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Review

This is a rare and useful study of the “Korean diaspora” in South America that profiles the Korean communities in São Paulo and Buenos Aires. It is a welcome addition to the English literature on Asians in Latin America, which has focused on peoples of Japanese descent and has ignored the Koreans. (Takeyuki Tsuda, Arizona State University)

A strong transnational and comparative study, *Global Pulls* compares not only Korean communities in Sao Paulo and Buenos Aires, but Koreans in Latin America with those in North America. It also sheds much light on the Korean government’s efforts to accommodate overseas Koreans. (Pyong Gap Min, Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY)

This book looks at two Korean communities, one in Sao Paulo and the other in Buenos Aires, in order to identify the global pulls that have affected Korean identity formation, community development patterns, integration efforts, social mobility, education for children, remigration, return migration, and relationships with the host communities. It is the first book in English on these two Latin American–Korean communities.

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