A team player pursuing its own dreams: Rights-claim campaign of Chinese migrant spouses in the migrant movement before and after 2008

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Building on political opportunity theory, this chapter problematises the existing understanding of the migrant movement in Taiwan with a focus on the converging of interests existing within the Alliance of Human Rights Legislation for Immigrants and Migrants (AHRLIM), an umbrella organisation of advocacy groups for migrants and immigrants in Taiwan. Highlighting the role and strategies of the Marriage Association of the Two Sides of China (MATSC) within the alliance, and highlighting the emerging political opportunities as a consequence of the change of the ruling party in 2008, this chapter argues that the migrant movement in Taiwan should be understood not as a unified entity but as a conglomeration of sometimes conflicting interests.

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A number of concerns and controversies surfaced before, during, and after the 2008 Summer Olympics, and which received major media coverage. Leading up to the Olympics, there were concerns about human rights in China, such that many high-profile individuals, such as politicians and celebrities, announced intentions to boycott the games to protest China's role in the Darfur conflict, and Myanmar, its stance towards Tibet, or other aspects of its human rights record. During the games in Beijing, the