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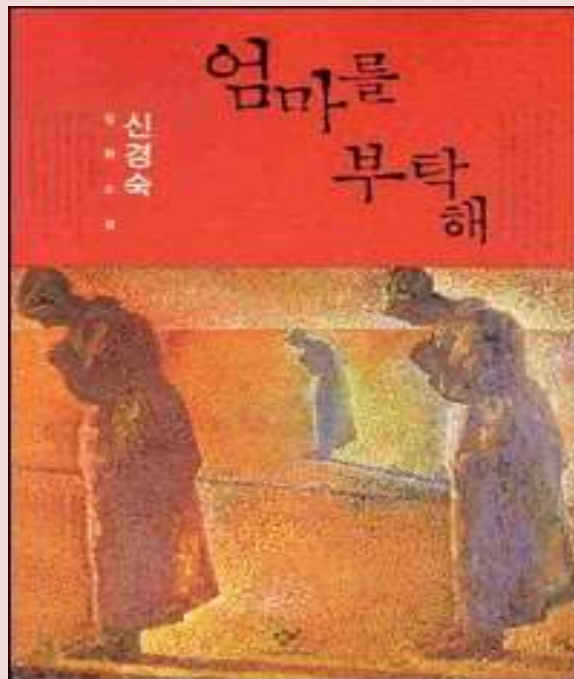
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The Melodrama of Mobility, Continued: South Korea's Fragile Cosmopolitans

In this talk I think about the changing aesthetics of desire and social mobility. I consider the porous boundary between the radically normative and potentially transgressive in South Korea today. I tune into the adult lives of the now adult children of women featured in my earlier work on South Korea's developmentalist mothers; as well as memoirs written by early study abroad mothers. I also take up several cultural texts, including blockbuster novel, *Please Take Care of My Mother*; and the 2004 film, *My Mother the Mermaid*.



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