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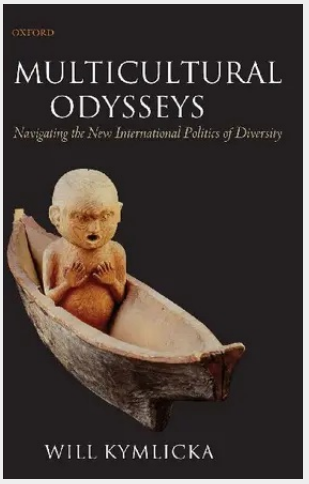
Multicultural Odysseys

Navigating the New International Politics of Diversity



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