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Masculinities & the Ambivalence of Ambition in the Context of Migration

Migration can severely stress social and intimate relations. It can modify gendered structures and assumptions as men and women (at home and abroad) encounter new constraints and adopt new roles (at home and at work). Dr. Tapias explores these issues through a study of Bolivian immigrant men's changing attitudes toward ambition and the related unease with which they must perform "new masculinities."



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