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#### ***Transnational Migration Strategies of International Students in Australia***

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This paper is based on a study of motivations and intentions of Australian International Students from China (PRC) and India. The study is based on the forefront of temporary migration and transnationalism theory, which is prominent in migration literature and are used to show how education is being used as a pathway towards immigration. The examination of the motivations and intentions of these students aids in the understanding of the dynamics that operate between these movements and determines whether such intentions are formed prior to their arrival in Australia or only during the course of their stay here. The study will also examine how these migration strategies are influenced by institutional factors. It shows how such factors can lead to these students studying in particular locales with the main intention of migrating elsewhere upon the completion of their studies. This will demonstrate the transnational movement of international students and how they can incorporate education and use different locales as gateways towards settling permanently in their preferred destinations. Current literature has examined how migrants are employing such migration strategies and are breaking down their route to their preferred destination into several stages however, there is a dearth in the literature examining how international students use international education in a similar fashion and the factors which influence their motivations and future intentions.