

# **Migrations between East and West: Normalizing the Periphery**

**Workshop**

*2-5 April 2006*

*Research School for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China*

**Organizers:**

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## **Program**

**Sunday 2 April 2006**

Registration

Keli Lou (Keli Building, opposite Jianwen Building)

**Monday 3 April 2006**

Registration, Coffee, Welcome Speeches

## **Panels**

**Please Take Notice:** You won't introduce your own paper; there are two discussants in each panel, who each summarize and discuss all the papers in the concerned panel. The discussants have maximum 10 minutes for their presentations; then the paper-givers reply to that in maximum five minutes each; finally the floor is open for general discussion.

## **1. Types of East-West Migration, Past to Present**

*10-11.30. PANEL 1.*

### ***Mobility of knowledge workers and expatriates***

**Chair: Zhuang Guotu**

**Discussants: Jan Rath, Marie-Sybille de Vienne**

Maggi W.H. Leung (Chinese University of Hong Kong), *“Make yourself at home, Gipsy Kings!” – skilled migrants in Hong Kong.*

Peter S. Li (University of Saskatchewan), *Migration and Human Capital Transfer: Immigration from China to Canada*

Guida Man (York University), *Globalization and the racialization of gender: exploring the experience of precarious employment of skilled Chinese immigrant women in Toronto.*

Hong Zhu (University of Toronto), *“To be or not to be”: Immigrants’ integration and their later decisions on further migration.*

*11.45-13.00. PANEL 2.*

### ***Globalization and delocation of – low skilled - service activities***

**Chair: Jan Rath**

**Discussants: Willem van Schendel, Barak Kalir**

Antonella Ceccagno (University of Bologna), *Italian New Fashion Scenarios: The Chinese migrants as manufacturers in the apparel industry and as importers from China.*

Evelyn Hu-DeHart (Brown University), *Immigrant Woman Workers in Late Capitalist America.* (comparison of Asian with Mexican/Central American migrants)

Rosana Pinheiro Machado (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul), *“Made in China: Commercial Practices and piracy among Chinese immigrants in Ciudad Del Este, Paraguay.*

## **2. Diaspora and Construction of Satellite and Rooted Communities**

*14.15-15.30 hrs. PANEL 3*

***Patterns of Insertion - Chinatown, Little Tokyo, Little India, Wenzhoujie -  
versus ethnic enclaves***

**Chair: Peter Li**

**Discussants: Leo Douw, Li Minghuan**

Rixta Wundrak (University of Potsdam), *Chinese Migration to Romania after 1989*.

Ping Song (Xiamen University), *Peasants Go to New York (North Fujianese migrants in New York)*.

Jan Rath, *Between the Dollar and the Dragon: The Rise and Decline of Chinatown, Washington D.C.*

**15.45-17.00 hrs. PANEL 4**

***Transnational Communities in Asia***

**Chair: Yitzhak Shichor**

**Discussants: Peter Li, Yan-ling Tsai**

**Time: 15.45-17.00 hrs**

Risheng Chen (Xiamen University), *The Young American Citizens in Tingjiang: A study on a transnational fostered group of new immigrants' children*.

Angela Lehman (Australian National University), *Western transnationalism in a second-tier Chinese city: reconfiguring time, place and identity in the global era*.

Yunfang Lv (Xiamen University), *Living interculturally: an empirical study of an internationalized community in Xiamen*.

**Tuesday 4 April 2006**

**3. Politics of divided interests**

**10-11.30 hrs. PANEL 5**

***Labour exploitation: illegal and illicit work (e.g. trafficking)***

**Chair: Leo Douw**

**Discussants: Antonella Ceccagno, Yitzhak Shichor**

Minghuan Li (Xiamen University), *Illegal but licit: Fujianese migrants in Israel*.

Ching Lin Pang (IMMRC, Dpt of Social and Cultural Anthropology), *Victims or Heroes? Elucidating the profile of current irregular Chinese migrants in Belgium.*

Willem van Schendel (University of Amsterdam), *The Spectacle of Deportation: The Indian State and the Bangladeshi Labour Diaspora.*

Guotu Zhuang (Xiamen University), *Scope and motives of emigration from North Fujian to North America.*

**11.45-13.15 hrs. PANEL 6**  
***The Social Construction of Migrant Identities***

**Chair: Li Minghuan**  
**Discussants: Zhuang Guotu, Maggi Leung**

Leo Douw (University of Amsterdam), *Mainland Chinese migrants in colonial Taiwan 1895-1945.*

Miguel Milans (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid), *Immigration Flows and Educational Programs in the Spanish Context: The Welcome Schools Program in Madrid.*

Yen-ling Tsai (University of California, Santa Cruz), *Chinese-Indonesians and the geography of race in Medan.*

Marie-Sybille de Vienne (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris), *Overseas Chinese identity vs profit : Southeast Asian FDI to PRC.*

**4. Security, Diplomacy and International Relations**

**14.15-15.00 hrs . PANEL 7**

***National sovereignty versus universal human rights***

**Chair: Jeroen Doomernik**  
**Discussants: Yitzhak Shichor, Ton van Naerssen**

Gao Jia (University of Melbourne), *Lobbying for a stay: the Chinese students' campaign to stay in Australia in the late 1980s and early 1990s.*

Yuchien Lorna Kung (Taiwan National University), *Taiwan: from temporary workers to long-term settlers: The comparison between Taiwan and Germany.*

*15.30-17.00 hrs. PANEL 8*

*Migration as subject of bi- and multi-lateral agreements*

**Chair: Willem van Schendel**

**Discussants: Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Jeroen Doomernik**

Ton van Naerssen, Erik Spaan (University of Nijmegen), *Dutch development cooperation and international migration.*

Vladimir Portyakov (Russian Academy of Sciences), *Policy-Making on Chinese Migrants in the Russian Federation: Conceptual Approach and Practice.*

Yitzhak Shichor (University of Haifa), *Chinese Migrant Workers in Israel in Sino-Israeli Diplomacy.*

*Wednesday 5 April 2006*

Fieldtrip to Quanzhou  
Farewell