

# Mapping Immigrant Business in Auckland: Images and Patterns in a Diver-city

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#### **Integration of Immigrants Programme 2007-2012**

#### **Objective 1 (Jacques Poot)**

- Are there particular entry effects for immigrants (earnings, labour force participation, un/under-employment)?
- Do these effects constitute "scarring" (convergence or a persistent gap)?
- Does self-employment/entrepreneurship have positive outcomes for immigrants?
  - 1996, 2001, 2006 Census
  - Winkelmann and Winkelmann
  - Mincer-type regression re earnings in terms of human capital variables

#### **Integration of Immigrants Programme 2007-2012**

#### **Objective 2 (Paul Spoonley)**

- What are the experiences of immigrant families and households in relation to labour market participation and business activity?
- What strategies do they adopt in relation to paid/unpaid work, entrepreneurship, saving behaviour, investment?
- How significant/important are ethnic sub-economies/networks/precincts or transnational linkages?
- What is the nature/size of ethnic economic networks/enclaves and what are the spill-over effects?

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- 2001-2006 Census
- Surveys

LisNZ data

Case studies

#### **Ethnic Precincts: Research Timeline**

2006 Initial survey of Northcote

2007 Integration of Immigrants Programme

2008 International network participation

(Jan Rath/IMES)

2009 Surveys/recording

# Racialization and Public Spaces

The city plays an increasingly significant role in conceptualising these dynamics [cultural contact]. In this sense the multiculturalism of the cities of the twenty-first century is both demographically and politically challenging.

Michael Keith, 2005



## **Character of Multiculturalism**

- Voluntarism of ethnicity/ethnic precincts
- Geographies of visibility
  - Incorporation
  - Licensed
  - Excluded
  - Assimilated

(Kymlicka, Parekh)

- Transnationalism/globalised networks of exchange and allegiance
- Deliberative democracy to negotiate political options/settlement of city (Keith)



## **Ethnic Precincts**



- Co-location of business activities
- Specific sites and dense activities

## **Social Embeddedness**

Immigrant entrepreneurs participate in ethnic networks that contribute to business operations

- Reduce transaction costs
- Gain privileged access to certain resources
- Less governed by external incentives/practices/regulation



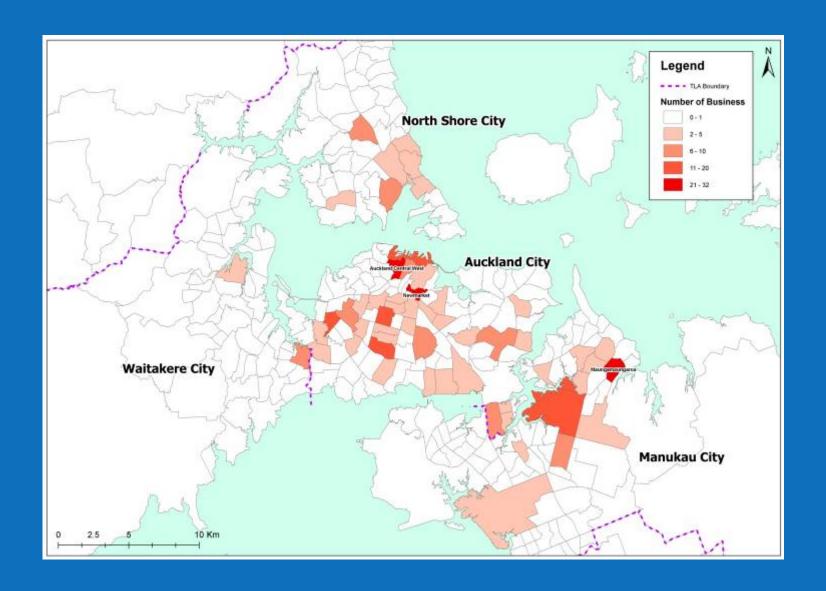
J. Rath, 2007

# **Research and Policy Questions**



#### **Ethnic Precincts**

- Are they evidence of parallel communities that might inhibit social integration?
- Are they evidence of low quality outcomes and poor economic incorporation?



## **Northcote Ethnic Precinct**

68 Retail Businesses	Chinese	Other Asian	Other
Food	30	7	1
Chains (ASB, Woolworths)	-	-	6
Medical (Pharmacy, Traditional Medicine, Dr Surgery, Optician)	2	-	2
Other - Real Estate	(6)	-	(9)
Photography/video	4	-	1
Miscellaneous	1	-	3
English Language School	2	-	-
Hair Salons/Clothing/Jewellery	5	1	2
	44 (65%)	8 (12%)	15 (22%)

## **Meadowlands Ethnic Precinct**

80 Retail Businesses	Chinese	Other Asian	Other
Food	30	8	1
Chains (Banks, Real Estate)	1	-	4
Medical	5	-	-
Other (Finance, Travel, Internet Café)	13	-	1
Photo/video	1	-	-
Miscellaneous (Bar, Entertainment)	5	3	2
English Language School/Tuition	1	-	-
Hair Salons/Clothing/Jewellery	4	1	-
	60 (75%)	12 (15%)	8 (10%)



















## **Research Issues and Questions**



- Self-employment as a product of blocked options
- Positive economic and social outcomes?



## http://newsettlers.massey.ac.nz/





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