

**International Workshop on**  
**Contemporary Perspectives on Asian Women as**  
**Transnational Domestic Workers**

**23 – 25 February 2004**  
**National University of Singapore, Singapore**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2004**

**08:30 – 09:30**            **Registration and Breakfast**

**09:30 – 09:40**            **Welcome Note**  
Assoc Professor Brenda YEOH  
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**Session 1: SENDING COUNTRIES**

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**09:40 – 10:20**            ***Caring for the World: The Making of Filipino Domestic Workers into Global Workers***  
**Presenter:** Maruja ASIS, Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines  
**Discussion Leader:** Vivienne WEE, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

**10:20 – 11:00**            ***Indonesian International Domestic Workers: Some Contemporary Developments and Issues***  
**Presenter:** Graeme HUGO, University of Adelaide, Australia  
**Discussion Leader:** Pei-Chia LAN, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

- 11:00 – 11:40**      ***“Lentils There, Lentils Here!” Sri Lankan Domestic Labor in the Middle East***  
***Presenter:*** Michele Ruth GAMBURD, Portland State University, USA  
***Discussion Leader:*** Deirdre MCKAY, Australian National University, Australia
- 11:40 – 13:10**      **LUNCH**
- 13:10 – 13:50**      ***Global Maid Trade: Indian Domestic Workers in the Global Market***  
***Presenters:*** Parvati RAGHURAM, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom, and  
Bridget ANDERSON, University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
***Discussion Leader:*** Mika TOYOTA, Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- 13:50 – 14:30**      ***Issues Related to Transnational Migration of Female Domestic Workers from Bangladesh***  
***Presenter:*** Rita AFSAR, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Bangladesh  
***Discussion Leader:*** Bridget ANDERSON, COMPAS, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- 14:30 – 15:30**      **Session Discussion**  
***Chair:*** Noorashikin ABDUL RAHMAN, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
- 19.00 – 21:00**      **CONFERENCE DINNER**

**TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2004**

**9.00 – 9:30                      BREAKFAST**

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**Session 2: RECEIVING COUNTRIES**

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- 09:30 – 10:10                      *Labour Migration by Filipina Domestic Workers to Hong Kong: Conditions, Processes and Implications***  
**Presenter:** Amy SIM, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, and Vivienne WEE, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
**Discussion Leader:** Tomoko NAKAMATSU, University of Western Australia, AUSTRALIA
- 10:10 – 10:50                      *“Dignity over Due”: Transnational Domestic Workers in Singapore***  
**Presenter:** Noorashikin ABDUL RAHMAN, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore  
Brenda YEOH, Department of Geography, and Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, and  
Shirlena HUANG, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, Singapore  
**Discussion Leader:** Rita AFSAR, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Bangladesh
- 10:50 – 11:30                      *Surrogate Family and Disposable Labor: Migrant Domestic Workers in Taiwan***  
**Presenter:** Pei-Chia LAN, National Taiwan University, Taiwan  
**Discussion Leader:** Michele Ruth GAMBURD, Portland State University, USA
- 11:30 – 12:10                      *Unauthorised Workers: State-less Housemaids from ‘Burma’ in Thailand***  
**Presenter:** Mika TOYOTA, Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore  
**Discussion Leader:** Maruja ASIS, Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines

- 12:10 – 12:30**      ***Transmigrant Domestic Workers in Malaysia: Biased Views and Civil Society for TDW***  
**Presenter:** Mako YOSHIMURA, Hosei University, Japan  
**Discussion Leader:** Elspeth GRAHAM, University of St. Andrews, UK
- 12:30 – 14:00**      **LUNCH**
- 14:00 – 14:40**      ***Success Stories?: Filipina Migrant Domestic Workers in Canada***  
**Presenter:** Deirdre MCKAY, Australian National University, Australia  
**Discussion Leader:** Parvati RAGHURAM, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom
- 14:40 – 15:20**      ***"They're Foreign, Illegal, and Very, Very Small": Migration, Gender and Employment in Private Households in the UK***  
**Presenter:** Bridget ANDERSON, COMPAS, University of Oxford, United Kingdom  
**Discussion Leader:** Janeen BAXTER, The University of Queensland, Australia
- 15:20 – 16:00**      ***Migration and Informality: Paid Domestic Labour in Amsterdam (Short Presentation)***  
**Presenter:** Sjoukje BOTMAN, Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, Holland  
**Discussion Leader:** Hyekyung LEE, Pai Chai University, South Korea
- 16:00 – 16:30**      **TEA BREAK**
- 16:30 – 17:30**      **Session Discussion**  
**Chair:** Shirlena HUANG, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2004**

**9.00 – 9:30                      BREAKFAST**

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**Session 3: COMPARATIVE COUNTRIES**

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- 09:30 – 10:10                      *Migrant Domestic Workers in South Korea: An Unpopular Option?***  
***Presenter:*** Hyekyung LEE, Pai Chai University, South Korea  
***Discussion Leader:*** Amy SIM, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 10:10 – 10:50                      *Unpaid Domestic Work: Gender, State Policy, and the Labour Market in Japan***  
***Presenter:*** Tomoko NAKAMATSU, University of Western Australia, Australia  
***Discussion Leader:*** Nicola PIPER, Australian National University, Australia
- 10:50 – 11:30                      *Domestic Labour in Australia: Historical Patterns and Current Trends***  
***Presenter:*** Janeen BAXTER, The University of Queensland, AUSTRALIA  
***Discussion Leader:*** Graeme HUGO, University of Adelaide, AUSTRALIA
- 11:30 – 12:30                      **Session Discussion****  
***Chair:*** Nicola PIPER, Australian National University, AUSTRALIA
- 12:30 – 14:00                      **Lunch****
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**Session 4: ROUNDUP**

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**14:00 – 15:00**

**ROUNDUP DISCUSSION**

**Chair:** Brenda YEOH, Department of Geography, and Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, SINGAPORE

**End of Workshop**

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY 26-27 FEBRUARY 2004**

Informal Discussion and Paper Revisions for Paper Writers