"The Seoul of Black Folks" an Examination of African-American Women's experiences with the Gaze in Japan and South Korea.

How do ‘race’ and nationality shape the experiences of African-American women living in Japan and South Korea? How do they resist constructions of blackness in predominantly non-white settings? Asia Bento presents ongoing analysis of travel blogs written by African-American women living in Japan and South Korea in order to understand how the dynamics of the gaze work when both gazer and subject are from traditionally marginalized, non-white or non-western groups.

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