

TRANSNATIONAL LOGIC OF GRATITUDE

Marriage Migrants' Narratives on Marital Satisfaction in South Korea

As contemporary South Korea deals with an increasing level of diversity through marriage migration, there have been important studies that examine the intersection of migration, gender and class in receiving societies. And yet, little is known about the role of transnational background in explaining women's feelings of gratitude for their Korean husbands. Drawing on qualitative in-depth interviews with marriage migrant women residing in the eastern side of Seoul, Korea, Dr. Jung will discuss the micro-level cognitive processes in understanding women's gratitude for their husbands. Categorizing marriage migrants into two groups, 'gratified' and 'ungratified' wives, the speaker demonstrates how the gratified wives' feelings of contentment is mediated by their active comparison of Korean husbands with local men in their homelands, and how these viewpoints conversely affect their aspirations for return. Bringing the sociology of emotion into an explanation of marriage migrants' marital satisfaction, this study aims to develop a transnational frame of reference as an underlying dynamic for comprehending marriage migrants' (in)gratitude.

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