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## Global China in flow restructures: Networks, assembled positionalities and the China-invested Special Economic Zone development in Cambodia

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This essay attempts to further develop the positionality of place through aggregated effects of vision construction by different positioned actants. We attempt to integrate two concepts: the feminist positionality that stresses the subjects' situatedness in networks and their relational power of vision constructions in host places and, the networking behaviour of brokers with their exclusive connections to small world clusters, as argued by IR network analysis. Our attempts at the bodily level of situated and subjective vision construction aim to address two challenges: first, how to address the entanglement of geopolitics and biopolitics, and second, how to account for the power of a place premised upon its areal resources through the behaviour of brokers. The institutionalization of SEZ development in Cambodia, from the introduction of new norms to law-making and planning, is chosen as a case for its dynamic process.



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