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**Tracing Arrival Neighborhoods in South Korea**

Only during the 1990s did South Korea become a migrant accepting country. Immigrants, therefore, are a rather new phenomenon for South Korean cities, and new socio-spatial patterns are evolving in this context. This paper aims to outline a research plan and to critically discuss it with the audience: The research will focus on identifying, analyzing and understanding ‘arrival neighborhoods’ in South Korean cities. By arrival neighborhoods we mean areas within cities which have a high share of inhabitants with a history of migration, a detectable turnover of this immigrant population, and specific infrastructures that facilitate their arrival. The three perspectives we plan to investigate are a) identification and spatial analysis of arrival neighborhood areas and arrival infrastructures b) cities’ and other institutional stakeholders’ role in governing and developing arrival neighborhoods, and c) understanding the views of long term residents and newly arrived persons regarding the arrival process and the role the neighborhoods and cities play in this process.