Three essays on Urbanization in China

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SUMMARY OF THESIS
Increasing weather variations along more frequent natural disasters set new living conditions worldwide. Yet, their impacts on internal migration are still not fully understood. China, characterized by diverse climate zones, frequent natural disasters and a still low urbanization rate, is a great field experiment to analyze this potential link. The present thesis provides three empirical studies that first give an insight on Chinese urban determinants to later investigate the implications of both weather variations and natural disasters on rural-urban migration.

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