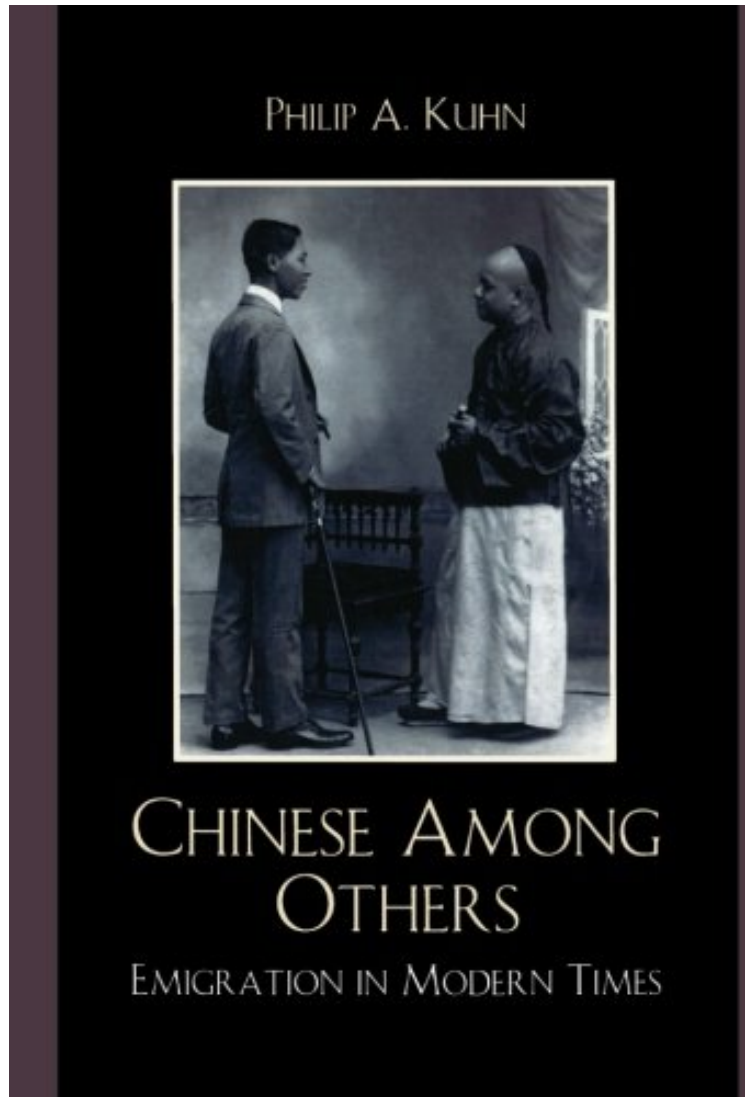


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Kuhn's experience in studying Chinese history enables him to offer an interesting perspective on Chinese migration in Chinese Among Others. The book is noteworthy for its ambitious global scope. Kuhn's insightful main argument contends that there is a symbiotic relationship between modern Chinese history and the history of Chinese migration. Chinese Among Others has broken new ground in providing such food for thought. (Leander Seah Chinese Studies) Chinese Among Others is the first book to attempt a synthetic history of Chinese migration around the world from the sixteenth century to the present. . . . [L]ively and accessible . . . appropriate for undergraduate courses while retaining complexity and diverse insights for the specialist. . . . [A] timely achievement that both summarizes the state of the field and offers distinct interpretations, helping readers take stock and move forward in new directions. (Adam McKeown Journal of Asian Studies) Kuhn's conceptual clarity, the enlightening way in which he weaves the story of Chinese migration into both national and global histories, and his vivid writings supplemented with excerpts from primary sources makes it an excellent text for students. (The China Journal) This is a rich and well-written narrative of great ambition, erudition, and insight. It offers compelling and carefully constructed bridges between the fields of Chinese, ethnic, and migration studies. (Journal of American Ethnic History) Demonstrating his remarkable historical and historiographical knowledge, Philip A. Kuhn's Chinese Among Others is the most comprehensive synthetic account of the saga of the modern Chinese diaspora. Nobody else before him has captured the long and complicated process of the Chinese diaspora so clearly and so insightfully. This book represents a landmark in the study of this extremely important topic. . . . This well-researched and well-written book represents a monumental step toward establishing the studies of the Chinese diaspora as a coherent field of inquiry. (Yong Chen H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online) Philip Kuhn has written a comprehensive history of the Chinese diaspora, from premodern southern Chinese maritime networks to transformations wrought by colonialism and war in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Crisply written and sympathetic but not sentimental, Chinese Among Others is magisterial in sweep, concept, and execution. (Mae M. Ngai, Columbia University) Philip Kuhn dug deep into the history of China before turning to pursue the many generations of Chinese migrants around the world. He has an astute sensitivity for the lives of dislodged peoples and an exceptional capacity to find the core issues in the subject. This is a remarkable book that offers a unique contribution to the growing field of diasporic Chinese history. (Wang Gungwu, National University of Singapore) Philip Kuhn has long been urging us to study the Chinese globally, and in this benchmark volume he skillfully weaves together a tapestry of world Chinese history. (Edgar Wickberg, University of British Columbia) An impressive work. The very conception, a world-historical treatment of the Chinese diaspora, is original. For me, the intellectual excitement comes from the fresh perspective that Kuhn qua consummate historian brings to subject matter more often treated in fragmentary fashion by social scientists. Novel conceptualizations and interpretations abound. Kuhn's research is meticulous and his writing is clear. This book will command the attention of China scholars and widen their horizons. (G. William Skinner, University of California, Davis) Philip Kuhn has long been urging us to study the Chinese globally, and in this benchmark volume he skillfully weaves together a tapestry of world Chinese history. Philip Kuhn has written a comprehensive history of the Chinese diaspora, from pre-modern southern Chinese maritime networks to transformations wrought by colonialism and war in the nineteenth and

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