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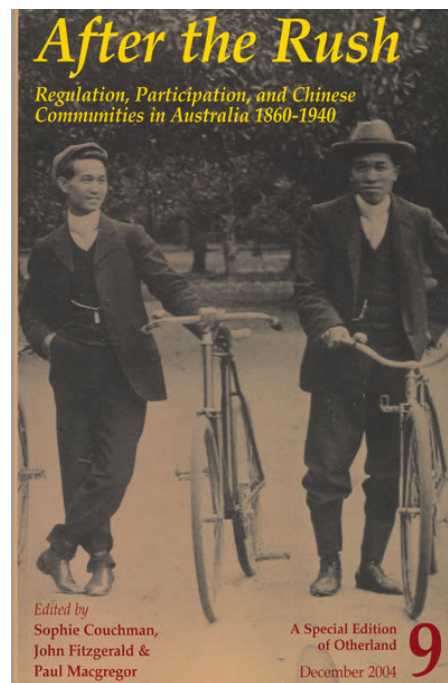
Regulation, Participation and Chinese Communities in Australia 1860-1940

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For much of the post-war era, the study of 'Overseas Chinese' was dominated by studies of the major Chinese communities of Southeast Asia, particularly focusing on their place in trade, colonialism and indigenous nationalist movements. Outside of Southeast Asia, recognition of local Chinese community heritage was largely confined to 'gold-rush' archaeology and to studies of immigration restrictions in White-settler societies on the Pacific Rim. Little attention was paid to the Chinese communities that elected to remain and work in White settler societies in the post-gold rush era, particularly in Australia

This book draws on the research of some of Australia's most established historians, as well as immigration and law specialists, and a number of younger scholars whose work is beginning to claim critical attention to fill this gap. The seventeen chapters in the volume have been selected from over fifty papers presented at the Chinese Heritage of Australian Federation, an international conference on Chinese community history held at the Chinese Museum in Melbourne in July 2001. The book is organized around three major themes in Australia's post-gold rush history: regulation and governance, participation in public life, and community and identity formation.



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