

# Navigating home: a study of house-searching and home-making practices among Africans in Hong Kong

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Housing and home-making experiences of migrants in the receiving societies have become a focus of research in housing and migration studies. Housing issues are a focal point for exploring migrants' social engagement, as well as the changing boundaries of their membership and belonging. Hong Kong, as a city of migration, has attracted migrants from all over the world. This research examines the housing and home-making experiences among Africans in Hong Kong. Specifically, it explores how they access to affordable housing and how they construct home in this host society.

Drawing on questionnaire survey and in-depth interviews of Africans in Hong Kong, this research proposes the notion of a “navigating home” to examine how the Africans, one of the most marginalised migrant groups, negotiate accommodation barriers and navigate space of belongings in Hong Kong where housing has been in high demand and subject to substantial competition. It argues that housing is a relational compound of economy, space, legality and materials, shaped by particular structure of inequality, which then determines migrants' conceptualisation of home. The findings of this research offer some implications for the practical work of helping migrants and provide directions for Hong Kong's housing policy.



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