



The Cost of Belonging: An Ethnography of Solidarity and Mobility in Beijing's Koreatown

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In the past ten years, China has rapidly emerged as South Korea's most important economic partner. With the surge of goods and resources between the two countries, large waves of Korean migrants have opened small ethnic firms in Beijing's Koreatown, turning a once barren wasteland into the largest Korean enclave in the world. *The Cost of Belonging: An Ethnography of Solidarity and Mobility in Beijing's Koreatown* fills a critical gap in East Asian and migration studies through an investigation of how the rise of transnationalism has impacted the social and economic lives of South Koreans searching for wealth and stability in China. Based off in-depth ethnographic fieldwork, this book studies the tensions, relationships, and perceptions in the ethnic enclave of Wangjing between Korean Chinese cultural brokers and South Koreans starting out as entrepreneurs.

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