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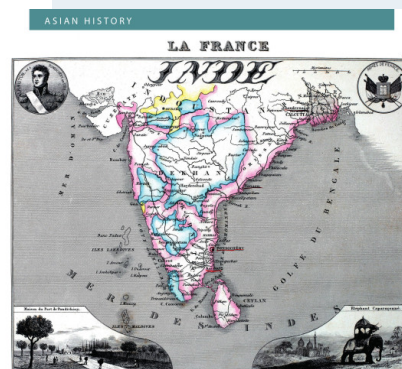
This work of historical sociology revisits and analyses the earlier part of the Third Republic (1870-1914), when France granted citizenship rights to Indians in Pondicherry. It explores the nature of this colonial citizenship and enables comparisons with British India, especially the Madras Presidency, as well as the rest of the French empire, as a means of demonstrating how unique the practice of granting such rights was. The difficulties of implementing a new political culture based on the language of rights and participatory political institutions were not so much rooted in a lack of assimilation into the French culture on the part of the Indian population; rather, they were the result of political infighting and long-term conflicts over status, both in relation to caste and class, and between inclusive and exclusive visions of French citizenship.

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*"Anne Raffin's thoroughly researched and thoughtfully argued book treats citizenship less as a legal category than as a framework for making claims. More complicated than a dichotomy of French citizens and indigenous subjects, politics in French India entailed multisided mobilizations to preserve, reform, or overturn an unequal social order. Raffin raises basic questions about sovereignty, citizenship, and difference in a colonial situation that was both unique and a microcosm of empire."*

- Frederick Cooper, Professor at New York University



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## Rethinking Authority in China's Border Regime

*Regulating the Irregular*

In the 21st century, governments around the globe are faced with the question on how to tackle new migratory mobilities. Governments increasingly become aware of irregular immigration and are forced to re-negotiate the dilemma of open but secure borders. <cite>Rethinking Authority in China's Border Regime: Regulating the Irregular </cite> investigates the Chinese government's response to this phenomenon. Hence, this book presents a comprehensive analysis of the Chinese border regime. It explores the regulatory framework of border mobility in China by analysing laws, institutions, and discourses as part of an ethnographic border regime analysis. It argues that the Chinese state deliberately creates 'zones of exception' along its border. In these zones, local governments function as 'scalar managers' that establish cross-border relations to facilitate cross-border mobility and create local migration systems that build on their own notion of legality by issuing locally valid border documents. The book presents an empirically rich story of how border politics are implemented and theoretically contributes to debates on territoriality and sovereignty as well as to the question of how authority is exerted through border management. Empirically, the analysis builds on two case studies at the Sino-Myanmar and Sino-North Korean borders to illustrate how local practices are embedded in multiscale mobility regulation including regional organizations such as the Greater Mekong Subregion and the Greater Tumen Initiative.

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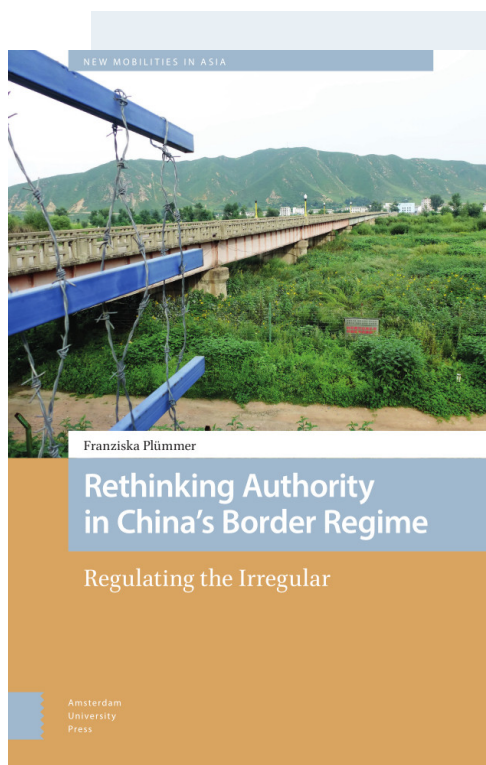
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