

# FED Lunch Research Series 2015

## Educational Provision for Migrant Children in Beijing: Key Issues and Challenges

Date & Time: 20 April 2015, 13:00 – 14:00 (Light lunch begins at 12:30pm)

Venue: Room 1002, Faculty of Education (E33)

Language: English

Audience: FED Academic Staff / Ph.D. Students / Master Students

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*\* Complementary light lunch will be provided.*

### Abstract

In China, the “tidal wave” of rural migrant workers since the early 1980s has given rise to immense challenges for the government, one being the provision of compulsory education to the children of these workers in cities. Despite central policies emphasizing the primary responsibility of receiving public schools in providing education for these children since the early 2000s, many migrant children in Beijing continue to attend privately-run, often unlicensed migrant schools. This seminar explores the state of knowledge about migrant children’s education in the capital city and the importance of examining policy implementation at the local levels. The discussion sheds light on the complex, political nature of the policy area and the implications for the future of migrant children’s education in the city and longer-term trends in social stratification.

### Speaker

Dr. Myra Pong is a U.S. Fulbright Scholar based at the University of Hong Kong in 2014-2015. She received her Ph.D in Development Studies from University of Sussex, UK. She has conducted important research on migrant children’s education from the lenses of policies, implementation, and consequences for privately-run migrant schools. Dr. Pong is author of “Educating the Children of Migrant Workers in Beijing: Migration, Education, and Policy in Urban China,” recently published by Routledge.