Although rights-based claims are diversifying and opportunities and resources for claims-making have improved, obtaining rights protections and catalysing social change in South Korea remain challenging processes. This volume examines how different groups in South Korea have defined and articulated grievances and mobilized to remedy them. It explores developments in the institutional contexts within which rights claiming occurs and in the sources of support available for utilizing different claims-making channels. Drawing on scores of original interviews, readings of court rulings and statutes, primary archival and digital sources, and interpretive analysis of news media coverage in Korean, this volume illuminates rights in action. The chapters uncover conflicts over contending rights claims, expose disparities between theory and practice in the law, trace interconnections among rights-based movements, and map emerging trends in the use of rights language. Case studies examine the rights of women, workers, people with disabilities, migrants, and sexual minorities.

Introduction: Rights in Action - Patricia Goedde and Celeste L. Arrington
1. Legal Disputes, Women's Legal Voice, and Petitioning in Late Joseon Korea - Jisoo Kim
2. Defying Claims of Legal Incompetence: Women's Lawsuits over Separate Property Rights in Colonial Korea - Sungyun Lim
4. A Clash of Claims: the Diversity and Effectiveness of Rights Claims around the Jeju 4.3 Events - Hun Joon Kim
5. Advancing Human Rights, Advancing a Nation: Becoming a Seonjinguk via the National Human Rights Commission of Korea - Soo-Young Hwang
7. Rights Claiming through the Courts: Changing Legal Opportunity Structures in South Korea - Celeste L. Arrington
8. Public Interest Lawyering in Korea: Trends in Institutional Development - Patricia Goedde
9. From 'We are not machines, we are humans' to 'We are workers, we want to work': the Changing Notion of Labor Rights in Korea - Yoonkyung Lee
11. The Politics of Postponement and Sexual Minority Rights in Korea - Ju Hui Judy Han
12. Discovering Diversity: the Anti Discrimination Legislation Movement in South Korea - Jihye Kim and Sung Soo Hong
13. Non-citizenship Rights: Migrant Rights and Hierarchies in South Korea - Erin Chung
14. Claiming Citizenship: Rights Claiming and Recognition for North Koreans Entering South Korea - Sheena Chestnut Greitens

Conclusion: Findings and Future Directions - Celeste L. Arrington and Patricia Goedde

For more information, and to order, visit: www.cambridge.org/9781108841337 and enter the code RCSK2021 at the checkout