



# From Sleepless in Seattle to I Seoul You: Korean Gay Men and Cross-cultural Encounters in Transnational Times

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## This course reading...

- Explores stories of gay Korean men in a transnational context; specifically, Seattle US and Seoul Korea.
- Is written by a queer man from the Sāmoan diaspora of Aotearoa New Zealand, who employs a Pacific methodology (*talanoa*) in their research.
- Complicates a simplified Western understanding of queer worlds by bringing non-Western viewpoints to the discourse.
- Draws from the author's lived experience.

## How might a Sāmoan diasporic lens broaden our understanding of queer worlds?

Queer worlds are often theorized using Western frameworks of knowledge systems and power. In this book, queer author and researcher **Seuta'afili Patrick Thomsen** brings diversity to the discourse, by exploring the stories of Korean gay men in and between Seoul in Korea and Seattle in the US. Drawn from lived experience and the author's use of *talanoa* (Pacific research methodology), the book centres transnational, migrant and racialized realities – so contributing to the complication of West-centric ideas of gayness and coming out. Looking at the intersections of race, globalization, diaspora, religion and queer identity, these stories add richness and complexity to the field of Queer and LGBT+ Studies.

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