

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

Workshop on

The Impacts of Migration on the “Left-behind” in Asia

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Context and Scope

While much work has already been done on the impact of migration on receiving countries and on migrants themselves, less attention has been paid to the effects of migration on sending communities as well as the family members 'left behind' by migrants. This is true in the context of Asia for several reasons. First, little is known – both theoretically and empirically – about the vulnerabilities (including health vulnerabilities) of the left-behind to the effects of out-migration. Questions on how, when and under what circumstances those who are being left behind benefit or suffer from the outflow of migration remain unanswered. Second, existing studies examining the impact of migration on sending communities also have a tendency to focus on selected issues such as macro-level economic determinants and remittances, as well as demographic changes whilst neglecting the socio-cultural impacts of out-migration. Furthermore, findings derived from studies on the economic impacts of migration on sending communities tend to remain inconclusive while important characteristics of migration, such as selectivity, have not been adequately accounted for.

As migration numbers continue to rise in Asia, so does the pool of the left-behind population. New forms of migration constantly emerge, thus creating new social concerns. In Asia, the increasing feminization of migration leading to many more women – traditional care-givers – on the move, also bring about greater concern with respect to the welfare of the remaining groups of people formerly under their care – children, men and elderly who are left behind. More broadly, the escalating number of women on the move may also have implications for the stability of the social family fabric.

The focus of this workshop is thus placed on the impact of migration on the health and well-being of the non-migrants 'left-behind' in Asia. Taking into account that those who are left-behind may have many things to gain yet lose from migration simultaneously, there is a need to uncover what these aspects are specifically. Papers on (but not limited to) the following topics are invited:

The impact of migration on specific left-behind groups

- The left-behind children
- The left-behind women/wives
- The left-behind men/husbands
- The left-behind elderly

The impact of migration on the left-behind at the household and community levels

- Changing social networks and family structure
- Care-giving substitutes for migrants
- Effects of brain drain as a result of out-migration (including health workers)
- Changes in social status among the left-behind and its consequences
- Return migration and the 'back-flow' impacts
- Spread of disease and consequences for the left-behind
- Diffusion of information and knowledge back to sending communities

Migration and demographic effects

- Changes of age and sex structure in the left-behind communities and its consequences
- Stages and duration of migration and the resulting impacts on the health of the left-behind
- Differences of outcomes due to the type of migration, for instance, temporary versus permanent migration; individual versus family migration; short-term versus long-term or seasonal migration
- The inter-connections and disparities between internal and international migration and the ensuing impacts on the left-behind

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Registration Fee

For those who are not presenting a paper and would like to attend the workshop, registration fee of **S\$250** inclusive of 5% Goods and Services Tax is applicable. The registration fee covers the workshop papers and meals (lunches and tea-breaks) for the 2-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 our corresponding address. Please state your name and “Migration and the Left-behind Workshop” on the reverse side of the cheques or bank drafts. Interested applicants are to respond by **31 January 2005**.

Registration and Enquiries

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Please tick as appropriate:	
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