

**International Workshop on  
Sexuality and Migration in Asia  
10 – 11 April 2006  
National University of Singapore, Singapore**

**Co-organized by  
Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis,  
Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore  
and  
Royal Holloway, University of London**

## **PROGRAMME**

### **MONDAY, 10 APRIL 2006**

- 09:00 - 09:30**            **Registration and Welcome Refreshments**
- 09:30 - 09:40**            **Welcome Note**  
Brenda YEOH  
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#### **SESSION 1: EMBODIED VULNERABILITIES**

- Chairperson: Hsiu-hua SHEN  
Asia Research Institute  
National University of Singapore, Singapore
- 09:40 – 10:00**            **Learning about Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues:  
Young Migrant Women's Experiences**  
Caroline HOY  
Department of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow, UK;  
LIU Yongliang and WANG Fang  
Shanghai Family Planning Association, China
- 10:00 – 10:20**            **Morality, Sexuality and Gender in Internal Migration in China**  
Arianne GAETANO  
Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore,  
Singapore
- 10:20 – 10:40**            **The Sexual Economy of Desire: Girlfriends, Boyfriends and  
Babies among Indonesian Women Migrants in Hong Kong**  
Amy SIM  
Department of Sociology, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong  
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**10:40 – 11:10          Discussion**

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**11:10 – 11:40          Tea Break**

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**11:40 – 12:10          Documentary Film: Maid in Lebanon**  
Monica SMITH  
University of Colorado, USA

**12:10 – 12:20          Discussion**

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**12:20 – 13:30          Lunch**

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## **SESSION 2: RESEARCH AND INTERVENTIONS**

Chairperson    Katie WALSH  
Department of Geography  
Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

**13:30 – 13:50          Cross-border Sexualities: Beyond Stereotypes**  
Michael TAN  
Department of Anthropology, University of Philippines,  
Philippines

**13:50 – 14:10          “Is Sex on the Agenda?”: Singapore NGOs Constructing  
Filipina Migrant Domestic Worker Sexuality**  
Theresa W. DEVASAHAYAM  
University of Wollongong, Australia

**14:10 – 14:30          The Six “R”s: Researching Sex Trafficking in Asia**  
Sallie YEA  
International Development Program, RMIT University,  
Australia

**14:30 – 15:00          Discussion**

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**15:00 – 15:30          Tea-Break**

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**SESSION 3: COMMODIFIED INTIMACIES: FLUIDITY AND CONTRADICTIONS**

Chairperson: Katie WILLIS  
Department of Geography  
Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

**15:30 – 15:50**            **Transnational Prostitution / Transnational Intimacy:  
*Dalumeis* Negotiate Poverty, Sexuality and Intimacy in  
Taiwan**

Mei-hua CHEN  
Graduate Institute of Gender Studies, Kaohsiung Medical  
University, Taiwan

**15:50 – 16:10**            **Transnational Sexual Intimacies: The Case of Filipina  
migrant workers in East Malaysia**

Anne-Marie HILSDON and Beena GIRIDHARAN  
Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Curtin University,  
Australia

**16:10 – 16:30**            **From Farming Daughters to Virgin Brides: Virtuous  
Sexuality on Transnational Marriages between Southeast  
Asia and Taiwan**

Yi-han WANG  
The Centre for Women's Studies, University of York, UK

**16:30 – 17:00**            **Discussion**

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**18:00**                        **Welcome Dinner**

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**SESSION 4: TRANSNATIONAL SPACES AND EMERGING INTIMACIES**

Chairperson: Brenda YEOH  
AsianMetaCentre, Asia Research Institute, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, and Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**09:00 – 09:20      Between Romance and Practicality: Extramarital Sexuality among Chinese Immigrants in Japan**

Gracia Liu FARRER  
Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, USA, and Tohoku University, Japan

**09:20 – 09:40      Cosmopolitics and Queer Homecomings in Singapore**

Natalie OSWIN  
Department of Geography, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**09:40 – 10:00      Sex in Overseas Labor Migration: Informalizing Economy, Traveling Bigraphies, and Transient Intimacies among Thai Migrant Workers in Singapore**

Pattana KITIARSA  
Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**10:00 – 10:30      Discussion**

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**10:30 – 11:00      Tea-Break**

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**SESSION 5: MOBILE MASCULINITIES**

Chairperson: Tracey SKELTON  
Department of Geography  
Loughborough University, UK

**11:00 – 11:20      Young Men, Labor Migration and Sex: Paradox of Manhood in Late Socialist Vietnam?**

LE Minh Giang  
Department of Medical Anthropology, Columbia University, USA

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**11:20 – 11:40**            **Transgressive Identities and Transnational Sites:  
Challenging Thai Masculine Hierarchies**  
Linda MALAM  
Department of Geography, National University of Singapore,  
Singapore

**11:40 – 12:00**            **Discussion**

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**12:00 – 13:30**            **Lunch**

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**SESSION 6: WEST-EAST: RACIALISATION AND GENDER**

Chairperson:    Philip KELLY  
Department of Geography  
York University, Canada

**13:30 – 13:50**            **Romancing Across Borders: Frontier Femininity, Embodied  
Otherness and Dating Experiences of Single White  
Expatriate Women in Singapore**  
Siok Kuan TAMBYAH  
Department of Marketing, National University of Singapore,  
Singapore; and  
Adeline WOO Yin Pheng  
Singapore Airport Terminal Services Limited, and National  
University of Singapore, Singapore

**13:50 – 14:10**            **Being ‘Jersey Cows’, not ‘Asian Tigers’: Changes of  
Feminine Identities among Euro-American Women in  
Jakarta**  
Anne-Meike FECHTER  
Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex, UK

**14:10 – 14:30**            **A Foreign Adventurer’s Paradise? Alien Sexual Capital and  
Foreign Masculinity in Reform-era Shanghai**  
James FARRER  
Department of Sociology, Sophia University, Japan

**14:30 – 14:50**            **Homosexuality and Migration: The Philippine Scenario**  
Mae P. BARROS  
Department of Communication, University of the Philippines  
Baguio, Philippines

**14:50 – 15:30**            **Discussion**

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**15:30 – 16:00      Tea-Break**

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**16:00 – 17:00      Final Discussion**

**17:00                End of Workshop**