

Mental Health of Aged Residents and Communal Space in Public Housing: Evidence from Guangzhou and Hong Kong

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Communal space has been regarded essential for mental health in Asian high-rise urbanism, with increasing attention on how the mechanism works during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. From the perspective of person-place process, this study introduces “sense of place” to explore its possible intermediating effects for the link between communal space and mental health in public housing, with special focus on the aged residents. Based on the survey data from Hong Kong and Guangzhou, path analysis shows that sense of place and its sub-components intermediate the connections between common open space and mental well-being in Hong Kong while it is not the case in Guangzhou. More specifically, three sub-components of “sense of place” demonstrate stronger effects among the aged residents in comparison to the younger ones. The findings contribute to inform evidence-based decision-making of public housing policy in ageing cities of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.



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