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"With rich analysis, absorbing material, and updated research, this new edition of *Servants of Globalization* offers readers new insight on the experiences of children reunifying with their mothers abroad, men working in a female segregated occupation, and the plight of aging care workers. Rhacel Parreñas's contributions continue to resonate with scholars and activists and inform our 'care crisis' and immigration debates." (Mary Romero *Arizona State University*, and author of *The Maid's Daughter: Living Inside and Outside the American Dream*)

"A stunning merger of ethnography with political economy, this new edition of *Servants of Globalization* is no mere update. Through additional fieldwork and chapters on men and aging workers, Rhacel Parreñas remains the leading voice on migrant domestic labor, the international division of reproductive labor, and the growth of unfreedom amid capitalist globalization." (Eileen Boris, *University of California*)

"*Servants of Globalization* is a foundational text that has shaped our understanding of the role of domestic work in the globalized world economy. Deeply grounded in the real experiences of some of the most invisible workers, it provides critical, unique perspectives on the changing nature of work and gender in our economy. In this new edition, Rhacel Parreñas strengthens and updates her analysis of the international division of caregiving work, and completes the story with an important new chapter on the question of retirement and the caring of domestic workers themselves as they age." (Ai-jen Poo, Director *National Domestic Workers Alliance*)

"Rhacel Parreñas extracts powerful theorizations from her ground-breaking research, and with this new edition, she adds significant new conceptual elements. A must read." (Saskia Sassen)

About the Author

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