

# **International Workshop on 'Sexuality and Migration in Asia'**

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

**Co-Organized by  
Asian MetaCentre  
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**10 – 11 April 2006  
National University of Singapore  
Singapore**

**MONDAY, 10 APRIL 2006**

**09:00 - 09:30 Registration and Welcome Refreshments**

**09:30 - 09:40 Welcome Note**  
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**Session 1: Embodied vulnerabilities**

Chairperson: TBC

**09:40 – 10:00 Young Migrant Women: Sexual Knowledge, Behaviour and Social Support in Urban China**  
Caroline HOY  
Department of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow, UK  
Fang Wang and Liu Yongliang  
Shanghai Family Planning Association, Shanghai, China

**10:00 – 10:20 Morality, Sexuality and Gender in Internal Migration in China**  
Arianne GAETANO  
Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

**10:20 – 10:40 The Sexual Economy of Desire: Girlfriends, Boyfriends and Babies among Indonesian Women Migrants in Hong Kong**  
Amy SIM  
Department of Sociology, Hong Kong University

**10:40 – 11:10 Discussion**

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**11: 10 – 11:20 Break**

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**11: 20 – 11:50 Documentary Film: Maid in Lebanon**  
Monica SMITH  
University of Colorado, USA

**11:50 – 12:00 Discussion**

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**12:00 – 13:30 Lunch**

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**Session 2: Research and interventions**

Chairperson TBC

- 13:30 – 13:50**            **Cross-border Sexualities: Beyond Stereotypes**  
Michael TAN  
Department of Anthropology, University of Philippines College of  
Medicine, Philippines
- 13:50 – 14:10**            **“Is Sex on the Agenda?”: Singapore NGOs Constructing  
Filipina Migrant Domestic Worker Sexuality**  
Theresa W. DEVASAHAYAM  
University of Wollongong, Australia
- 14:10 – 14:30**            **The Six “R”s: Considerations for Researching Sex  
Trafficking in Asia**  
Sallie YEA  
School of Social Science and Planning, RMIT University,  
Australia
- 14:30 – 15:00**            **Discussion**

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**15:00 – 15:30**            **Break**

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**Session 3: Commodified intimacies: fluidity and contradictions**

Chairperson: TBC

- 15:30 – 15:50**            **Transnational Prostitution / Transnational Intimacies:  
*Dalumei* Negotiates Poverty, Sexuality and Intimacy in  
Taiwan**  
Mei-hua CHEN  
Graduate Institute of Gender Studies, Kaohsiung Medical  
University, Taiwan
- 15:50 – 16:10**            **Transnational Sexual Intimacies: The Case of Filipina  
migrant workers in Sabah, Malaysia**  
Anne-Marie HILSDON  
Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Curtin University,  
Australia

**16:10 – 16:30**      **From Farming Daughters to Virgin Brides: Virtuous Sexuality on Transnational Marriages between Southeast Asia and Taiwan**  
Yi-han WANG  
The Centre for Women's Studies, University of York, UK

**16:30 – 17:00**      **Discussion**

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**18:00 –**              **Dinner**

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**TUESDAY, 11 APRIL 2006**

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**Session 4: Transnational spaces and emerging intimacies**

Chairperson: TBC

**09:00 – 09:20**      **Between Romance and Practicality: Extramarital Sexuality among Chinese Immigrants in Japan**  
Gracia Liu FARRER  
Sociology Department, University of Chicago, USA

**09:20 – 09:40**      **The Cosmopolitics of Queer Homecomings in Singapore**  
Natalie OSWIN  
Department of Geography, National University of Singapore

**09:40 – 10:00**      **'Sex in the Permissive Zone': Transnationalizing 'Home' Intimacies of Thai Migrant Workers in Singapore**  
Pattana KITIARSA  
Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

**10:00 – 10:30**      **Discussion**

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**10:30 – 11:00**      **Break**

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**Session 5: Mobile masculinities**

Chairperson: TBC

**11:00 – 11:20**      **Men, Migration and Sexuality: (Un)Holy Entanglement in Late Socialist Vietnam?**  
LE Minh Giang  
Department of Medical Anthropology, Columbia University, USA

**11:20 – 11:40**      **“Infidelity,” “Submission,” and “Subversion”: The Micro-Politics of Masculinity Construction in Cross-Border Extra-Marital Affairs**  
Siumi Maria TAM  
Department of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong Kong

**11:40 – 12:00**      **Transgressive Identities and Transnational Sites: Challenging Thai Masculine Hierarchies**  
Linda MALAM  
Department of Geography, National University of Singapore

**12:00– 12:30**      **Discussion**

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**12:30 – 14:00**      **Lunch**

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**Session 6: West-East: racialisation and gender**

Chairperson: TBC

**14:00 – 14:20**      **Romancing Across Borders: Body Image and Dating Experiences of Single Expatriate Women in Singapore**  
Siok Kuan TAMBYAH  
Department of Marketing, National University of Singapore

**14:20 – 14:40**      **Being ‘Jersey Cows’, not ‘Asian Tigers’: Changing Feminine Identities for Euro-American Women in Jakarta**  
Anne-Meike FECHTER  
Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex, UK

**14:40 – 15:00**      **Foreign Men and Foreign Masculinity in Shanghai**  
James FARRER  
Department of Sociology, Sophia University, Japan

**15:00 – 15:30**      **Discussion**

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**15:30 – 16:00**

**Break**

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**16:00 – 17:00**

**Final Discussion**