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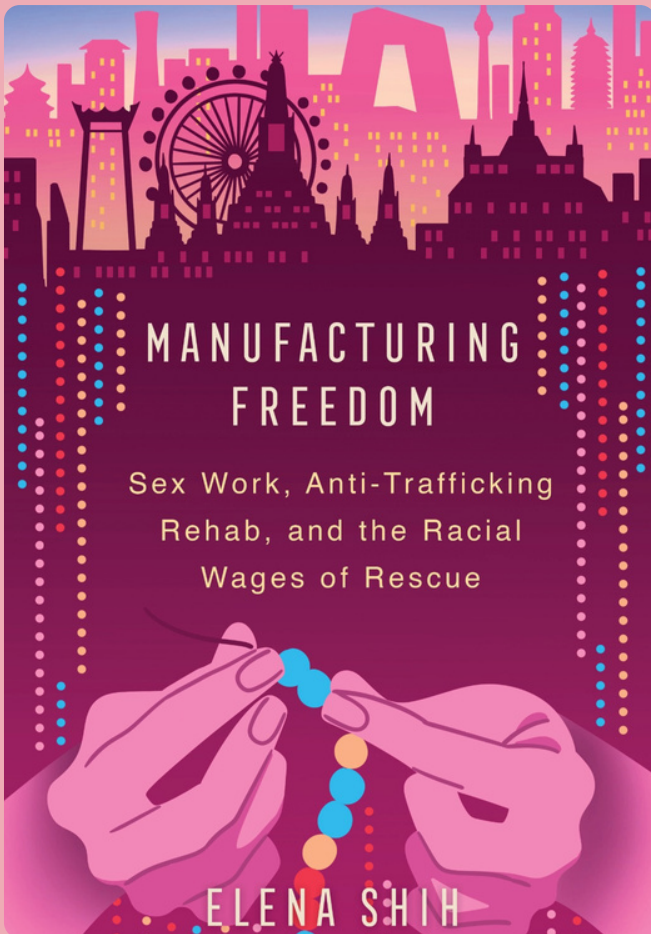
# MANUFACTURING FREEDOM: Sex Work, Anti-Trafficking Rehab, and the Racial Wages of Rescue



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**Join the UCLA Transnational Gender and Labor Working Group** in discussing Elena Shih's newest book. *Manufacturing Freedom* (UC Press, 2023) examines how sex worker rescue programs, often hailed for combating human trafficking, can inadvertently perpetuate a cycle of low-wage women's work, masking broader issues of inequality and power. In this innovative study, Elena Shih argues that anti-trafficking rescue and rehabilitation projects profit off persistent labor abuse of women workers and imagined but savvily marketed narratives of redemption.

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