Australian media and the politics of belonging
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An important resource for understanding, and makes a vital contribution to, debates surrounding belonging in Australia.

‘This exciting collaboration between some of Australia’s key sociologists, journalists and scholars of media is a must-read for those interested in how ethnic minorities, particularly those of African and Muslim backgrounds, are (re)constructed as “other” in more and less explicit ways in the Australian media.’
—Farida Fozdar, Associate Professor, Anthropology and Sociology, University of Western Australia

‘This book illustrates the constitutive role of media in the construction, as well as dissemination, of political projects of belonging. Focusing on Sudanese immigrants in Australia, it demonstrates the political discourses of who is included and who is excluded in the contested and shifting boundaries of the Australian national collectivity, highlighting the processual multi-layered nature of national belonging.’
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Australian Media and the Politics of Belonging explores mediated debates about belonging in contemporary Australia by combining research that proposes conceptual and historical frameworks for understanding its meaning in the Australian context. A range of themes and case studies make the book a significant theoretical resource as well as a much-needed update on work in this area. Australian Media and the Politics of Belonging also provides an intervention that engages with key contemporary issues, questions and problems around the politics of belonging that are relevant not only to academic debate, but also to contemporary policy development and media and popular discussion.

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