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Global Mobility of Highly Skilled People

Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Self-initiated Expatriation

This volume examines self-initiated expatriates (SIEs), the category of highly skilled people whose movement from one country to another is by choice. Although they are not forced to relocate due to work, conflict or natural disaster, their migration pattern is every bit as complex. The book challenges previous theoretical approaches that take for granted a more simplistic view of this population, and advances that mobility of SIEs relates to the expatriates themselves, their conditions and the different structures intervening in their career life course. With their visible increase worldwide, major interests that catch attention are transnational practices, work-related experiences and personal life course, including exposing forms of inequalities in their migration experiences. The book identifies forms and drivers of migratory behaviour and provides an argument concerning the broader processes of mobility and integration. As such, this book provides an insightful analysis for policy makers, institutions and organizations to better cope with this form of mobility.

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