

## **The Hukou System in China – An Overview**

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### ***Abstract***

*In 1958, the “Regulations on Household Registration in the People’s Republic of China”, popularly known as the Hukou System was passed in China. This system traditionally served three main purposes: Resource Distribution, Migration Control and Monitoring of targeted group of people. The Hukou was used to erect a largely hereditary system that divided China's agricultural and non-agricultural populations, and effectively bound the peasantry to the land they tilled. Over the years, however, while implementation of this system has unintentionally created a vast pool of cheap labour for industrialization of China, it has also, in its wake, generated inequalities in social and regional development leading to social tension.*

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