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Informal Immigrants Adaptation Process in Canada: An Anthropological Case Study by Tian Guang

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ABSTRACT The famous Chinese anthropologist Tian Guang made an extraordinary contribution in the field of Chinese overseas immigration by advancing the term “informal immigrant”. Professor Tian had been focusing on the exceptional group of Chinese immigrants in Canada, which he referred to as “informal immigrants”, with the intention of addressing key gaps in this research area. Moreover, Tian also used a novel research method that inspires people to continue such anthropological studies in future. This paper summarizes and interprets Tian’s study of informal immigrants as well as his research method from various aspects.