

# Immigrant Incorporation in East Asian Democracies

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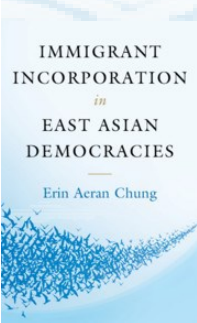
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**Discussant: Benjamin Nyblade**

Ben Nyblade is Director of UCLA Law's Empirical Research Group and Co-Director of the UCLA-RAND Center for Law and Public Policy, and prior to joining UCLA Law, he was on faculty in the Department of Political Science at the University of British Columbia. His research cuts across the social sciences, law and public policy, with a particular emphasis on comparative democratic institutions and empirical legal studies. Many of his current research projects focus on the ties between local and global governance, including projects on extraterritorial voting rights, new data and methods to better incorporate communities of interest in redistricting, and policy and legal interventions to promote the adoption of sustainable environmental



Despite labour shortages and rapidly shrinking working-age populations, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan shared restrictive immigration policies and exclusionary practices toward immigrants until the early 2000s. While Taiwan maintained this trajectory, Japan took incremental steps to expand immigrant services at the grassroots level, and South Korea enacted sweeping immigration reforms. How did convergent policies generate these divergent patterns of immigrant incorporation? Departing from the dominant scholarship that focuses on culture, domestic political elites, and international norms, this book shows the important role of civil society actors—including immigrants themselves—in giving voice to immigrant interests, mobilizing immigrant actors, and shaping public debate and policy on immigration. Based on more than 150 in-depth interviews and focus groups with over 20 immigrant communities, *Immigrant Incorporation in East Asian Democracies* examines how the civic legacies of past struggles for democracy shape current movements for immigrant rights and recognition.

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