

ANNOUNCEMENT

**WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Training Workshop on  
Migration and the “Asian Family” in a Globalising World**

*Organized by*  
**Asian MetaCentre**  
**for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis**

*in conjunction with*  
**Family Studies Research Programme**  
**National University of Singapore**

**Commission on Gender and Geography**  
**International Geographical Union**

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*Date*  
**16 – 18 April 2001**

*Venue*  
**River View Hotel, Singapore**

The Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis is organizing an APN workshop on Asian Families in Transition entitled Migration and the “Asian Family” in a Globalising World, in conjunction with the Family Studies Research Programme, National University of Singapore and the Commission on Gender and Geography, International Geographical Union. The workshop will be held in Singapore from 16-18 April 2001 in Singapore.

## **Context and Scope**

Globalisation and regional integration are further changing the way people live, work and relate to each other across the world. Societies and communities often have little choice about participating in global networks, but the character of their participation is shaped by specific social, cultural, economic, political and environmental conditions. Movements across space, and particularly the crossing of international boundaries, have thickened, both in magnitude and complexity. As John Lie (1995:304) puts it, “multiple, circular, and return migrations, rather than a singular great journey from one sedentary space to another, occur across transnational spaces. People’s movements, in other words, follow multifarious trajectories and sustain diverse networks.”

Increased mobilities in a globalising world create impacts in a diversity of ways and at different scales. This workshop focuses on the mutually constitutive effects of “migration” and “family” in the Asian context, arguing on the one hand that migration as a life-changing decision and process is deeply embedded and must be understood in the context of family norms, relations and politics; and on the other that migratory moves often reconstitute the “Asian family” in ways which are sometimes destabilizing, sometimes affirming.

## **Workshop Themes**

The workshop welcomes papers on the following themes in relation to “Asian families”:  
Family and Household Strategies in Migration;

- Reunification or Marriage and Migration;
- Migration and Gender Relations/Politics within the Family/Household;
- Effects of Migration on Sending and Receiving Countries;
- Accompanying and ‘Left Behind’ Spouses; and
- Migratory Families in Transnational Spaces.

## **Invitation to Submit Abstracts**

The workshop will include both invited and submitted papers. The organizers invite submissions in the form of abstracts for their proposed contribution of about 500 words, or full-length papers. Interested participants should also submit their Curriculum Vitae (include research projects and publication record), together with their abstracts to:

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Applicants are encouraged to send in their abstracts via email. The deadline for submission of abstracts (or full papers) is 7 December 2000.

Notification of acceptance of papers can be expected by January 2001.

### **Application For Funding Support**

Limited funding to cover economy-class return airfare, accommodation for the duration of the workshop and a small per diem allowance is available and will be awarded on a competitive basis to successful applicants.

If you are applying for funding support from the Asian MetaCentre, please indicate clearly in your cover letter whether you are applying for full support or a partial subsidy (in which case indicate the type of support needed (e.g. accommodation only)).

All participants supported in part or in full are required to give first right of refusal to the organizers to publish their paper, after revisions if necessary, in a book or journal special issue planned for the workshop.

In the case of self-supporting participants, registration fee will be waived if your paper is accepted for presentation at the workshop. Information on accommodation options will also be made available in our Second Announcement (hotel accommodation is estimated at no more than S\$140 per night and there will be other less expensive university visitors' lodge accommodation which will be made available).

Applications should reach us by 7 December 2000 and the results can be expected in January 2001.

### **Registration Fee**

For those who will not be presenting papers but would like to attend the workshop, registration fee of S\$250 inclusive of 3% Goods and Services Tax is applicable. The registration fee covers the workshop papers and meals (lunches and tea-breaks only) for the 3-day event. Applicants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Interested applicants should send in their cheques or bank drafts of \$250 in Singapore Dollars, made payable to the "National University of Singapore" together with a completed registration form (attached below) to the Asian MetaCentre headquarter. Please state your name and "Asian MetaCentre / Asian Family" on the reverse side of the cheques or bank drafts. Interested applicants are to respond by 31 January 2001.

Registration form (downloadable in .rtf)

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Consecutive Training Workshop on  
**Methodological Issues in Family and Migration Research**

>> More information

Subsequent to the APN workshop, the Asian MetaCentre will also be conducting a training workshop on “Migration and Families: Different Approaches and Methods of Analysis” to analyze methodological issues in family and migration research.

The training workshop will be conducted in Singapore from 19-26 April 2001. Several experts in the field of migration and family issues will apply both quantitative and qualitative approaches in the training workshop to give participants a broader exposure and perspective, as well as to engage participants in analytical application of the techniques learnt.

More information on the training workshop will be available in a second announcement. Those interested in participating in the training workshop should send their Curriculum Vitae to Ms Verene at [popnasia@nus.edu.sg](mailto:popnasia@nus.edu.sg) with a cover letter indicating interest in participating. Limited funding will also be awarded to successful applicants on a competitive basis.