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Social Policy Reform in Hong Kong and Shanghai: A Tale of Two Cities Linda Wong, Lynn T. White, III, Gui Shixun, 2016-07-22 As the richest cities in the world's most populous nation Hong Kong and Shanghai have recently experienced dynamic growth spurred by more and better managed capital These cities also have social problems whose solutions will cost money Their urban populations are aging Health finance at the level these First World cities demand threatens to consume a large portion of the municipal budgets Eldercare and social security are now less well covered by traditional Chinese families Education has become more complex and public tuition where it occurs brings with it official plans for schools Immigrants have flocked to Shanghai from inland China and Hong Kong s border has become a protector of the former colony's high productivity jobs Housing problems also have deeply affected both cities albeit in somewhat different ways This book provides a comprehensive overview of the similarities and differences between social policies in the two cities Each chapter covers a different issue health finance housing education labor poverty and social security eldercare and migration and competitiveness The contributors explore pertinent developments in each city and analyze the similarities and differences between the two cities approaches to social policies. They focus on policy reform and the interface between social policy and its environment One main theme throughout the book is the extent to which spending for capital accumulation is in conflict with spending for social policies Social Policy Reform in Hong Kong and Shanghai Linda Wong, Lynn T. White (III), Shixun Gui, 2004 Social Policy Reform in Hong Kong and Shanghai Linda Wong, 2004 Hong Kong and Shanghai have experienced growth spurred by more and better managed capital Health and social finance at the level these First World cities demand threatens to consume a large portion of the municipal budgets This book provides an overview of the similarities and differences between social policies in the two cities policies Social Security, the **Economy and Development** J. Midgley, K. Tang, 2008-04-30 This book explores the complex relationship between social security and economic development arguing that social security contributes positively to economic development by promoting social investments that not only foster economic growth but enhance social welfare for all The contributors analyse the various forms of social security and through comprehensive analysis of country experiences demonstrates that the relationship between social security and economic development defies the simplistic interpretations currently popular in literature on the subject A variety of country case studies are explored including Britain Chile China India Korea Norway Singapore South Africa and the United States This topical volume is a vital companion for all interested in the dynamics of the relationship between social security and the economy Handbook on East Asian Social Policy Misa Izuhara, 2013-01-01 Dramatic socio economic transformations over the last two decades have brought social policy and social welfare issues to prominence in many East Asian societies Since the 1990s and in response to national as well as global pressure there have been substantial developments and reforms in social policy in the region but the development paths have been uneven Until recently comparative analysis of East Asian social policy tends to have focused on the established welfare state of Japan and the emerging welfare regimes of four Tiger Economies Much of the recent debate indeed preceded Chinas re emergence onto the world economy In this context this Handbook brings China more fully into the contemporary social policy debates in East Asia Organised around five themes from welfare state developments to theories and methodologies to current social policy issues the Handbook presents original research from leading specialists in the fields and provides a fresh and updated perspective to the study of social policy Providing a comparative international approach this Handbook will appeal to academics researchers and students at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels working in the fields of social policy as well as policy makers and practitioners who are interested in social policy lessons from other societies

Social Cohesion In Greater China: Challenges For Social Policy And Governance Ka Ho Mok, Yuen-wen Ku,2010-04-15 This book critically examines the issues and challenges of social development faced by societies in Mainland China Taiwan and Hong Kong with particular reference to the major strategies these societies adopt to promote social cohesion and civil harmony in the context of globalization It focuses on people who have been socially marginalized by the Asian financial crisis in 1997 and examines the measures Greater China has adopted to balance economic growth with social development The book will be of interest to readers who wish to know more about societies in Mainland China and the effects of globalization Health Insurance Reforms in Asia Sabrina Luk, 2014-03-26 This book empirically examines health care financing reforms and popular responses in three major cities in East Asia Shanghai Singapore and Hong Kong It adopts a new revised version of the theory of historical institutionalism to compare and explain the divergent reform paths in these three places over the past three decades It also examines forces that propel institutional change The book provides three detailed case studies on the development of health care financing reforms and the politics of implementing them It shows that health care systems in Shanghai Singapore and Hong Kong were the products of Western presence in the nineteenth century It illustrates how greater attention is paid to the roles played by ideas actors and environmental triggers without abandoning the core assumptions that political institutions and policy feedback remain central to impact health care financing reforms It shows that health care financing reform is shaped by a complex interplay of forces over time It also provides the most updated material about health care financing reforms in Shanghai Singapore and Hong Kong The central argument of this book is that health care financing reform is both an evolving process responding to changing circumstances and a political process revealing an intricate interplay of power relationships and diverse interests It shows that institutional changes in health care financing system can be incremental but transformative in nature It argues that social policies will continue to develop and welfare states will continue to adapt and evolve in order to cope with new risks and needs This book sheds new lights on understanding the politics of health care financing reform and sources and modes of institutional change

China's Urban Health Care Reform Chack-kie Wong, Vai Io Lo, Kwong-Leung Tang, 2006-01-01 One way to describe the

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educational experiment in a middle school in Shanghai China The school called Zhabei No 8 Middle School hereafter No 8 School is located in a run down lower working class district Since the mid 1980s the school has experimented on an educational reform program called success education aiming to help those at risk students to be successful in school This book illustrates how this educational experiment has been carried out and to identify experiences that could be learned by the international educational community The book analyzes the critical role played by Principal Liu Jinghai and particular attention is paid to the strategies adopted by the school to help enhance students self esteem through integrating love and care throughout the school's curriculum and activities The pivotal roles played by teachers called class directors are meticulously studied and efforts the school has made to collaborate with parents and the local community are examined An ethnographic approach was used to gather data in this study A combination of interviews participant observation and document analysis was applied to arrive at a systematic and complex understanding of this educational endeavor in China

The Policy Analyst's Handbook Lewis G. Irwin, 2003 Selected Contents 1 The Scientific Method Social Science and Policy Analysis 2 Defining the Problem 3 Generating Potential Courses of Action 4 Cost Benefit Analysis 5 Multi Attribute Analysis6 Articulating the Recommendation7 Implementation and Beyond Middle Class Shanghai Cheng Li,2021-05-11 The United States may be headed toward a disastrous conflict with China unless Washington updates its understanding of contemporary Chinese society After four decades of engagement the United States and China now appear to be locked on a collision course that has already fomented a trade war seems likely to produce a new cold war and could even result in dangerous military conflict The current deterioration of the bilateral relationship is the culmination of years of disputes disillusionment disappointment and distrust between the two countries Washington has legitimate concerns about Beijing s excessive domestic political control and aggressive foreign policy stances just as Chinese leaders believe the United States still has futile designs on blocking their country's inevitable rise to great power status Cheng Li s Middle Class Shanghai argues that American policymakers must not lose sight of the expansive dynamism and diversity in present day China The caricature of the PRC as a monolithic Communist apparatus set on exporting its ideology and development model is simplistic and misguided Drawing on empirical research in the realms of higher education avant garde art architecture and law this unique study highlights the strong constructive impact of bilateral exchanges Combining eclectic human stories with striking new data analysis this book addresses the possibility that the development of China's class structure and cosmopolitan culture exemplified and led by Shanghai could provide a force for reshaping U S China engagement Both countries should build upon the deep cultural and educational exchanges that have bound them together for decades The author concludes that U S policymakers should neither underestimate the role and strength of the Chinese middle class nor ostracize or alienate this force with policies that push it toward jingoistic nationalism to the detriment of both countries and the global community With its unique focus this book will enlighten policymakers scholars business leaders and anyone interested in

China and its increasingly fraught relations with the United States

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Cultural Hybridity Kwok-Bun Chan, 2013-09-13 This book brings together a group of scholars from diverse disciplines to interrogate everyday life events in various interpersonal and organizational contexts so as to answer an age old question what happens when carriers of cultures meet or when East meets West The contributors to this volume argue that rather than assume clashes of civilizations assimilation conversion and essentialism to be the expected outcomes of cultural encounters we should focus our analytical attention on processes rather than outcomes on emergence dialectics contradictions ironies and paradoxes and complexity We should focus on attempting to learn and grow to synthesize and integrate to create and innovate to change and transform at personal micro macro and global levels Or in one word hybridity Contexts of cultural encounters analyzed in this book range from business organizations through individual travels to personal philosophies and from mechanical models to complex systems as social imaginaries. This book is based on a special issue of World Futures The Journal of General Evolution **Handbook of Research on Education for Participative** Citizenship and Global Prosperity Pineda-Alfonso, José A., De Alba-Fernández, Nicolás, Navarro-Medina, Elisa, 2018-11-23 Active participation in processes of change are an essential aspect of community participation and proper recognition of opportunities for participation facilitate community engagement nationally and internationally Education and its relation to citizenship in recent years has become one of the most important fields of research From different areas and contexts it has been revealed that there is a prevailing need for education for citizens to take part actively in the processes of change and improvement that the current global situation requires The Handbook of Research on Education for Participative Citizenship and Global Prosperity is a pivotal reference source focusing on the productions and fields of study that are carried out all over the world on education for citizenship namely the devices that provide young people with the consciousness and highlight the aspects of an active democratic life While highlighting topics such as citizenship identity educational policy and social justice this publication explores participation instruction as well as the methods of community involvement This book is ideally designed for educational administrators policymakers researchers professionals and educators seeking current research on instructional methods for teaching active community and political involvement **Migration in Post-Colonial** Hong Kong Susanne Y.P. Choi, Eric Fong, 2017-08-17 Since 1995 most mainland migrants to Hong Kong have been the wives or non adult children of Hong Kong men of lower socio economic status The majority of immigrants are women who throughout the past two decades have accounted for more than 60% of immigration The profile of immigrants has been changing and they are significantly more educated than was the case in the past Despite the improvement in the educational level of mainland Chinese migrants since 1991 and their increased involvement in paid employment migrants have continued to experience great difficulty integrating into Hong Kong society and anti immigrant sentiment seems to have increased over the same period This raises the question of how gender and socio economic factors intersect with migration to influence the extent of migrants adaption to Hong Kong society and culture The growing anti China sentiment in Hong Kong also raises the question of how the integration of migrants into a destination society is influenced by the political context Examining the questions around migration into Hong Kong from a range of multidisciplinary perspectives this book combines quantitative and qualitative data to portray a detailed image of contemporary Hong Kong The July 1 Protest Rally Joseph Y. S. CHENG, 2005-11-01 An analysis of the protest rally and subsequent events will certainly be of interest to the general public in the territory as well as to the international community who is concerned with the developments of Hong Kong The editor has lined up a team of top experts in the territory to discuss the pertinent issues and their contributions constitute the first authoritative volume on the historic event The academic experts involved will examine a broad range of subjects and it is hoped that the readers will have a comprehensive understanding of the significant issues facing Hong Kong at this stage while examining the protest rally on 1 July 2003 This volume will be of interest to university students and academic in public administration and political science Media professionals interested in the current affairs in Hong Kong will also find it a handy source of reference Published by City University of Hong Kong Press

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