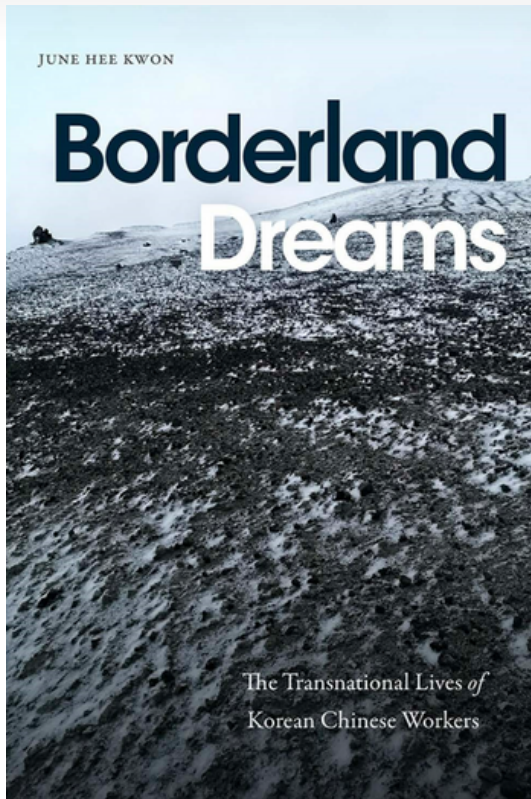


EAS Book Talk Series 2023-2024

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In *Borderland Dreams* June Hee Kwon explores the trajectory of the “Korean dream” that has fueled the massive migration of Korean Chinese workers in northeast China to South Korea since the early 1990s. Kwon analyzes the persistent desire of Korean Chinese to “leave to live better” at the intersection between the neoliberalizing regimes of post-socialist China and post-Cold War South Korea. Scrutinizing the tensions and affinities among the Korean Chinese, North and South Koreans, and Han Chinese, Kwon captures the aspirations of Korean Chinese workers caught between the ascendant Chinese dream and the waning Korean dream.

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