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Although rights-based claims are diversifying and opportunities and resources for claims-making have improved, obtaining rights protections and catalysing social change in South Korea remain challenging processes. This volume examines how different groups in South Korea have defined and articulated grievances and mobilized to remedy them. It explores developments in the institutional contexts within which rights claiming occurs and in the sources of support available for utilizing different claims-making channels. Drawing on scores of original interviews, readings of court rulings and statutes, primary archival and digital sources, and interpretive analysis of news media coverage in Korean, this volume illuminates rights in action. The chapters uncover conflicts over contending rights claims, expose disparities between theory and practice in the law, trace interconnections among rights-based movements, and map emerging trends in the use of rights language. Case studies examine the rights of women, workers, people with disabilities, migrants, and sexual minorities.

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## Abbreviations

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
APF	Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions
APIL	Advocates for Public Interest Law
APRRN	Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network
BKL	Bae, Kim & Lee LLC
CCEJ	Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice
CCK	Christian Council of Korea
CEDAW	UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
CERD	UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
COVID-19	coronavirus disease 2019
CRC	UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	2006 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DPI	Disabled Peoples' International
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
EPS	Employment Permit System
FKTU	Federation of Korean Trade Unions
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
ICC	International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
IDAHO	International Day Against Homophobia
ILO	International Labor Organization
ITTP	Industrial and Technical Training System
JCMK	Joint Committee for Migrant Workers in Korea
JRTI	Judicial Research and Training Institute
KCIA	Korean Central Intelligence Agency

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KCPA	Korea's Civil Procedure Act
KCTU	Korean Confederation of Trade Unions
KDAWU	Korea Differently Abled Women United
KFEM	Korea Federation for Environmental Movement
KFSB	Korean Federation of Small and Medium Businesses
KIS	Korea Immigration Service
KLPH	Korean Lawyers for Public Interest and Human Rights
KOCUN	Korea Center for UN Human Rights Policy
KODAF	Korea Differently Abled Federation
LGBTI	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex
LOS	legal opportunity structure
MOEL	Ministry of Employment and Labor
NEIS	National Education Information System
NGOs	nongovernmental organizations
NHRCK	National Human Rights Commission of Korea
NHRI	National Human Rights Institution
NIMBY	Not in My Back Yard
NIS	National Intelligence Service
NPOs	nonprofit organizations
NSL	Korean National Security Law
NSPA	National Security Planning Agency
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OKA	Overseas Korean Act
PILnet	Global Network for Public Interest Law
PRC	People's Republic of China
PROK	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
PSPD	People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy
QCF	Queer Culture Festival
QUV	Solidarity of University Queer Societies
RIDRIK	Research Institute for Disability Rights in Korea
ROK	Republic of Korea
SADD	Solidarity against Disability Discrimination
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review
WPA	World Program of Action Concerning Disabled Persons