Confidence as cultural capital: The case of 457 Filipino workers in Perth

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Filipinos: 19% of the total workers given 457 work visas in Western Australia in 2012 (DIAC 2013).
Cultural capital

- Institutional, objectified and embodied
- Affective dimension
Case study:
457 workers and family members (engineers and linesmen, state-sponsored skilled workers)
Emergent feelings

- fear and lack of assertiveness
- courage and assertiveness
Confidence

- (Lack of) confidence in abilities
- (Lack of) confidence in communicating and relating
Tentative claims

- Class and neoliberal economy of Perth
- Importance of affective labour in transforming affective dispositions
- Gendered affective labour
Thank you.