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**Abstract** : This project research on the major players of globalization and economic development in post-reform China – the rural-to-urban migrant workers in various industrial sectors. Numerous types of social research, including oral histories, ethnological studies, survey and in-depth interviews, had been carried out in different Chinese cities to look into the labouring process and the social reproduction of working class. The findings bring new understandings of the migration paths/ strategies and the working situations of migrant workers, which have both micro- and macro-level impact on constructing social economic models to improve Chinese workers' lives in the age of globalization and neoliberalism.

**Social Impact** : With a strong commitment on labour protection in China, new knowledge and findings of the project has been widely delivered through dominant media, our organized seminars, salons, and different platforms on social media to increase public awareness of labour right issues. Policy proposals was also submitted, aim at tackling discrimination and inequalities against migrants in the labour market. This project had also directly serve thousands of migrant workers in construction sites and factory dormitories through organizing different activities, such as establishing bookstore and playing movies in construction sites, opening night school and organizing reading clubs for workers inside factories.



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