

MARRIAGE MIGRANTS IN ASIA

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SPOTLIGHT

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Dear project partners and friends,



Welcome to the third issue of the newsletter! As with the earlier editions of the newsletter, this issue highlights updates about our project and some of our recent activities.

We are already halfway through the project and I would like to share our progress with you. First of all, I would like to inform you about the project activities that occurred during the last half year: we've organized a series of insightful lectures at NCKU, one successful workshop at CUHK, two

fruitful project meetings (one at UWA; the other at CUHK), and planned two meaningful book publications. (see further details in the newsletter) In particular, at the project meetings our team members came together to brainstorm on follow up projects. I am very excited to see how the promising project ideas will be further developed. These activities significantly helped to expand and strengthen existing collaborations. Thank you for your support and involvement in our ongoing activities.

As we move on to the next phase of the project, we look forward to meeting you at the workshop at NCKU, Taiwan, visiting Sari and her colleagues at Rikkyo University, Japan, and participating three events organized by Susan at UWA, Australia. Until then, please stay in contact with us and stay informed.

Best wishes,

Su-lin

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Current Status

Lecture Series III: 5/24

From “Foreign Bride” to “Parental Diplomacy”: The Development of New Immigrant Maternal Discourse

Professor Pei-Chia Lan (藍佩嘉)



Professor Pei-Chia Lan from National Taiwan University introduces her new book *Raising Global Families* on the topic of childrearing of migrant families in Taiwan. She shows the changing attitudes of the government toward the marriage migrants and their second generation, such as a shift of their role from bio-productive to cultural-productive. With some examples, she hopes to bring about the reflections on the bias that the society has toward race and class.

Lecture Series IV: 6/14

New Immigrant Women’s Labor and Family Relationship: Coolie? Empowerment? Or Weariness?

Hsun Hui Tseng (曾薰慧)

Professor Hsun Hui Tseng from Chinese University of Hong Kong investigates the relationship between marriage migrants and their family members. She focuses on the problems of work-family balance which causes changes of the division of labor in a family, challenges the concept of private and public spaces, and reflects on the inadequacy of migrant economy in Taiwan. Through examples and field studies, she not only challenges the stereotypes toward immigrant women in sex industry, but also shows how marriage migrants managed to survive well in Taiwan.



Current Status

WUN Conference and Project Meeting at University of Western Australia: 5/20-5/25



Our team members attended “Understanding Cultures Workshop: Cultures in flux: Migration and Cultural Dynamics in the Past and Present” at WUN conference, and then discussed the details about the current project and further joint applications for funding bids at our project meeting.

Workshop at The Chinese University of Hong Kong: 6/7-6/10

Teach for Change: Innovating Gender and Women's Studies Pedagogy Workshop in 8-9, June 2018 organized by Gender Studies Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Center for Gender and Women's Studies, National Cheng Kung University explored the following topics:

1. The impact of institutionalization of Gender and Women's Studies
2. Pedagogical innovations and curricular developments: eLearning such as blended .course, flipped classroom and student-centre approach
3. Ways of addressing the needs of students with diverse disciplinary backgrounds



Upcoming Events

Workshop

The workshop “Marriage Migrants in Asia: Mobility and Agency” will be held at Center for Gender and Women’s Studies at National Cheng Kung University on October 5th, 2018. This workshop will investigate how gender as a structure constrains and liberates marriage migrant women in public and private arenas. With interdisciplinary perspectives, we will focus on marriage migrant women’s agency, survival strategies, mechanisms of identity construction, and integration into the receiving society. Participants will share their research findings. We will also invite NGO representatives, policy makers and marriage migrants to join us.

Three Events Organised by Professor Susan Broomhall

1) Nov 21 2018:

A masterclass for advanced students on “Emotions, Migration and Multiculturalism in Asia”. This masterclass is designed for students to work with leading experts and have an opportunity to present their projects and raise questions in relation to their own research.

Weblink for more information and registration:

<http://www.historyofemotions.org.au/events/emotions-migration-and-multiculturalism-in-asia/>

2) Nov 21 2018:

A public lecture will be presented by Professor Lynne, Nakano, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Further information would be announced later.

3) November 23 2018:

A symposium “Emotions and Intimacy in Asian Migration, Past and Present,” which traces the historic and modern impacts of demographic change in Asian societies on emotions and intimate relationships. We focus on emotions, specifically the feelings shared within, and about, intimate relationships in the Asian region, interpreted broadly as emotional, physical or sexual closeness between two people, which could include marital or extra-marital relationships of any sexual orientation, familial bonds, friendships or fanship. This symposium is an opportunity for scholars from such fields as Asian Studies, Gender Studies, Emotion Studies, History, Literature, Cultural Studies, Anthropology and Sociology to share knowledge and identify points of contact between our research specialisms.

Scholars interested in submitting a paper should contact Professor Susan Broomhall, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions at The University of Western Australia, by 31 July 2018:
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Weblink for more information and registration:

<http://www.historyofemotions.org.au/events/emotions-and-intimacy-in-asian-migration-past-and-present/>

Book Projects

1. The team at NCKU is planning a collection of essays on marriage migrants in Asia published by Chuliu Press, Taiwan at the end of 2018. Project team members are welcomed to submit their articles to Su-lin Yu and Le-Kun Tan, the editors of the book.

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Le-Kun Tan: lekun1226@gmail.com

2. The team at NCKU is planning another collection of essays--The Resistance to Change in Teaching: Gender-related Pedagogical Approach in Asia edited by Tiffany Hsu and Hsing Chuan Tsai, Deadline for submission is 8/31, 2018

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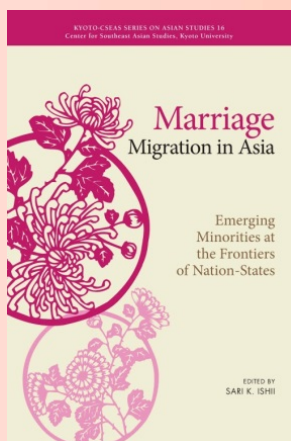
Related Publication

Marriage Migration in Asia: Emerging Minorities at the Frontiers of Nation-States

Edited by Sari K. Ishii (Rikkyo University, Japan)

Contributions by Masako Kudo, Chie Sakai, Linda A. Lumayag, Ikuya Tokoro, Caesar Dealwis, Caroline Grillot, Hien Anh Le, Lara Chen Tien-shi and Chatchai Chetsumon

The trajectories of marriage migrants are often not simple movements from their homes to a target destination but can include returning, circulating, or extended migrations. The lives of marriage migrants are inevitably within a transnational socio-economic space that is often at the margin of the nation-state system and includes variances in citizenship status, educational or occupational qualifications, or roles as a partner or parent. Many Asian marriage migrants cannot avoid the degradation of their educational, occupational, linguistic, or cultural background, which may reduce their status in their new residential country or area.



Additionally, children born out of the movement of marriage migrants are sometimes left behind in home countries, or they experience a childhood in which they face frequent border crossings whether they physically cross borders or not.

Based on extensive analyses of marriage migrants, this book identifies marriage migrants as emerging minorities at the frontier of the nation-state and proposes the need for better legal protection for marriage migrants and their families.

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We would be happy to welcome your comments and feedback! We also welcome input to our newsletter from project members so if you have something you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact us.