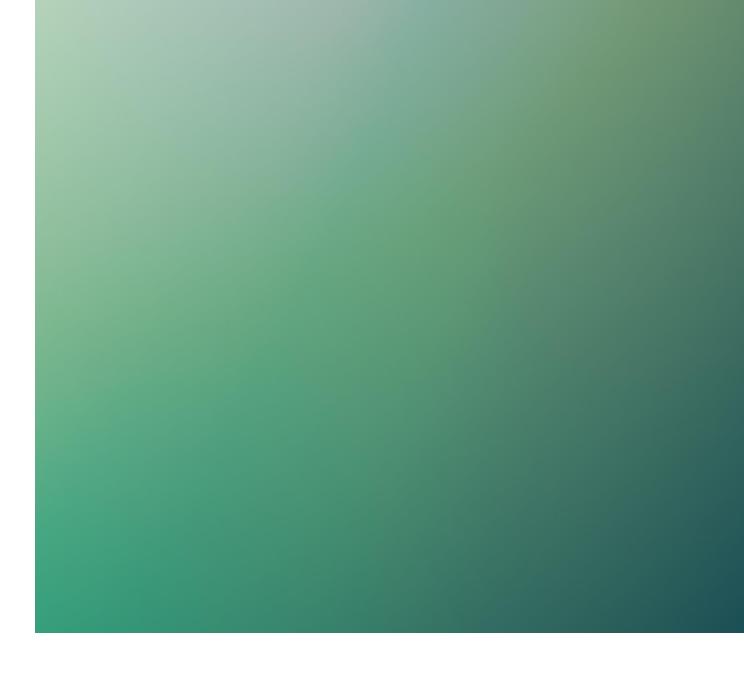
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EVALUATING COMMUNITY-ACADEMIC RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS: FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

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THE RESEARCH PROJECT

Stalled Mobility: Income Inequality and Intergenerational Relationships among South Asian and Chinese Households in York Region

Research Description:

Our research explores how immigrant youth, adults and senior Chinese and South Asians in York Region use family relations and multigenerational households to tackle the material, social and cultural settlement challenges they face

SETTING THE CONTEXT

LITERATURE REVIEW

- Newcomers experience economic, cultural, gender and racial settlement and integration challenges
- Newcomers face economic precarity exacerbated by generational differences
- Newcomers use individual strategies to resolve settlement challenges
- Families represent sources of strain as generational differences clash
- Families also act buffers against financial insecurity, systemic racism and gender inequalities

TASKS

- Reviewed 150+ academic and non-academic articles, books, book chapters and reports
- Concentrated on the following themes:
 - Settlement
 - Integration
 - Economics
 - Culture
 - Language
 - Health
 - Housing
 - Family

METHODS

RECRUITMENT

 Participants were recruited through: social networks, social media, snowball sampling, and at various locations

INTERVIEWS

• Between May 2019 and May 2020, in-depth interviews were conducted with 33 South Asian participants and 39 Chinese participants, in person or by telephone.

PARTICIPANTS

- The South Asian participants include: 10 Seniors, 8 Adults, and 15 Youths
- The Chinese participants include: 10 Seniors,
 10 Adults, and 19 Youths

TASKS

- Recruited participants
- Conducted interviews with the participants
- Conducted followup interviews

Youth, adults and seniors face different but overlapping settlement challenges:

- Youth face challenges with navigating the school system and finding part-time employment, in addition to experiencing loneliness, isolation, and depression
- Adults, usually mothers, struggle to find adequate child care
- Adults also experience credentialism and anxiety over the well-being of their families
- Seniors find it difficult to access information and healthcare
 - Seniors rely on their adult children for emotional, financial, and instrumental support
 - South Asian seniors are more likely than Chinese seniors to be dependent on their adult children

FINDINGS

TASKS

Data Analysis:

- Coded interviews using MAXQDA
- Participated in knowledge mobilization activities

HOW CAN THIS RESEARCH BE USED?

Policymakers, professionals, government officials, and civil society groups could use this research to better understand:

1. How youth, adults, and senior immigrants encounter settlement challenges

2. How newcomers activate individual, community and family resources to enhance their resilience in facing these challenges

3. How, despite these resources, economic precarity continues

WHAT
CHALLENGES
DID
GRADUATE
STUDENTS
FACE?

Data Handover

Technical Difficulties

Communication

Challenges

Transfer of the

Honorarium

WHAT
BENEFITS
DID
GRADUATE
STUDENTS
GAIN?

Academic and

Community

Connections

Learned How Community
Organizations Operate

Putting Theory

into Practice

Excellent Research

Training

HOW DID YOUR INVOLVEMENT SHAPE YOUR FUTURE RESEARCH?

Understand the crucial role of communities in the settlement and integration of newcomers

Advocate for more funding for communities

Learn to collaborate across multiple sectors

Implement collaborative principles in future research projects

Gain the confidence and ability to lead research projects in the future

Write, conduct and complete a community-academic research project

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

