

South-South Migration, Refugees & Diasporic Communities

16-17 Feb 2016

Executive Seminar Room (AS7/01-07), The Shaw Foundation Building
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Recent years have seen increased interest, both scholarly and political, in migration, refugees and diasporic communities. These have usually concentrated on 'new' migration and refugees from the global south to America and Western Europe. However, the vast majority (over 95%) of the world's migrants and refugees have not settled in the West. They have remained in or very close to their countries and regions of origin in the Global South. Despite the overwhelming evidence pointing to this fact, attention of scholars to the implications of south-south migration has been minimal. At the same time, while theorizations of diaspora have been elaborated in relation to communities settled in the West, less has been written about the historical and empirical formations and experiences of those communities that have settled in the south and about their links to those left behind. Even before the colonial encounters, waves of migration took place from South to South. During and after colonial times, migrations expanded/are expanding with labor and war related migration within these places. Looking from the Global South may contribute to re-theorize diaspora and migration studies

This workshop aims to present research from migration scholars that address the dynamics of South-South migration under conditions of forced migration, including trafficking, and production of refugee and diasporic communities. In particular, it seeks to engage original studies based on contemporary ethnographic or historical research and that address issues of human rights and international and national governance frameworks in the Global South.



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PROGRAMME

Day 1: 16th Jan 2016 (Tues)

9:30 am – 9:50 am	REGISTRATION
9:50 am – 10:00 am	WELCOME REMARKS
10:00 am – 10:30 am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Dr. Alice M. Nah Lecturer Centre for Applied Human Rights, University of York
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Q&A / Discussion
11:00 am – 11:30 am	TEA BREAK
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	PANEL I – DIASPORA Partition and Muslim Migration in Eastern South Asia Dr. Annu Jalais, South Asian Studies Program, NUS Dispersing the Displaced: Mapping the After-life of Bengali Hindu Refugees from East Pakistan Anwesha Sengupta, Research and Programme Associate, Calcutta Research Group
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Q&A / Discussion
12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	LUNCH BREAK
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	PANEL II – BANGLADESH-INDIA BORDER Fallen through the Crack: The Enclave People on the Indo-Bangladesh Border and the Problem of Identity Prof. Sucheta Bhattacharya, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University Cross-border Migration Between Bangladesh and India – A Case of Historical Legacy, Differential Opportunities, and Regional Politics Prof. Raisul Awal Mahmood, Faculty of Business Administration, Eastern University
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Q&A / Discussion
3:30 pm – 4:00pm	TEA BREAK
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	PANEL III – REFUGEES & SPATIAL NEGOTIATIONS States of Exception and Spaces of Transformation: Refugee Camps on the Thai-Burmese Border Dr. Su-Ann Oh, Visiting Fellow, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Geopolitics, Territory, and Paradoxical Geo-bodies of Belonging Dr Carl Grundy-Warr, Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, NUS
5:00 pm – 5:45pm	Q&A / Discussion
6:30pm	DINNER (for speakers and organizers)

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Day 2: 17th Jan 2016 (Wed)

9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>PANEL IV – REFUGEES, POLICIES & RIGHTS</p> <p>International Law, Humanitarian Norms, and Local Politics: Examining UNHCR Operations in Thailand and Malaysia Dr. Kevin McGahan, Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Global Studies, NUS</p> <p>Host State Responses to Refugees: A Case Study of India Madhusmita Jena, PhD candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p>
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Q&A / Discussion
10:45 am – 11:00 am	TEA BREAK
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<p>PANEL V – LABOR MIGRATION</p> <p>Informality in Construction Worker Recruitment: An Invisible Reality of Migration in Bangladesh Dr. Mirza Taslima Sultana (Presenter), Anthropology, Jahangirnagar University C R Abrar, International Relations, University of Dhaka Kazi Nurmohammad Hossainul Haque, Advisor-National Development Strategy, Action Aid Bangladesh</p> <p>Safe Passage : Social Protection Measures for Migrant Workers in the Middle East Dr. Teresita Cruz-Del Rosario, Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute</p> <p>Asylum Politics Suraj Yengde, PhD candidate, Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University</p>
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Q&A / Discussion
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm	CLOSING REMARKS
1:30 pm	LUNCH