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Neighborhood Effect of China on the Production of Space in Thai-Myanmar Border SEZs from the Perspective of Border Migrants: A Case Study of TAK SEZ	
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1.The Significance of this Presentation

This study delves into the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) along the Thai-Myanmar border, with a specific emphasis on the Tak SEZ. Utilizing the theoretical framework of spatial production, the research investigates how China's neighborhood effect influences spatial dynamics. It argues that the spatial production within the Tak SEZ is shaped by diverse factors, prominently influenced by Chinese stakeholders. Governmental, market, and civil society actors collaboratively mold this space through intricate interactive mechanisms. However, China's neighborhood effect has bolstered the dominance of governmental and market entities in spatial production, thereby exacerbating constraints on migration rights and fostering spatial injustices. The study underscores the imperative of achieving spatial justice for migrants within border SEZs. Against the backdrop of ongoing crisis and escalating instability in Myanmar, there is a compelling need to spotlight the development and narratives of communities traditionally marginalized as "peripheral." This presentation critically offers insights for comprehending and tackling issues of spatial justice in border regions.

2.The Achievements

Drawing from my presentation in the "Migrant Labor and Labor Markets in the Borderlands" panel and active participation in other panels focused on borderlands issues, I engaged in valuable academic exchanges with researchers from universities, institutes, CSOs, NGOs, and INGOs worldwide. The involvement of frontline practitioners in development practices highlighted the importance of integrating academic insights with practical perspectives at this conference. Against the backdrop of the politically dynamic Thai-Myanmar border region, the emphasis on local perspectives through research and experiential exchanges significantly enriched my nuanced understanding of the complexities inherent in border regions.

3.Further Perspectives

My doctoral research focuses on development practices along the Thai-Myanmar border, particularly exploring the impact of China's neighborhood effect on the dynamics of Special Economic Zones (SEZs). This investigation is integral to shaping chapters within my dissertation that address spatial production. The findings from this study will contribute to scholarly discourse and will be disseminated through conference proceedings.

Furthermore, as a female researcher, I am committed to integrating a gender perspective into interdisciplinary studies to advance research in border communities. I will persist in expanding academic horizons through continuous scholarly contributions.

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