Shaping Migrant and Mobile Worlds: Connectivities, Comparisons, Collaborations

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Workshop Program
21-22 February 2019 | Venue: FASS AS7 #06-42, Research Division Seminar Room

DAY 1 - 21 FEBRUARY 2019

9:00 Registration

9:30 Opening Remarks
Elaine Ho (NUS FASS Migration Cluster) and Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld Sociology)

9:45 to 10:30 Keynote Address
Chaired by Kelvin Low (NUS Sociology)
Ethnography on the Move: Unpacking Mobility and Connectivity
Vineeta Sinha (NUS Sociology)

10:30 to 11:00 Question & Answer

11:00 to 11:30 Tea

11:30 to 12:30 Panel 1 - Conceptualising Migration and Mobilities
Chaired by Elaine Ho (NUS Geography)

Senses as Mobile Actants: Sketching Conceptual and Comparative Possibilities
Kelvin Low and Noorman Abdullah (NUS Sociology and Malay Studies)

Follow the Discourse in a World on the Move: A Methodological Discourse of Studying Sea-level Change-related Sense-making in Singapore
Anna-Katharina Hornidge (Bremen Sociology)

Migrant Deities: Dislocation, Divine Agency and Mediated Manifestations
Indira Arumugam (NUS Sociology)

12:30 to 1:00 Question and Answer

1:00 to 2.00 Lunch

2.00 to 3.00 Panel 2 - Knowledge and Diaspora
Chaired by Noorman Abdullah (NUS Sociology and Malay Studies)
Comparative Diaspora Strategies: Leveraging Connectivities, Evolving Cultural Pluralities in China and Singapore
Elaine Ho (NUS Geography)

‘Happy Childhoods’ – Contested Values of Learning, Education, and Child Development in Timor Leste
Thomas Stodulka (FU Berlin Anthropology)

Connected and Disconnected Futures: Multiple Temporalities and Sri Lankan Tamil Migrations across Borders
Sidharthan Maunaguru (NUS South Asian Studies and Sociology)

3.00 to 3:30  Question and Answer
3:30 to 4.00  Tea

4.00 to 5.00  Panel 3 – Migrants, Mobilities and Connections
Chaired by Chengpang Lee (NUS Sociology)

Shaping Asia through Student Mobilities
Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka (Bielefeld Sociology)

Stuck Between the Global North and Global South: Middling Male Migrants in Australia and Singapore
Sylvia Ang (NUS Asia Research Institute)

Citizens at the end of Empire: Navigating “Citizenship” in Postwar Malaya
John Solomon (NUS History)

5.00 to 5.30  Question and Answer
5:45   Depart for dinner (for invited guests only)

DAY 2 - 22 FEBRUARY 2019

9:30 to 10:10  Panel 4 - Religion and Connectivity
Chaired by Indira Arumugam (NUS Sociology)

The Forgotten Bonds: Exploring the Diffusion of Tzu-Chi to Southeast Asia
Chengpang Lee (NUS Sociology)

Online Hindutva: Digital Mobility, Transnational Citizenship and the Construction of Homeland
Edward Anderson and Sahana Udupa (LMU Munich Anthropology)

10:10 to 10:40  Question and Answer
10:40 to 11:10  Tea

11:10 to 11:50  Panel 5 - Postgraduate Roundtable (4 x 10mins)
Chaired by Sidharthan Maunaguru (NUS South Asian Studies and Sociology)

Legibility by Invitation: A Case Study of Rohingya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Nursyazwani Jamaludin (NUS Sociology)

Belonging Through Migration and Return: Rural Young People’s Mobility For Work and Education
Jessica Clendenning (NUS Geography)

Bids and Bets: The Risky Brokerage of Debt-Credit Relations Within the Migration Industry for Domestic Workers in Singapore
Kellynn Wee (NUS Asia Research Institute), Charmian Goh (NUS Sociology), and Brenda Yeoh (NUS Geography)

Grains of kinship: Connections, disjunctures and mobility amongst Singaporean Tamil women
Ranjana Raghunathan (NUS South Asian Studies)

11:50 to 12:30  Discussants (Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka, Bielefeld Sociology; Elaine Ho, NUS Geography)

12:30 to 1:00  Question and Answer

1:00 to 1:15  Break

1:15 to 2:00  Publication Discussion