

## **Abstract**

### **Urban Restructuring and Changing Patterns of Commute in Guangzhou, 2001-2005: A First Analysis**

广州城市重构与通勤形态的改变, 2001-2005

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The present paper is a first attempt at charting the changing residential and job distributions and the resultant patterns of commuting flows in Chinese cities. A series of mapping exercises based on two household surveys conducted in Guangzhou is carried out. The findings reveal rapid suburbanization of both residence and jobs in the city. Although the mean commute distance has increased somewhat, proportionately suburban to central city commutes have decreased alongside the suburbanization process. Retrospective residence and employment histories data show that home movers are also those who undertook longer commutes. However, for non-movers, people apparently change job in order to reduce the distance of commute.

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