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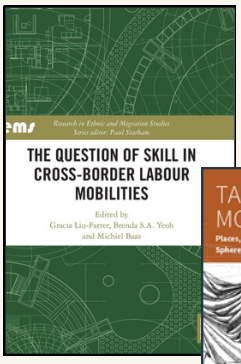



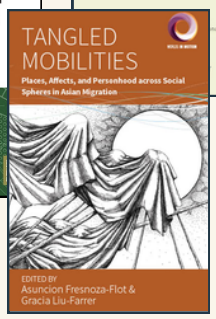



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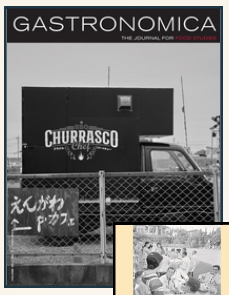

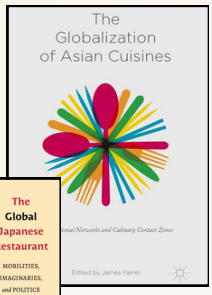

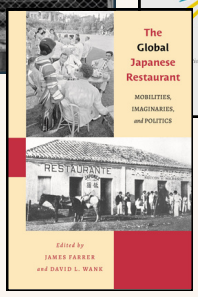

Migrants in Japan are changing the social landscape. In the midst of numerous precarities as laborers and migrants, foreign inhabitants are active agents contributing much social and human capital to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of Japanese society. Undoubtedly, foreign residents also create openings: the soft power effects of diversity through gastronomy present a multidimensional space of migrant employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. Ethno-gastronomic spaces create vibrant "place-branding," infusing energy into "ethnic" townships and bringing much-needed economic vibrancy and tourist capital to local food scenes by doing "international" within the local. James Farrer and Gracia Liu-Farrer share their expertise on the impact of foreign presence in the cultural hubs of Japan.

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