

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