

**Second General Announcement for**  
**Migration and the 'Asian Family' in a**  
**Globalising World**

**16 - 18 April 2001,**  
**River View Hotel, Singapore**

**Organized by**

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

**in conjunction with**

**Family Studies Research Programme**  
**National University of Singapore**

**and**

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

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 will present papers on the following themes in relation to “Asian families”:  
Family and Household Strategies in Migration:

- 1) Reunification or Marriage and Migration
- 2) Migration and Gender Relations / Politics within the Family / Household
- 3) Effects of Migration on Sending and Receiving Countries
- 4) Accompanying and 'Left Behind' Spouses
- 5) Migratory Families in Transnational Spaces

### **List of Papers Accepted for the Workshop**

A total of about 30 papers on the various themes by authors from various countries and institutions have been accepted for the workshop.

[View the list of accepted papers](#)

### **Registration Fee**

For those who 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.

[Registration form](#) (downloadable in .rtf)

### **Hotel Accommodation**

Participants who are interested in attending the workshop and whom will be arranging their own accommodation may like to check out the following hotels.

#### **Official Hotel:**

River View Hotel  
382 Havelock Road  
Singapore 169629

Tel: (65) 7329922

Fax: (65) 7321034

Email: <mailto:eriver382@singnet.com.sg>

Website: <http://www.riverview.com.sg/>

Room rates:

S\$90.00+++ (single / twin occupancy-room only)

S\$100.00+++ (single occupancy with buffet breakfast)

S\$110.00+++ (twin occupancy with buffet breakfast)

Rates are subject to 10% Service Charge, 3% Goods and Services Tax and 1% Cess.

Please attention your booking (by email or fax) to Mr Andrew Chua and to quote that you will be attending the workshop on "Migration and the 'Asian Family' in a Globalising World", 16 - 18 April, in order to take advantage of the above rates.

**Recommended Hotel:**

Grand Copthorne Waterfront

392 Havelock Road

Singapore 239403

Tel: (65) 2352498

Fax: (65) 2351416, (65) 2357620

Website: <http://asiatravel.com/singapore/grandcopthorne/>

Room Rates:

S\$160.00+++ (single / twin occupancy superior room-room only)

S\$180.00+++ (single / twin occupancy deluxe room-room only)

Rates are subject to 10% Service Charge, 3% Goods and Services Tax and 1% Cess

More information on hotel accommodation can be obtained from the Singapore Tourism website: <http://www.newasia-singapore.com/>. Overseas participants are requested to book accommodation directly with the hotel of their choice.