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2:00 - 3:00 PM Zoom Attendance Link: https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/84816328894

The Asian/American Studies Collective Research Focus Group invites you to join in the celebration of the release of erin Khuê Ninh's new book, *Passing for Perfect*. In this engaging study, Ninh considers the factors that drove college imposters to extreme lengths to appear successful and addresses the larger issue of the pressures and difficulties of striving to be a "model minority," where failure is too ruinous to admit. *Passing for Perfect* insists that being a model minority is not a myth but is coded into one's programming as an identity and that the true cost of turning children into high-achieving professionals may be higher than anyone can bear.

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