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Summary of Dissertation Contents	This research examines the life experiences of Vietnamese women using social and cultural capitals as resources to settle as foreign spouses in Taiwan. The bulk of data was collected from in-depth interviews of seven Vietnamese foreign spouses and some Taiwanese men who married a Vietnamese woman. In addition a survey of 200 Vietnamese foreign spouses was conducted using a standard questionnaire. The findings show that those who can utilize their cultural capital such as skills of making Vietnamese cuisine or tailoring Vietnamese traditional dresses are more likely to have opportunities to take advantage of social capital such as social networks or personal connections accessing to local community or government. This implies that for an effective acculturation of these foreign spouses, they need to put in efforts to become a member of the new society such as learning local languages. But it seems there is no need for them to completely give up their ties with their home cultures			
Summary of Dissertation Screening Results	As a social problem in Taiwan the issue of foreign spouses has been widely discussed in public. Most of the discussion has seen the issue from an economic or political perspective. The evidence used has relied on media reports and personal encounters. Among the limited academic research on this topic, there is also a tendency to view the problem as an economic or racial in nature. This dissertation adopts a new, namely a sociological perspective to conceptualize the problem using the core concepts of identity, cultural and social capitals. To provide evidence of his arguments, the author uses qualitative interview data of both wives and husbands. He also conducted a quantitative survey. Thus this dissertation is strong in both theory and method. Therefore this dissertation has met the standard and is worthy of the provision of a PhD degree.			
Summary of Exam Result or Academic Skills	The student has been capable to conceptualize the research problem and he has shown good skills in interviewing the respondents. In the oral examination the examiners focused on the theory, concepts and data. It seems that he has answered all the questions sincerely and satisfactorily.			