

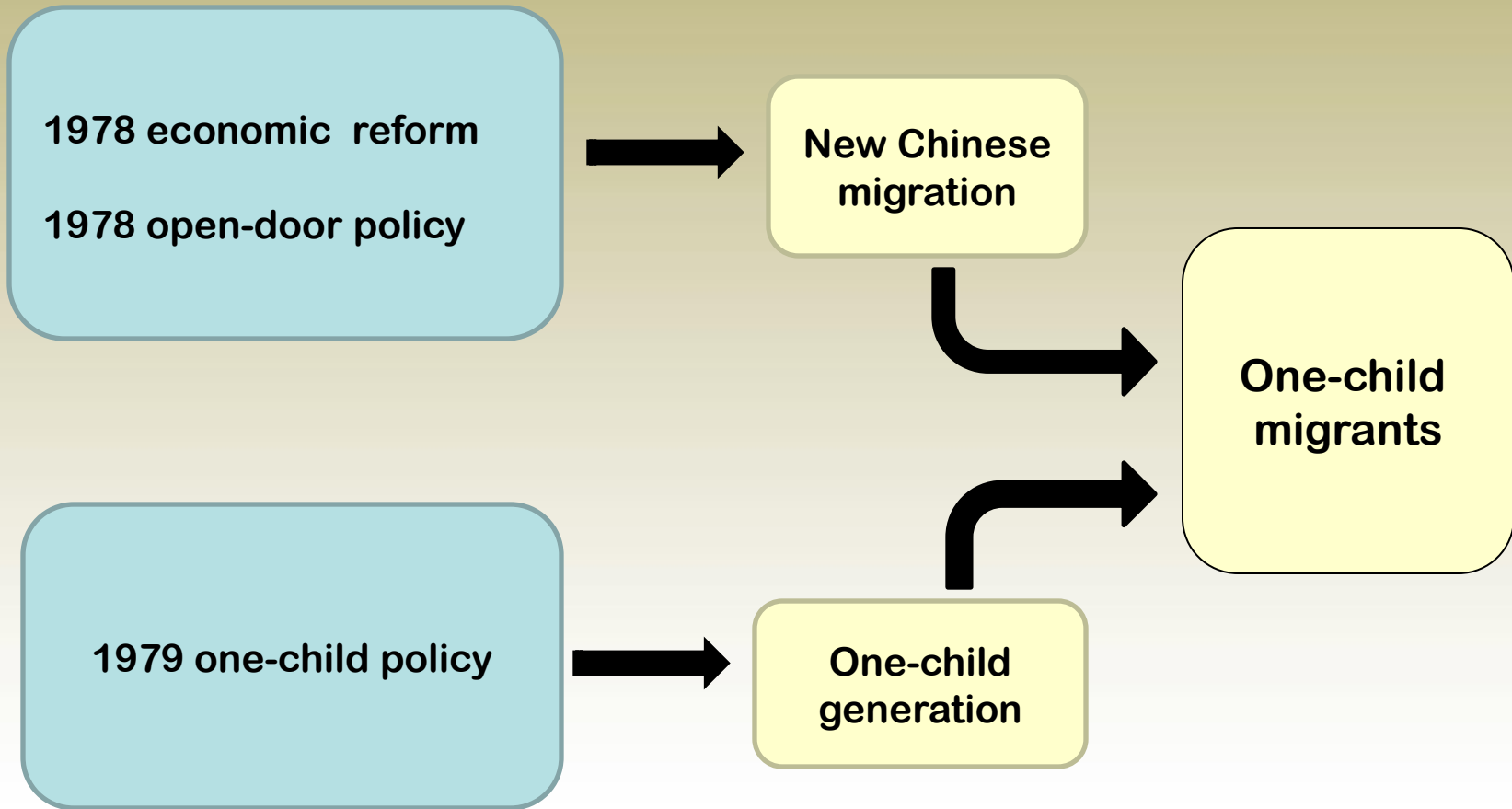


# Unspoken family contract: How do one-child migrants in the UK negotiate their family responsibilities in China?

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# Who are one-child migrants?





# The difficulties...

- Language/Culture
- Migration policy
- Healthcare

- Institutional care ?
- Extended family support ?

Distance





# The sample

- 27 One-child migrants in the UK
- Aged 21-37
  
- 7 parents (of the respondents) in China
- Aged late 40s –late 60s
  
- Mostly middle-class
- At different staged of their lives



# The unspoken family contract

- Negotiating obligation and responsibility?
- The conflict in parents' generation
  - Traditional role for the older generation
  - Untraditional relationship with the younger generation
- The confusion in children's generation
  - Brought up in individualised competition
  - Influenced by family-oriented Chinese culture
- “The delayed negotiation”



**THANK YOU**

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