Urbanization, Migration and Families: China and India

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What is urban about urban China and India?

China 64% urban

India 37% urban
Rural-to-urban migration in China

Guangzhou train station, China
In-situ urbanization in India

Singur, West Bengal
How do China and India differently govern their cities?

• Territorial vs. Associational forms of urban governance
Redeveloping informal settlements

Xiancun, an urban village in Guangzhou

A slum near Mumbai International Airport
An urban village in Guangzhou, China
Air pollution control in Beijing and Delhi

Delhi

Beijing
Delhi’s clean air campaign: Led by NGOs
A territorial approach to reducing air pollution

**Target responsibility system**

Central Government → Provincial, city, town, district governments

Local officials held responsible for pollution reduction in their jurisdictions.

Air pollution campaign meeting, Hebei Province
Who governs and why does it matter?
Lessons from China and India

• China: need to scale back the government; creating channels to include civil society groups in policy-making.

• India: devolve power from state governments to municipal governments.