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BECOMING LOCAL: DEMAND FOR LOCAL CITIZENSHIP IN CHINA'S *HUKOU* SYSTEM

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Urbanization in China is not only an economic process of development, but also a formal process of transferring individuals from rural to urban status in the household registration system, or *hukou*. Individuals integrating into the urban system must give up their rural or non-local status, like changing citizenship, which also means giving up the rights endowed in their previous status, such as welfare in place of origin and land-use rights while gaining urban-based rights.

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