The *Journal of Chinese Linguistics* vol.53, no.2 (May 2025): 338–377 © 2025 by the Journal of Chinese Linguistics. ISSN/ The competing sound changes in the dialects of migrant communities of Linyi City. By Junling Zhu. All rights reserved.

# THE COMPETING SOUND CHANGES IN THE DIALECTS OF MIGRANT COMMUNITIES OF LINYI CITY

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#### ABSTRACT

The migrant villages Hongqi, Dongfeng and Xiangyang in Linyi City, Shandong Province, China were formed in the 1960s as part of community relocation from Mengyin County due to the building of the Andi Reservoir. Drawing on the theory of lexical diffusion, this paper provides a comprehensive description of the sound changes in the Hongqi, Dongfeng, and Xiangyang dialects, and explores the spreading patterns of the sound changes from the perspectives of competing changes and residues. This paper argues that the sound changes in Hongqi, Dongfeng, and Xiangyang over a span of about 50 years are the result of the competition of the dual influence from their current surrounding dialects and the standard Chinese Putonghua. The different language prestige and economic power represented by Putonghua and the current surrounding dialects in the region have influenced the directions and rates of sound changes in these three migrant villages. The migrants' language knowledge and attitude toward Putonghua and the current surrounding dialects have also played a role in the directions and rates of sound changes.

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## 摘要

中国山东临沂市红旗村,东风村和向阳村是上世纪 60 年代因修建岸 堤水库而从山东蒙阴县集体搬迁部分居民形成的三个移民方言岛。本 文从王士元的词汇扩散理论角度,全面描述了临沂这三个方言岛的音 变扩散现象,并从竞争演变与竞争残余角度对其音变扩散规律和语音 演变机制做了分析和探讨。本文认为临沂库区这三个移民方言岛近50 年来的语音演变是在其现居住地方言和普通话双重影响下地竞争性 演变的结果。移民方言岛各语音项目与现居住地强势方言和普通话的 复杂关系,是导致各项目的演变速度和程度不一的主要因素:各语音 项目演变的方向和速度与移民的语言认知,语言态度以及现居住地方 言和普通话所代表的不同经济文化优势有关。

### 关键词

词汇扩散 语言接触 竞争性演变和残余 移民方言 语音演变