Record Nr. UNINA9910370046403321 Autore Staicov Adina **Titolo** Creating Belonging in San Francisco Chinatown's Diasporic Community: Morphosyntactic Aspects of Indexing Ethnic Identity / / by Adina Staicov Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Palgrave Pubbl/distr/stampa Macmillan, , 2020 3-030-24993-X ISBN Edizione [1st ed. 2020.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xiii, 182 pages): illustrations Disciplina 425 306.44221079461 Sociolinguistics Soggetti Intercultural communication Philosophy of mind Self Race Language policy Intercultural Communication Philosophy of the Self Race and Ethnicity Studies Language Policy and Planning Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Chapter 1: Introduction -- Chapter 2: San Francisco Chinatown:

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Sommario/riassunto "This is an engaging and original study combining quasi-experimental

data with ethnographical observations, looking at identity politics and morphosyntactic variations of multilingual Chinese in San Francisco's Chinatown. It is a welcome addition to the growing body of literature on the sociolinguistics of ethnic identity." -- Li Wei, Chair of Applied Linguistics, University College London, UK This book presents a muchneeded discussion on ethnic identification and morphosyntactic variation in San Francisco Chinatown-a community that has received very little attention in linguistic research. An investigation of original, interactive speech data sheds light on how first- and secondgeneration Chinese Americans signal (ethnic) identity through morphosyntactic variation in English and on how they co-construct identity discursively. After an introduction to the community's history, the book provides background information on ethnic varieties in North America. This discussion grounds the present book within existing research and illustrates how studies on ethnic varieties of English have evolved. The book then proceeds with a description of quantitative and qualitative results on linguistic variation and ethnic identity. These analyses show how linguistic variation is only one way of signalling belonging to a community and highlight that Chinese Americans draw on a variety of sources, most notably the heritage language, to construct and negotiate (ethnic) identity. This book will be of particular interest to linguists - particularly academics working in sociolinguistics, language and identity, and language variation - but also to scholars interested in related issues such as migration, discrimination, and ethnicity. Adina Staicov is Assistant Professor at Hiroshima University, Japan, where she teaches classes on Academic Writing and English for Academic Purposes.