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The past decades have seen urbanization soar in Chinese cities. In 2020, over 26% of the overall population are migrants (7th National Population Census). Meanwhile, Chinese cities have been ageing rapidly. Older population is forecast to increase to 30% of the total population in 2050. As the trends of urbanization and ageing continues, it is significant for Chinese cities to be more socially inclusive and age-friendly. Research on the wellbeing of these two groups can provide insights for Chinese cities to pursuit sustainable urban development. This seminar shares research findings on the wellbeing of the two social groups. Firstly, based on cross-sectional survey data from Guangzhou, this seminar discuss the relationship between built environment, neighbourhood poverty, and migrants' subjective wellbeing. Secondly, with the longitudinal survey data from Hong Kong, this seminars explores the relationship between neighbourhood built environments and older adults' depressive symptoms over time. Finally, public policies and planning policies for building socially inclusive and age-friendly neighbourhoods are discussed.

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