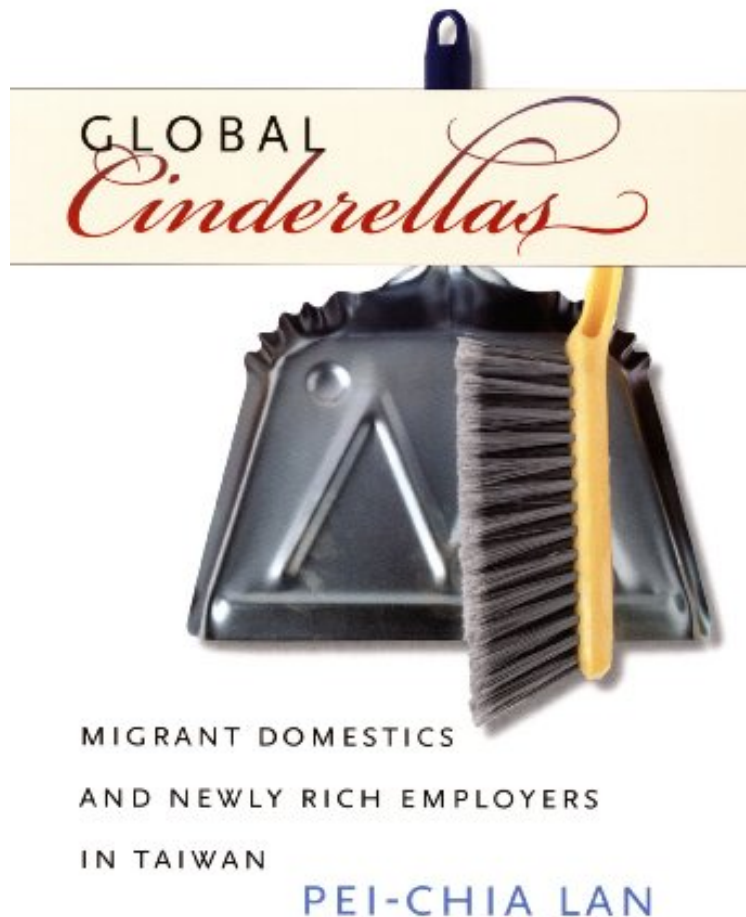


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limited to Taiwan) result. Not to deep dive at the research methodology details too much for the audiences, the author instead presented many and complex issues facing working women (in particular working abroad as domestic helper in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia), in a well organized manner, to challenge and invoke audience's thoughts and feel about these issues. Great details and insights on how these respectable women around the world, work, function, social and overcome the challenges. It is academic oriented, yet the author's writing and style drive people's emotion. I will not be surprised if you found wetness at the edge of your eyes while you read the book. You felt true respect for these hard working global cinderellas from Southeast Asia. Recommended for sociology students, researchers, interest groups, NGOs and government policy makers who like to develop similar research framework, or use it as supporting reference data and arguments. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The social dynamics of women domestics in labour migration

By Sim Amy Lan's work is groundbreaking in capturing for English-language audiences, many of the dynamics in Taiwan, that are reflective and symptomatic of global trends in the feminisation of labour and migration, in the tensions between newly-created pockets of relative wealth and poverty, and in the roles of women as employers and as transient foreign domestic workers. This book is recommended for all who are not domestic workers themselves who seek to understand the phenomenon, that Lan captures of their insights and experiences in this in-depth ethnographic tour, of mobile women in segmented, classed and gendered global labour markets. Students in Women's Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Development, Law, etc. will benefit from her approach to the field and the ethics of such research that underscores the concerns (for development) in areas of welfare, rights, justice, legal systems, civil society, and so forth, especially in a globalised context.

Migrant women are the primary source of paid domestic labor around the world. Since the 1980s, the newly prosperous countries of East Asia have recruited foreign household workers at a rapidly increasing rate. Many come from the Philippines and Indonesia. Pei-Chia Lan interviewed and spent time with dozens of Filipina and Indonesian domestics working in and around Taipei as well as many of their Taiwanese employers. On the basis of the vivid ethnographic detail she collected, Lan provides a nuanced look at how boundaries between worker and employer are maintained and negotiated in private households. She also sheds light on the fate of the workers, "global Cinderellas" who seek an escape from poverty at home only to find themselves treated as disposable labor abroad. Lan demonstrates how economic disparities, immigration policies, race, ethnicity, and gender intersect in the relationship between the migrant workers and their Taiwanese employers. The employers are eager to flex their recently acquired financial muscle; many are first-generation career women as well as first-generation employers. The domestics are recruited from abroad as contract and "guest" workers; restrictive immigration policies prohibit them from seeking permanent residence or transferring from one employer to another. They care for Taiwanese families' children, often having left their own behind. Throughout *Global Cinderellas*, Lan pays particular attention to how the women she studied identify themselves in relation to "others"—whether they be of different classes, nationalities, ethnicities, or education levels. In so doing, she offers a framework for thinking about how migrant workers and their employers understand themselves in the midst of dynamic transnational labor flows.

"This path-breaking study illustrates how boundaries—of race, class, gender, and citizenship—are imposed on migrant domestic workers. Pei-Chia Lan's use of boundary-making as the lens through which to analyze the integration of migrant domestic workers is a very important contribution to the burgeoning field of the feminization of migration. This is a brilliant book." —Rhacel Salazar Parrenilde, author of *Children of Global Migration: Transnational Families and Gendered Woes*