



The 3rd MMC Regional Conference

Transnational Migration and Border Studies: Assessing Threats and Opportunities

Co-organized by Mahidol Migration Center, Institute for Population and Social Research (IPSR),

Mahidol University and the International Rescue Committee (IRC)

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At IPSR - Mahidol University, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand

AGENDA

MC: Ms. Nucharapon Liangruenrom

Day 1: Monday 4th, August

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:10 **Welcoming Remarks**
• Dr. Sureeporn Punpung, IPSR Director

09:10 – 09:20 **Introduction to the MMC and the Conference**
• Prof. Aphichat Chamrathirong, MMC Director

09:20–09:50 **Keynote speech “Transnational and Border Migration: Assessing Threats and Opportunities”**
• Dr. Chanvit Tharathep, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Public Health

09:50-10:00 *Refreshment*

10:00-11:15

**Panel Discussion:
Healthcare Services for Migrant Workers in Thailand**

Chair of the session: Dr. Malee Sunpuwan

Panellists: (15 minutes each)

- **Dr. Pornpeth Punjapiyakul**, Deputy Director, Bureau of Health Administration, MOPH
Health Policy for Migrants and the Access to Health Care
- **Ms. Aree Muangsookcharoen**, Border and Migrant Health, WHO
Migration and Health Service System in Thailand: Situation, Responses and Challenges in
context of AEC in 2015
- **Ms. Pakamon Silanupap**, Labour Specialist, Thai Social Security Office
Migrant workers and health in Social Security System
- **Mr. Sitthichai Wareechananon**, Labour Specialist, Office of Foreign Workers Administration
Department of Employment, Ministry of Labour
Situation of migrant workers in Thailand
- **Mr. Adisorn Kerdmongkol**, IRC
Migrant workers and access to health care services: Problems and Challenges

(This session is organized in Thai language with simultaneous English translation)

11:15-11:45 **Floor discussion**

11:45-12:00 *Group Photo Taking*

12:00-13:00 *Lunch*

Studies 1: Transborder Migrants: The Case Studies

Chair of the session: Dr. Suchada Thaweessit

- 13:00-13:40 **Management of Health Insurance System and Health Service Provision for Migrant Workers in Thailand**
- Dr. Malee Sunpuwan, MMC-IPSR : Case study in Samut Prakarn
 - Dr.Chalernpol Chamchan, MMC-IPSR : Case study in Chiang Mai
- 13:40-14:10 **Floor discussion**
- 14:10-14:30 **Temporary Migration between Thailand and Europe**
- Dr. Manasigan Kanchanachitra, MMC-IPSR
- 14:30-14:50 **Floor discussion**
- 15:00-15:15 *Refreshment*

Studies 2: Destination Thailand: Migrant Issues

Chair of the session: Dr. Thanate Kitisriworaphan

- 15:15-15:30 **Acculturative Stress, Social Support, and Health Access of Migrants in Thailand**
- Dr. Charamporn Holomyong, MMC-IPSR
- 15:30-15:45 **Margins, Boundaries, and Constrained Mobilities within Thai Migration**
- Dr. Gregory Gullette, Santa Clara University, USA
- 15:45-16:00 **Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Urban Areas of Thailand**
- Mr. Veerawit Tianchainan, Thai Committee for Refugees Foundation
- 16:00-16:15 **Women, Migration and the Unrest in the Three Southernmost Provinces in Thailand**
- Dr. Aree Jampaklay, MMC-IPSR
- 16:15-16:35 **Floor discussion**
- 18:00-20:00 Dinner at the Music Square Restaurant (*tram departs IPSR at 17:30 for campus tour and dinner*)

Day 2: Tuesday 5th, August

Studies 3: Transmigration in Southeast and East Asia

Chair of the session: Dr. Bhubate Samutachak

- 09:00-09:15 **Labour Migration from Vietnam to the Republic of Korea: Policy Challenges and Responses**
- Dr. Dang Nguyen Anh, Institute of Sociology, Vietnam
- 09:15-09:30 **Controlling the Invisible Flow: Evidence from Thailand**
- Dr. Mary Rose G. Sarasad, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
- 09:30-09:45 **The Working Experiences of Cambodian Irregular Migrant Workers in Thailand, Based on the Poipet 2009, 2010 and 2012 Sentinel Surveillance Surveys**
- Dr. Simon Baker, MMC-IPSR
- 09:45-10:00 **Role of Local Governments in Creating Multicultural Society: Comparative Study of Yokohama and Samut Sakorn**
- Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
- 10:00-10:20 **Floor discussion**
- 10:20-10:35 *Refreshment*

Studies 4: Migration Policy Issues in ASEAN

Chair of the session: Dr. Theerathorn Yoongthong

- 10:35-10:50 **Emerging Patterns of Indonesia's International Migration**
• Dr. Aris Ananta, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
- 10:50-11:05 **Human Trafficking and Transnational Crimes in Southeast Asia**
• Dr. Sakkarin Niyomsilpa, MMC-IPSR
- 11:05-11:20 **Migration, Diversity and Citizenship Politics in Singapore: Tensions & Challenges**
• Dr. Elaine Ho Lynn-Ee, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
- 11:20-11:35 **Transnational Hmong Community and Christian Propagation in Mainland Southeast Asia**
• Dr. Prasit Leepreecha, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
- 11:35-12:00 **Floor discussion**
- 12:00-13:00 *Lunch*

Studies 5: Migration, Women and Children

Chair of the session: Dr. Sudarat Musikawong

- 13:00-13:15 **Border Studies of Thai Yunnan's Chinese-Muslim Identities in Northern Thailand**
• Dr. Suchart Setthamalinee, Department of Peace Studies, Payap University, Thailand
- 13:15-13:30 **Trends in the Percentage of Children Affected by Parent's Migration in Thailand**
• Dr. Kerry Richter, MMC-IPSR
- 13:30-13:45 **Female Migrant Workers in ASEAN**
• Dr. Amara Soonthorndhada, MMC-IPSR
- 13:45-14:00 **Family reunification and selected transnational ties of 1.5-generation Filipinos in France**
• Dr. Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
- 14:00-14:20 **Floor discussion**
- 14:20-14:30 *Refreshment*
- 15:00-17:00 *Visit Museum Siam or Wax Museum (optional)*
- 18:00 *Depart Salaya for Networking Dinner at the Riverside Cruise Restaurant*

Day 3: Wednesday 6th, August

Studies 6: Transnational Migration in Asia and Europe

Chair of the session: Dr. Manasigan Kanchanachitra

- 09:00- 09:15 **Implications of Using Informal Route through India for Labor Migration of Nepalese Women to Gulf Countries**
- Mr. Anand Tamang, Center for Research on Environment Health and Population Activities, Nepal
- 09:15-09:30 **The European Union and Global Migration Governance**
- Professor Paul Statham, Sussex Centre for Migration Research, UK
- 09:30-09:45 **A Practitioner's Perspective: Experiencing Debt Bondage, Thai Overseas Agricultural Workers in the United States**
- Dr. Sudarat Musikawong, Siena College, USA
- 09:45-10:00 **Seasonal Migration of Thai-workers to the Finnish Wild Berry Industry: Informality, Risks and Regulations**
- Mr. Pekka J. Rantanen, University of Tampere, Finland
- 10:00-10:20 **Floor discussion**
- 10:20-10:35 *Refreshment*

Panel Discussion

Transnational and Border Migration: Research and Policy Challenge

Chair of the session: Dr. Kyoko Kusakabe

- 10:35-11:55 **Policy Panellist:** (15 minutes each)
- **Mr. Promboon Panitchpakdi**, Raks Thai Foundation, Thailand
 - **Dr. Aris Ananta**, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
 - **Dr. Decha Tangseefa**, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand
 - **Prof. Paul Statham**, Sussex Centre for Migration Research, UK
- 11:55-12:15 **Floor discussion**
- 12:15-12:40 Synopsis of the Conference
- **Dr. Latifa Laghzaoui**
 - **Dr. Kerry Richter**
- 12:40-12:50 Concluding and closing
- **Prof. Aphichat Chamrathirong**, MMC Director
- 12:50 *Lunch*

*Rapporteurs: Dr. Latifa Laghzaoui
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