

CCIS SEMINAR SERIES WELCOMES:

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## **The Emergence of Korean American Communities on the U.S.-Mexico Border**

Based on in-depth interviews with Korean American border commuters, who resided in Southern California and worked in Mexico, the paper traces the development of Korean American border communities. Previous literature in border studies mostly focused on Mexicans who cross borders with their home and work split in two different countries, but Asian immigrants who are neither from Mexico nor the U.S. have been understudied. After explaining how Korean American border communities were developed and are structured, the paper discusses border anxiety that Korean border commuters experience in border crossing.

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