The Memory Project

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The Project and the Archive

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Summary of the Archive in Numbers

- **160** filmmakers participated since 2010
- **1100** villagers from 17 provinces and 2 province-level municipalities:
  - **628** interviews have transcripts and/or blogs
  - other interviews have only basic information of the interviewees
- **1117** videos
  - Length: 1 to 120+ minutes
  - 12 Formats: MPG, AVI, MTS, M2T, MP4, VOB, MOV, WMV, FLV, M2V, MKV and MPA
  - Subtitles: about 5% have Chinese subtitles
- **629** blogs: **89** have been translated into English
- **229** transcripts: some were supplied by the filmmakers, some were transcribed by student interns; **119** transcripts have been translated into English
Metadata Schema

• Descriptive Metadata:
  • Title: English & Chinese
  • Interview date
  • Location: province, city, county, village, in Chinese & pinyin
  • Interviewee: name in Chinese & pinyin, gender, age
  • Filmmaker/Interviewer: name in Chinese and pinyin
  • Subject: English & Chinese
  • Interview summaries: English & Chinese

• Technical Metadata
  • Item unique ID
  • Video: length, format, etc.
The Memory Project: Finding Aids
https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/memoryprojectpilot/
Moving Forward

- An updated finding aid: data normalization
- A digital collection in Duke Digital Repository (DDR)
- Challenges
  - Reformat video files for long-term preservation
  - The project continues with new materials deposited every year
  - Create more transcripts and translations

Thank you!