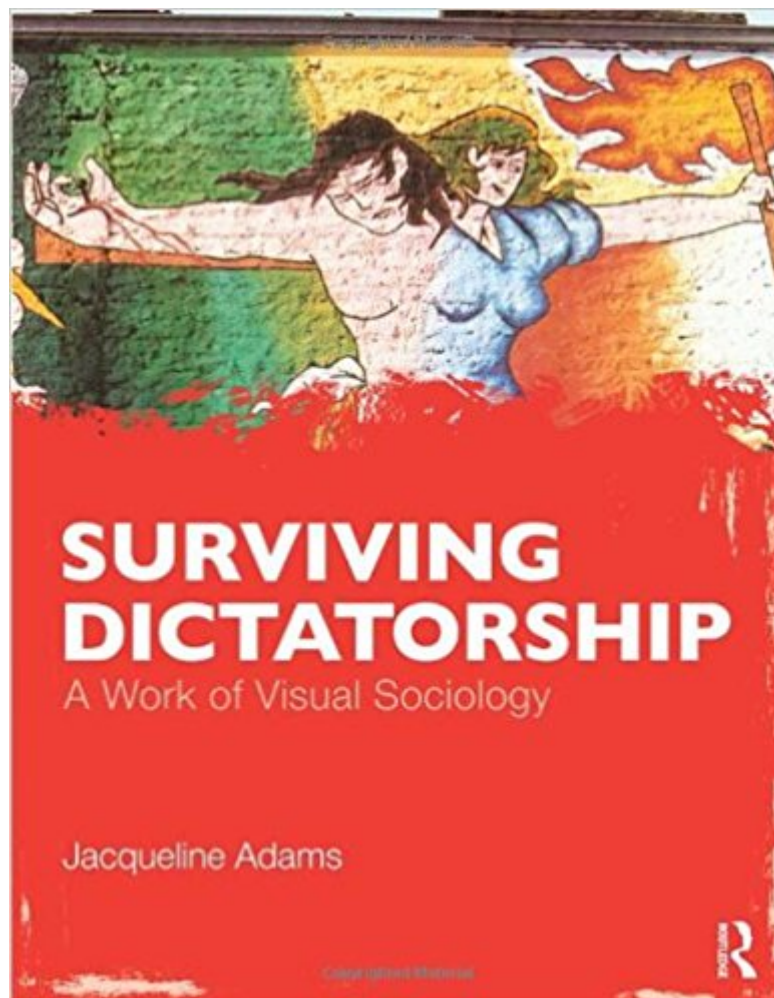




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Jacqueline Adams is the author of articles and a book on the making of dissident art under dictatorship, shantytown women's reactions to the end of dictatorship, exile, and decision-making about migration. She has won a Pacific Sociological Association award and had an article selected as a benchmark by SAGE. She has worked as an assistant professor of sociology in Hong Kong, senior researcher at the University of Coimbra, and research fellow,

scholar-in-residence, and visiting scholar at the University of California at Berkeley, where she is currently based.

Why the boobs on the cover? Adams blows her own horn over and over--the number of arpilleras she's photographed and the number of interviews she's done. She doesn't appear to listen very well or earn the confidence of the artisans involved. She doesn't understand why they aren't willing to open their lives to her when she comes on the scene a quarter of a century or so after the coup in Chile and after the first arpilleras, when they had already become tourist art. After all she's a scholar. Too bad.

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