

Russian Perceptions of Chinese Immigration: Between Alarmism and Utilitarianism

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Abstract

The paper focuses on post-Soviet Russia's debates on the Chinese immigration issue. I argue that despite the level of alarmism remains relatively high, there is a trend towards its gradual softening and to some extent to understanding positive importance of workforce inflow? Still, even in current times of Russian-Chinese honeymoon, alarmist sentiments are still here and some attempts to utilize Chinese workforce for Siberian and Far Eastern regional development meet strong public opposition.