I'm pleased to announce the recent publication of my book, *Made in Hong Kong: Transpacific Networks and a New History of Globalization* (Columbia University Press, Studies of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, 2021). The ISBNs are 9780231184854 (paperback); 9780231184847 (hardcover); and 9780231545709 (e-book). 440 pages.

*Made in Hong Kong* re-examines Hong Kong as a key node in the expansion of postwar US-led global capitalism and as the linchpin of revived Sino-U.S. trade since the 1970s. Drawing on Chinese- and English-language sources from across Hong Kong, China, the United States, and the United Kingdom, I argue that Hong Kong went from 'rags to riches,' not as a 'tiger' economy or a British colony, but because its elite Chinese capitalists and academics developed instrumental transpacific networks with the United States as it claimed global leadership. In particular, I home in on the role of an overlooked transnational Chinese elite who fled to Hong Kong amid war and revolution. Despite losing material possessions, these industrialists, bankers, academics, and other professionals retained crucial connections to the United States. They used these relationships to enmesh themselves and Hong Kong with the U.S. through commercial ties and higher education. By the 1960s, Hong Kong had become a manufacturing powerhouse supplying American consumers, and by the 1970s it was the world’s largest sender of foreign students to American colleges and universities. Hong Kong’s reorientation toward U.S. international leadership enabled its transplanted Chinese elites to benefit from expanding American influence in Asia and then positioned them to act as shepherds to China’s reengagement with global capitalism. As Deng Xiaoping accelerated China’s reforms, Hong Kong’s transpacific networks enabled the territory to rapidly become a key node of China’s export-driven development, connecting Chinese labor with the U.S. market.


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