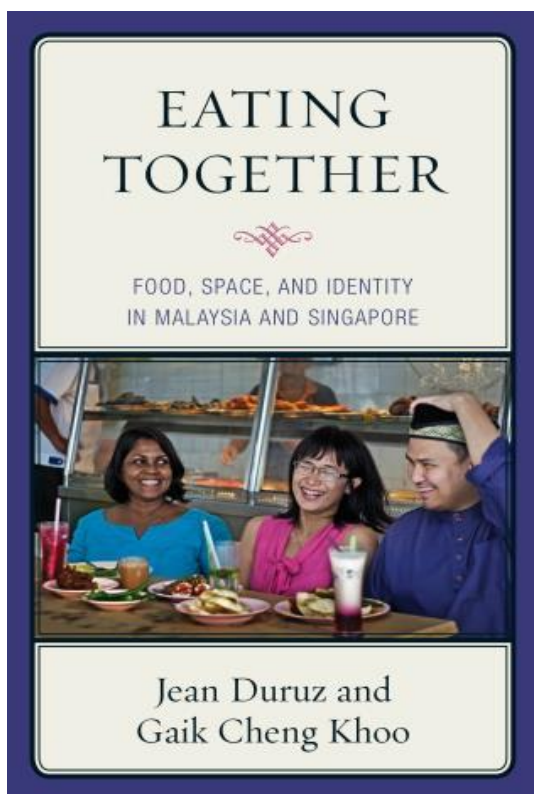


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"Richly imagined and analyzed, the authors explore what public eating spaces can tell us about contemporary nostalgia, cosmopolitanism and localism. *Eating Together* takes us into the heart of the tastes, smells, sounds and sights of public commonality in Singapore and Malaysia."

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"Duruz and Khoo demonstrate, brilliantly, that employing the semiotics of food renders legible the unexpected everyday negotiations involved in accommodating the nuances of national policies governing citizenship in Malaysia and Singapore. The book astutely maps the ways in which the rich sedimentation of local culinary habits modifies commodified globalisation."

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