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Kevin's lifelong work in Asia began in 1994, when after finishing a degree in Philosophy he spent over two years teaching in southern China and working with educational non-profits in northeastern Thailand. He then pursued an MA in Asian Cultural Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, worked on educational development and cultural exchange issues for the Lingnan Foundation and the Yale-China Association, and then finished his PhD in cultural anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. Kevin is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, which he has studied formally for a number of years, including at Taiwan National University, and gets by in Cantonese, which he has studied at Chinese University of Hong Kong. His ongoing ethnographic research on migration, labor, gender, and changing rural/urban spaces in China, Hong Kong, and Southeast Asia began as a Fulbright Fellow in 2004, during which he also began collaboration with leading activists on migrant worker rights, sex worker rights, land displacement issues, and socio-economic/environmental ecologies. Kevin is now conducting a three-year ethnographic project in the New Territories of Hong Kong on behalf of Project Share, a local NPO dedicated to helping young people realize more diverse and sustainable futures. This research focuses on the social, political-economic, and historicallyconstituted spatial/environmental ecologies that undermine the conditions of livability in the New Territories, in part through forms of material and imaginative displacement.