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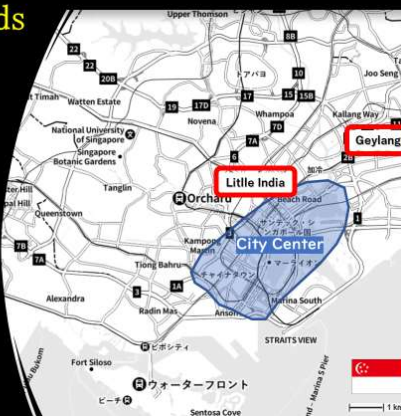
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Research outline

- The increasing dependency on and competition for foreign workers necessitates a politics of care that can address issues of precarity
- Whereas inner-city space is commonly framed as *the* spatial frontier for renewed rounds of capital accumulation (often in the form of gentrification), they are also frontlines of care politics and practical innovation
- By reframing these spaces as solidarity hubs, this research explores the alternative centralities of inner-city neighborhoods that specialize in care networking in relation to migration regimes and local urbanities

Case study neighborhoods



Inner-city as space of refuge



Spatial contestation



Foreign Population influx in the inner city



Spatial Transformation



Conclusion

- Solidarity hubs, as spaces where voluntary as well as organized care can be effectively practiced, feed off a mix of centrality/accessibility and informality
- **Singapore:** whereas spatial contestation in the form of pioneer gentrification *appears* as a threat, care networks continue to blend in and be socially innovative
- **Fukuoka:** Foreign populations regarded as key to local regeneration but in need of new forms of care
- **Solidarity hubs as centralities of social growth**