

Asian Population Network Workshop on

Migration and the 'Asian Family' in a Globalising World

**River View Hotel, Singapore
16 - 18 April, 2001**

Programme

MONDAY 16 APRIL 2001

08:30 – 09:30

Registration

09:30 – 09:35

Welcome Note

Assoc Professor Brenda Yeoh
Principal-Investigator, Asian MetaCentre; and
Director, Centre for Advanced Studies
National University of Singapore, Singapore

09:35 – 09:50

Opening Address

Assoc Professor Lily Kong
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
National university of Singapore, Singapore

SESSION 1:

'ASIAN' TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES: ACROSS CULTURES AND GENERATIONS

Chairperson: Assoc Professor Peggy Teo
National University of Singapore, Singapore

09:50 – 10:10

International Adoption and Asian Transnational Families

Frayda Cohen, University of Pittsburgh, USA

10:10 – 10:30

Multi-local Residence, Transnational Networks: Chinese 'Astronaut' Families in New Zealand

Elsie Ho, University of Waikato, New Zealand

10:30 – 11:00

Tea Break

11:00 – 11:20

The Self, Family and Migration: Life Stories of Filipino Women

Maruja M. B. Asis, Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines

11:20 – 11:40

Migrant Identities and Transnational Households: Filipina Migrants in Canada

Deirdre McKay, Australian National University, Australia

11:40 – 12:00

The Franco-Pondicherrians: Expatriate Families in Pondicherry (India)

V. Raji Sugumar, Barathidasan Govt College for Women, India; and T. Subramaniam Naidu, Pondicherry University, India

12:00 – 12:45

Discussion Session 1

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch

SESSION 2:

‘ASIAN’ TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES: NEGOTIATING GENDER RELATIONS

Chairperson: Dr Lisa Law

National University of Singapore, Singapore

14:00 – 14:20

The Uncertain Configurations of the Politics of Location: The ‘Asian Family’, ‘Asian Values’ and Post-Colonial Feminist Spaces

Ann Brooks, Massey University, New Zealand

14:20 – 14:40

Breaking the Code: Women Migration and the 1987 Family Code of the Republic of the Philippines

Rhacel Salazar Parrenas, Women’s Studies and Asian American Studies, USA

14:40 – 15:00

Survival and Sacrifice: Minnan Women in Hong Kong

Maria Siumi Tam, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

15:00 – 15:20

Short-term Labour Migration of Women and Gender Relationships: The Bangladesh Case

Tasneem Siddiqui, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

15:20 – 15:50

Tea Break

15:50 – 16:10

The Production of Transnational Labor Migration and the Filipino Family: A Narrative

James A. Tyner, Kent State University, USA

16:10 – 16:30

Filipino Navy Stewards and Filipina Health Care Professionals: Immigration, Work, and Family Relations

Yen Le Espiritu, University of California, USA

16:30 – 17:15

Discussion Session 2

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2001

SESSION 3:

FAMILY LIFECYCLE, HOUSEHOLD STRUCTURE AND PROPENSITY TO MIGRATE

Chairperson: Dr Habibul H. Khondker

National University of Singapore, Singapore

09:00 – 09:20

An Assessment of the Effect of Family Variable to Migration in Indonesia

Salut Muhidin, University of Groningen, Netherlands

09:20 – 09:40

Model Migration Schedule From and Into DKI Jakarta: A Multiregional Perspective on 1995 International Population Survey Analysis

Chotib, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

09:40 – 10:00

Some Probability Models for Estimating the Propensity of Dependents' Migration (Family Migration) in India and Their Applications

Shrikant Singh, International Institute for Population Sciences, India

10:00 – 10:30

Tea Break

10:30 – 10:50

Age Pattern of the Rural to Urban Migration and Its Effects on the Future of Urban Population in China

Cao Gui-ying, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria

10:50 – 11:10

Out-Migrant and Household – Analysis Based on 1992's Survey in China

Zhou Hao, Capital University of Trade and Business, China

11:10 – 12:00

Discussion Session 3

12:00 – 13:10

Lunch

SESSION 4:

TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION AND MARRIAGE

Chairperson: Assoc Professor Shirlena Huang

National University of Singapore, Singapore

13:10 – 13:30

Marriage Migration, Family Values and the 'Global Ecumene'

Kathryn Robinson, Australian National University, Australia

13:30 – 13:50

Familial Migration Strategies and the Cultural Logics of Desire: The Case of Correspondence Marriages

Nicole Constable, University of Pittsburgh, USA

13:50 – 14:10

Wife or Worker? International Marriage in the Context of Labour Migration – The Case of Asian Women in Japan

Nicola Piper, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Denmark

14:10 – 14:30

Marrying and Migrating to Australia: Asian Spouses in Intra- and Intercultural Marriages

Khoo Siew Ean, Australian National University, Australia

14:30 – 14:50

Goodwife.com: Representations of 'Asian Women' in Mail Order Bride Web-sites

Sallie Yea, RMIT University, Australia

14:50 – 15:30

Discussion Session 4

15:30 – 16:00

Tea Break

SESSION 5:

FAMILY POLITICS, HOUSEHOLD STRATEGIES AND MIGRATION

Chairperson: Assoc Professor Ngiam Tee Liang

National University of Singapore, Singapore

16:00 – 16:20

Gendered Surveillance and Sexual Violence at Home: Pre-Departure Experiences and Their Consequences for Philipina Migration to Japan

Nobue Suzuki, University of Hawaii, USA

16:20 – 16:40

Women That Move: International Migration from the PRC to Canada and the Negotiation of Gendered Opportunities

Janet Salaff, University of Toronto, Canada; and

Arent Greve, The Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration, Norway

16:40 – 17:00

Migration of Wives in Philippine Cities at the Turn of the Century: Focusing on the Role of Families in Migration Decisions

Nimfa B. Ogena, University of the Philippines Population Institute, Philippine; and
Yoshimi Chitose, Institute for Population and Social Security Research, Japan

17:00 – 17:20

Coming Home: Return Migration Transforms Gender and Family Relations in Thailand

Sara Curran, Princeton University, USA

17:20 – 17:40

Inserting "the Maid" into Private Life: Everyday Life Politics and the Making of the 'Asian Family'

Nirmala PuruShotam, National University of Singapore, Singapore

17:40 – 18:30

Discussion Session 5

19:00

Dinner

WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2001

SESSION 6:

FAMILY ECONOMICS AND MIGRATION

Chairperson: Dr Shapan Adnan

National University of Singapore, Singapore

09:00 – 09:20

In the Wake of the Gulf War: Assessing Family Spending of Compensation Money in Sri Lanka

Michele Ruth Gamburd, Portland State University, USA

09:20 – 09:40

The Impact of Migration Status on Household Financial Resilience: A Case During Indonesian Crisis

Aris Ananta, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore; and
Riyana Miranti, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

09:40 – 10:00

Globalization, “Floating Population” and Household Strategies in Migration: Regional Integration Through Migration in China

Yu Zhu, Australian National University, Australia and
Fujian Normal University, China

10:00 – 10:30

Tea Break

10:30 – 10:50

Migrant Remittances and Family Ties: A Case Study in China

Qian Cai, Portland State University, Portland

10:50 – 11:10

Globalization, Family Strategy and International Labor Migration

Fung-Yea Huang, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research, Taiwan

11:10 – 12:00

Discussion Session 6

12:00 – 13:10

Lunch

SESSION 7:

TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION AND ‘LEFT BEHIND FAMILIES’

Chairperson: Dr Selina Chan Ching

National University of Singapore, Singapore

13:10 – 13:30

‘Left-Behind’ Households of Overseas Filipino Workers

Hector B. Morada, Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics, Philippines

13:30 – 13:50

Effects of International Migration on the Family in Indonesia

Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide, Australia

13:50 – 14:30

Discussion Session 7

14:30 – 15:00

Tea Break

15:00 – 17:00

SESSION 8:

CONCLUDING SESSION

Chairperson: Assoc Professor Brenda Yeoh
Principal-Investigator, Asian MetaCentre; and
Director, Centre for Advanced Studies
National University of Singapore, Singapore

Commentator: Professor Paul J. Boyle
University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Commentator: Dr Elspeth Forbes Graham
University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Discussion