

Contents

Abbreviations vii Preface ix

Introduction An Ethnography of Return 1

PART I: DEPARTURES

1. The Balikbayan Economy Filipino Americans and the Contemporary Transformation of Manila 29

2. The Foreign Local Balikbayans, Overseas Filipino Workers, and the Return Economy 49

3. Transnational Real Estate Selling the American Dream in the Philippines 72

PART II: RETURNS

4. The Balikbayan Hotel Touristic Performance in Manila and the Anxiety of Return 115

5. The Balikbayan House The Precarity of Return Migrant Homes 131

6. Domestic Affects The Philippine Retirement Authority, Retiree Visas, and the National Discourse of Homecoming 148

Conclusion Retirement Landscapes and the Geography of Exception 163

Epilogue 179 Notes 187 References 197 Index 209