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Indonesian Highly Skilled Migrants in South Korea

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Scholarship on highly skilled migration has been largely shaped by the experiences of migrants who are privileged by nationality, class or race. Such studies risk reproducing a homogeneous image of expatriates as predominantly Western and White subjects while at the same time fail to understand the significance of non-Western and non-White experiences in shaping contemporary expatriate mobilities. This study offers more nuanced and diverse image of migration forms and practices. It examines the experiences of Indonesian expatriates living in South Korea particularly their cultural adjustment in the Korean workplace. While the Western expatriates have been frustrated navigating the cultural differences between home and South Korea, this study finds that Indonesian professionals seem to be less frustrated and more contented working in the Korean setting.

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