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An international interdisciplinary conference  
from the **Migration & Mobility Program**

# Migration & Late Capitalism

Critical Intersections with the  
Asia-Pacific and Beyond

June 11 – 13, 2015 | University of Victoria | Victoria, BC, Canada

# Welcome to the Migration & Late Capitalism Conference

HOSTED BY THE MIGRATION AND MOBILITY PROGRAM  
OF THE UVIC CENTRE FOR ASIA-PACIFIC INITIATIVES



**On behalf of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives conference committee, I wish to welcome you to the *Migration and Late Capitalism: Critical Intersections with the Asia-Pacific and Beyond* conference at the University of Victoria. We respectfully acknowledge that the University of Victoria is located on unceded Coast and Straits Salish territories and on the site of a former Lekwungen village.**

This international conference has brought together scholars, policymakers and activists from 17 countries within and outside the Asia-Pacific region. Over the course of the next three days, we look forward to engaging in critical discussions on pressing questions related to migration and mobility within the context of neo-colonialism, late capitalism, intensifying global circuits of power and national security regimes. In addition to the parallel sessions and roundtables that feature key scholars, advocates and activists working in the field of migration and mobility in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond, our three plenary speakers will address specific conference themes. These include:

- Tings Chak (No One Is Illegal — Toronto and the End Immigration Detention Network), speaking on *"Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention"*;
- Sandro Mezzadra (Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna), speaking on *"What's at stake in the mobility of labour? Borders, Migration and Late Capitalism"*;
- Linda Tuhiwai Smith (Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori, University of Waikato), speaking on *"Disappeared, banished, murdered and displaced: Climate change or neoliberal capitalism? What is happening to indigenous communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."*



**On behalf of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and the University of Victoria, welcome to our inaugural migration conference and to beautiful Victoria BC.**

Established in 1988, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) provides a supportive environment for scholarly excellence, student mobility and community engagement as a key component of the University of Victoria's efforts to deepen our connections with the Asia-Pacific region.

Through the work of CAPI's three research Chairs (China, Japan, Law/Southeast Asia) and responsive and highly innovative programming, including our Migration and Mobility Program, CAPI is a catalyst for the creation

The organization of this international conference has involved the collective efforts of a small, but very dedicated team at the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). I would like to acknowledge the tireless work of the following individuals: Helen Lansdowne (CAPI Associate Director); Leslie Butt (Anthropology); Feng Xu (Political Science); Jennifer Smith (Law); Christina Harris (CAPI Communications Officer); Cassana Kelly (CAPI Conference Coordinator); Joel Legassie (CAPI Migration and Mobility Program Assistant); and the many graduate and undergraduate student volunteers who are assisting with on-site logistics. I would also like to thank the conference co-sponsors whose financial contributions have made this conference possible: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Albert Hung Chao Hong lecture series and the University of Victoria through the Office of the Vice-President Research, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Social Science, the departments of Anthropology, Environmental Studies, History, Political Science and Women's Studies, and the Centre for Global Studies.

To all of you, thank you for attending and participating in this important dialogue.

Annalee Lepp  
Chair, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives conference committee  
Chair, Women's Studies  
University of Victoria

and mobilization of knowledge about issues affecting the region, and for deepening our understanding of the implications for Canada and the rest of the world.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the sessions over the coming days and wish you all the best and an enjoyable visit to Victoria.

Andrew Marton, Director  
Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria

# Migration & Late Capitalism

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

5:30 pm	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome Reception</b> Launch of <i>Migration, Mobility, &amp; Displacement</i> FRASER LOUNGE   REGISTERED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY	
7 pm	<b>KEYNOTE Undocumented</b> The Architecture of Migrant Detention <b>Tings Chak</b> No One Is Illegal – Toronto & the End Immigration Detention Network FRASER 159   OPEN TO THE PUBLIC	

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

8:30 am	<b>BREAKFAST</b> FRASER LOUNGE <b>Registration</b>		
9 am	<b>1A Contesting Conceptual Borders</b> FRASER 158	<b>1B Colonialism, Im/mobility &amp; Displacement</b> FRASER 157	<b>1C Migrants' Struggles</b> FRASER 152
10:30 am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> FRASER LOUNGE		
11 am	<b>KEYNOTE What's at stake in the mobility of labour?</b> Borders, Migration & Late Capitalism <b>Sandro Mezzadra</b> University of Bologna FRASER 159   OPEN TO THE PUBLIC		
12:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> FRASER LOUNGE		
1:30 pm	<b>2A Border Crossings</b> FRASER 158	<b>2B Transnational Migration Flows</b> FRASER 157	<b>2C Theorizing Migration in Capitalism</b> FRASER 152
3 pm	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> FRASER LOUNGE		
3:30 pm	<b>3A Gendered Mobilities</b> FRASER 158	<b>3B Border Controls</b> FRASER 157	
5:30 pm	Reception at the First Peoples House REGISTERED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS & INVITED GUESTS ONLY		
7 pm	<b>ALBERT HUNG LECTURE Disappeared, banished, murdered and displaced</b> Climate change or neoliberal capitalism? What is happening to indigenous communities in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century? <b>Linda Tuhiwai Smith</b> University of Waikato FRASER 159   OPEN TO THE PUBLIC		

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015

8:30 am	<b>BREAKFAST</b> FRASER LOUNGE		
9:30 am	<b>PLENARY Advocacy, Activism &amp; the Academy</b> ROUNDTABLES & DISCUSSION FRASER 159		
12 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> FRASER LOUNGE		
1 pm	<b>4A Displacement &amp; Self-Determination</b> FRASER 158	<b>4B Stories of Migration &amp; Mobility</b> FRASER 157	<b>4C Discourses &amp; Media</b> FRASER 152
2:30 pm	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b> FRASER LOUNGE		
3 pm	<b>5A Unexplored Mobilities</b> FRASER 158	<b>5B Transnational Institutions &amp; Governance</b> FRASER 157	
4:30 pm	<b>CLOSING PLENARY Closing Thoughts and Reflections</b> FRASER 159		
6 pm	<b>Post-Conference Action Planning Meeting</b> OFF CAMPUS   PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED		

## SPECIAL EVENTS – THURSDAY

# Welcome Reception & Journal Launch

## Migration, Mobility, & Displacement

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

5:30 PM | FRASER LOUNGE

### RECEPTION

5:30 PM | FRASER LOUNGE

REGISTERED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS  
& INVITED GUESTS ONLY

Celebrate the opening of the conference and the inaugural edition of *Migration, Mobility, & Displacement*.

*MM&D* is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal. It seeks to publish original and innovative scholarly articles, juried thematic essays from migrant advocacy groups and practitioners, and visual essays that speak to migration, mobility and displacement that relate in diverse ways to the Asia-Pacific.



# Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention

### KEYNOTE

7 PM | FRASER 159  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### Tings Chak

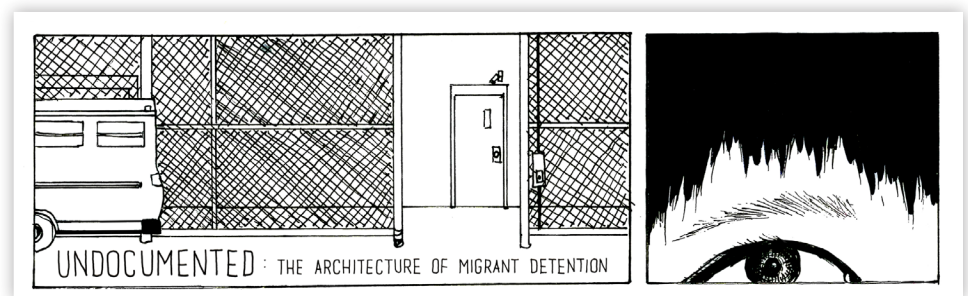
No One Is Illegal – Toronto & the  
End Immigration Detention Network, Canada

Welcome and Acknowledgement  
of the Territories Mavis Underwood

TSAWOUT COMMUNITY, SAANICH NATION

Conference Opening & Introduction  
Annalee Lepp

CHAIR, CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



In the past six years, over 80,000 people have been jailed indefinitely in Canada, without charge or trial. This is the reality of immigration detention in Canada, a reality that is mostly invisible. Migrants are incarcerated because they are undocumented. Likewise, there is little trace to be found of these sites of detention — drawings and photos are classified; access is extremely limited. The detention centres, too, are undocumented. This presentation will highlight the graphic novel, *Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention*, which

details the banality and violence of sites and contrasts them with stories of daily resistance among immigration detainees. This work is grounded in grassroots organizing in solidarity with immigration detainees through No One Is Illegal – Toronto and the End Immigration Detention Network.

#### SPEAKER BIO

Tings Chak is a multidisciplinary artist and architect based in Toronto. She holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Toronto, where she was awarded the Kuwabara-Jackman Thesis Gold Medal for her research on immigration detention centres. Her work draws inspiration from anti-colonial, migrant justice, and spatial justice struggles.

## SPECIAL EVENTS – FRIDAY

# What's at stake in the mobility of labour?

## Borders, Migration & Late Capitalism

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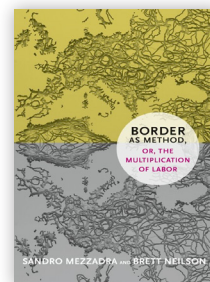
11 AM | FRASER 159  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Sandro Mezzadra**

University of Bologna, Italy

Introduction Daromir Rudnycky

Drawing upon his recently published book *Border as Method, or, the Multiplication of Labour*, Dr. Mezzadra will discuss the significance of the proliferation of borders in the global age from the point of view of “late” capitalism and reflect on the subjective stakes of the politics of migration, providing instances from many parts of the world (including the Asia-Pacific region).



### SPEAKER BIO

Dr. Mezzadra is a foremost researcher on Late Capitalism in relation to Western Europe. Dr. Mezzadra's experience with migratory labour and how it relates to borders will provide insight into deep seeded issues surrounding the mobility of migrating populations.

# Disappeared, banished, murdered & displaced

## Climate change or neoliberal capitalism?

## What is happening to indigenous communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### RECEPTION

5 PM | FIRST PEOPLES HOUSE

REGISTERED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS  
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**ALBERT HUNG CHAO HONG**  
LECTURE

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**Linda Tuhiwai Smith**

University of Waikato, New Zealand

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TSAWOUT COMMUNITY, SAANICH NATION

Running Wolves Drum Group

VICTORIA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Introduction Sarah Hunt

MEMBER OF THE KWAKWAKA'WAKW NATION FROM THE  
KWAGIULTH COMMUNITY IN TSAXIS

In the indigenous world it is difficult to ignore the scale and pervasiveness of ongoing colonialism, continuing displacement, the physical, social and cultural death of our women, our men and our children, our communities, languages and cultures. From disappeared and murdered women, to high suicide rates, to forced closures of communities and environmental exile, many indigenous communities are struggling to stay alive while governments never seem to learn the lessons of past mistakes. This talk identifies a series of major displacements of indigenous populations across the Asia Pacific region, as well as discusses the policies of neoliberal indigeneity and how these policies and alliances across jurisdictions are leading to a new wave of displacement and exile of indigenous peoples.



### SPEAKER BIO

Linda Tuhiwai Smith is Professor of Education and Māori Development, Pro-Vice Chancellor Māori and Dean of the School of Māori and Pacific Development as well as the founding Director for Te Kotahi Research Institute at the University of Waikato in New Zealand. She has worked in the field of Māori Education and Health for many years as an educator and researcher and is well known for her work in Kaupapa Māori Research. Professor Smith has published widely in journals and books. Her book *Decolonising Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples* has been an international best seller in the indigenous world since its publication in 1998. Professor Smith was a founding Joint Director of New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence from 2002-2007 and a Professor of Education at the University of Auckland. She is well known internationally as a public speaker. Professor Smith is from two tribes or iwi in New Zealand, Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Porou.



# THURSDAY

## R RECEPTION 5:30 – 7 PM

### R1 Registration & Welcome Reception

FRASER LOUNGE  
REGISTERED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS  
& INVITED GUESTS ONLY

FOR FULL DETAILS, SEE PAGE 2

Join us to celebrate the opening of the conference and the launch of the new online journal *Migration, Mobility, & Displacement*

## K PUBLIC KEYNOTE 7 PM

### K1 Undocumented

The Architecture of Migrant Detention

FRASER 159

**Tings Chak** NO ONE IS ILLEGAL – TORONTO & THE END IMMIGRATION DETENTION NETWORK

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# FRIDAY

## 1 PARALLEL SESSIONS 9 – 10:30 AM

### 1A Contesting Conceptual Borders

FRASER 158

**Panel Chair: Jennifer Smith**

**Sabina Chaterjee** YORK UNIVERSITY  
*Laying Our Stories Bare: Racialized People, Colonization, and Decolonization in Canada*

**Jo-Anne Lee** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
*North American Asian Feminist Studies: Precarious Border Crossing Pedagogy and Curricula*

**Shanti Robertson** UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY, INSTITUTE FOR CULTURE AND SOCIETY  
*Statuses, temporalities, brokerages and the state: new directions for Australian migration research*

**Reeta Tremblay** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
*Borders, Territoriality and Displacement in Conflict Zones: A Case Study of Citizenship and Property Rights of the Internally Displaced in Jammu and Kashmir* (co-authored with Rekha Chowdhary)

### 1B Colonialism, Im/mobility & Displacement

FRASER 157

**Panel Chair: Leslie Butt**

**Paul Castrodale** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
*From Supply Chain to Empire: Land, Migration and Value in Late Capitalism*

**Sarah Hunt** VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY  
*Re-thinking Reserves: Law, Space & Indigenous Resurgence*

**Syed Hussan** MIGRANT WORKERS ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE

*Stolen labour on stolen land*

**Benjamin Lawrence** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA  
*UNDRIP, IFC Performance Standard 7 and Indigenous Rights in Cambodia*

### 1C Migrants' Struggles

FRASER 152

**Panel Chair: Guoguang Wu**

**Genen Bagon** COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS' AND CAREGIVERS' RIGHTS  
*Live-in Caregivers in Canada and Their Struggle for Landed Status Now!*

**Annette Beech** VICTORIA FILIPINO CANADIAN CAREGIVERS ASSOCIATION  
*Recent changes to Canada's Live-In Caregiver and Temporary Foreign Workers programs and their impact on workers*

**Chandu Claver** MIGRANTE BC & BAYAN-CANADA  
*Diaspora, Migration Experiences, and Organizing Work: The Migrant Filipino Experience*

**Ellene Sana** CENTER FOR MIGRANT ADVOCACY  
*Migrant Workers: Crossing Borders with Dignity: Advocating for the Rights and Dignity of Filipino Migrant Workers and Their Families*

## K PUBLIC KEYNOTE 11 AM – 12:30 PM

### K2 What's at stake in the mobility of labour?

Borders, Migration & Late Capitalism

FRASER 159

**Sandro Mezzadra** UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

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# FRIDAY CONTINUED

## 2 PARALLEL SESSIONS 1:30 – 3 PM

### 2A Border Crossings

FRASER 158

**Panel Chair: Marlea Clarke**
**Jessica Ball** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

*Children and families on the move: Challenging dominant discourse about statelessness in the context of transnational labour movements in Indonesia* (co-authored with Leslie Butt, University of Victoria, and Harriet Beazely, University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia)

**Tyler Chartrand** YORK UNIVERSITY

*Disappearing Data on Migrant Workers: Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker and International Mobility Programs*

**Johan Lindquist** STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

*Migration Infrastructure and Labour Circulation in the Indonesian-Malaysian Oil Palm Complex*

**Antje Missbach** MONASH UNIVERSITY

*IOM's anti-people smuggling campaigns and their implications for asylum seekers' mobility and their search for protection in Indonesia and beyond*

### 2B Transnational Migration Flows

FRASER 157

**Panel Chair: Cindy Ann Rose-Redwood**
**Carolyn Choi** UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Learning English in the 'First World' and 'Third World': South Korean Educational Migration to the U.S. and the Philippines*

**Justin Kwan** UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, INSTITUTE OF ASIAN RESEARCH

*Cross-Strait Flows and Interactions: The identity and belonging of Mainland Chinese in Taiwan*

**Suhan Shim** UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

*Human Rights of Resident Koreans in Japan for Legal Status and Social Discrimination in Japanese Society Comparing with Yanbian Koreans in China (Korean Diaspora)*

### 2C Theorizing Migration in Capitalism

FRASER 152

**Panel Chair: Victor V. Ramraj**
**Thahn Phan** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

*Trans-Pacific Partnership and the movement of businesses in Vietnam: an outlook from the migration point of view*

**Selim Reza** FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

*Labour Migration and Precarious Construction Work in Bangladesh: Myths and Realities of Neoliberalism*

**Nandita Sharma** UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA

*Anti-Immigration Politics in the Postcolonial New World Order*

**Kate Sheill** INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, GAATW & AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

*Current conceptual and practical challenges in working to address trafficking in persons*

## 3 PARALLEL SESSIONS 3:30 – 5 PM

### 3A Gendered Mobilities

FRASER 158

**Panel Chair: Helen Lansdowne**
**Gwen Chapman** UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**& Sanzida Habib** INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR

*Accessing Healthcare and Parenting Information in a Neoliberal Era: Experiences of Immigrant Women in Metro Vancouver*

**Evelyn Encalada Grez** YORK UNIVERSITY & JUSTICE FOR MIGRANT FARM WORKERS

*Transnational Emotions, Transnational Organizing for Migrant Justice*

**Rhacel Parrenas** UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*The Gendered Citizenship of Migrant Domestic Workers*

**Andreea Torre** UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

**& Alessio Cangiano** UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD & THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

*Gendered mobilities, border controls and neoliberal agendas in contemporary Oceania*

### 3B Border Controls

FRASER 157

**Panel Chair: Leslie Butt**
**Nicole Constable** UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

*Surveillance and the Ins and Outs of Prison for Migrant Workers, Asylum Seekers, and Overstayers in Hong Kong*

**Charity-Ann Hannan** RYERSON UNIVERSITY

*Towards a Sanctuary Province: Ending the abuse and exploitation of illegalized migrant workers in Ontario*

**Sandy Irvine** WILFRED LAURIER UNIVERSITY

*Overseeing Overseas: Governing Canada's extraterritorial migration policy directed towards illegal migration from Asia to Canada*

**Corey Robinson** YORK UNIVERSITY

*Governing Irregular Migration Beyond the Border: Canada's Efforts to Combat Human Smuggling at Home and Abroad*

## FRIDAY CONTINUED

### R RECEPTION 5 – 6:30 PM

#### R2 Reception at the First Peoples House

REGISTERED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS  
& INVITED GUESTS ONLY

Pre-lecture reception with complimentary food and refreshments. This reception will be held in the First Peoples House. The Albert Hung Chao Hong lecture by Linda Tuhiwai Smith will take place in Fraser 159.

### K ALBERT HUNG CHAO HONG LECTURE 7 PM | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### K3 Disappeared, banished, murdered and displaced Climate change or neoliberal capitalism? What is happening to indigenous communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

FRASER 159 | OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Linda Tuhiwai Smith UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

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and cultural death of our women, our men and our children, our communities, languages and cultures. From disappeared and murdered women, to high suicide rates, to forced closures of communities and environmental exile, many indigenous communities are struggling to stay alive while governments never seem to learn the lessons of past mistakes. This talk identifies a series of major displacements of indigenous populations across the Asia Pacific region, as well as discusses the policies of neoliberal indigeneity and how these policies and alliances across jurisdictions are leading to a new wave of displacement and exile of indigenous peoples.

## SATURDAY

### P PLENARY SESSION 9:30 AM – 12 PM

#### P1 Advocacy, Activism & the Academy

ROUNDTABLES AND DISCUSSION

FRASER 159

These panels will promote dialogue on the conference themes and will provide an avenue for spirited and productive debates with conference delegates.

Formed around central themes, each panel will be responding to a series of questions before opening the floor to the delegates.

##### PANEL ONE

Moderator: Helen Lansdowne

- What are the biggest transformations that have occurred in the past decade around human displacement, transnational migration, and mobility and what does that tell us about what we can expect in the future?
- If global capitalism and neo-colonialism is shaping everyday life for so many, what makes migration/mobility/displacement such an ongoing point of contention?
- Borders are unsafe places for many. What are some transformative technologies or human practices that can defuse this trend? Are there examples?

##### Panellists

- Evelyn Encalda Grez YORK UNIVERSITY & JUSTICE FOR MIGRANT FARM WORKERS
- Syed Hussan MIGRANT WORKERS ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE
- Eni Lestari INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS ALLIANCE
- Johan Lindquist STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY
- Kate Sheill INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, GAATW & AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

##### PANEL TWO

Moderator: Annalee Lepp

- Where are sites for collaboration across stakeholders (researchers, policymakers, front-line workers, and activists) that are most conducive to bringing about constructive change in the lives of mobile populations?
- What forms of mobilization make a difference, and why? What are successful models, and what can we learn from them?
- Massive movements and problems/concerns/priorities often trump local, hidden groups and important but overlooked problems/concerns/priorities. What is the best scale for thinking about problems/concerns/priorities?

##### Panellists

- Rhacel Parrenas UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- Mary Purkey MAE SOT EDUCATION PROJECT
- Ellene Sana CENTER FOR MIGRANT ADVOCACY
- Rachel Silvey UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



# SATURDAY CONTINUED

## 4 PARALLEL SESSIONS 1 – 2:30 PM

### 4A Displacement & Self-Determination

FRASER 158

**Panel Chair: Jessica Ball**
**Sean Ashley** CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

*Migration, Enclosure and State Capitalism along the Thai-Burmese Border*
**Mary Purkey** MAE SOT EDUCATION PROJECT

*Seeking Self-Determination through Education: The Experience of the Burmese Migrant Community on the Thai-Burmese Border*
**Chris Vasantkumar** MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

*On the Ironic Consequences of Closed Borders: Tibet before and after 2008*

### 4B Stories of Migration & Mobility

FRASER 157

**Panel Chair: Annalee Lepp**
**Eni Lestari** INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS ALLIANCE

*Stories of Domestic Workers in Hong Kong*
**Lisa Mitchell** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

*Beyond the Migrant Family: Childlessness and Mobile Filipinas*
**Rachel Silvey** UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

*Body/Market: Making and Managing Indonesian Overseas Labour Migrants*

### 4C Discourses & Media

FRASER 152

**Panel Chair: Feng Xu**
**Wei Bu** CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS

*Migrant Workers, Communication and Empowerment in China*
**Julie Ham** MONASH UNIVERSITY

*Constructing 'Asian-ness' in the Australian and Canadian sex industry*
**Bindu Menon** LADY SHRI RAM COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

*Transnational Religious Publics: Migration, Visual Culture and Jama'at-e-islami in South Asia and the Middle East*
**Kilim Park** UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, INSTITUTE OF ASIAN RESEARCH

*No Longer a "Damsel in Distress": Indonesian Migrant Women Returnees in Cities Renegotiating Their Identity*

## 5 PARALLEL SESSIONS 3 – 4:30 PM

### 5A Unexplored Mobilities

FRASER 158

**Panel Chair: Melissa Gauthier**
**Jessica Ball** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

**& Sarah Moselle** UNESCO ASIA-PACIFIC REGION  
*Living Liminality: Myanmar Children Living as Forced Migrants in Thailand*
**Denise Spitzer** UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

*Selling Entrepreneurship to Filipino and Indonesian Migrant Workers in Asia*
**Huifang Wu** CHINA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

*Dancing Solo: Women Left Behind in Rural China*
**Brenda Yeoh** NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SINGAPORE

*Who Cares? Left-Behind? Children in the Absence of Migrant Mothers at the Southeast Asian End of the Global Care Chain*

### 5B Transnational Institutions & Governance

FRASER 157

**Panel Chair: Lisa Mitchell**
**Alessio Cangiano** UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD & THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

**& Andreea Torre** UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC  
*Beyond the 'triple win' mantra: a critique of managed migration policies in the South Pacific*
**Harrison Ellis** UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

*Voluntary Assisted Return and Repatriation: A Collision of State Interests and Humanitarianism*
**Christina Hamer** BILKERT UNIVERSITY

*Asylum and the Spectre of Settlement: When countries choose according to integration potential*
**Caitlin Henry** UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

*Balancing Human Rights at the Intersection of Migration, Health, and Work*

## P PLENARY SESSION 4:30 – 6 PM

### P2 Closing Thoughts & Reflections

FRASER 159

**Moderator: Feng Xu**

Keynote speakers will provide closing commentary, reflections and future directions.

## POST-CONFERENCE ACTION PLAN WORKING DINNER

6 PM | OFF CAMPUS

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

LIMITED SPACE, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the conference committee to strategize next steps for post-conference action. Sign up at the Registration Table in the Lounge.

# About the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives

The Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) is based at the University of Victoria (UVic). Established in 1988, CAPI is a research centre that recognizes the importance of the Asia-Pacific region to Canada and works to deepen the connection between UVic and the region.

Since its inception, CAPI has acted as a vital link between the University of Victoria and the Asia-Pacific region, providing programming and research initiatives that have brought together scholars from the Asia-Pacific region with those from UVic. Over two decades later, the Asia-Pacific region not only continues to be of importance to Canada, but has grown in its significance. We engage with institutions, civil society and leading scholars at UVic and across the world to deliver research and programming that connects academics, students and members of civil society with opportunities throughout Asia and across Canada.

## Research at the Centre

### Research Chairs

CAPI is home to three research chairs, each with their own projects and areas of focus:

- **Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen**, Jarislowsky East Asia (Japan) Chair
- **Dr. Victor V. Ramraj**, Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Chair
- **Dr. Guoguang Wu**, China and Asia-Pacific Relations Chair

### Research Programs

CAPI houses two long-term interdisciplinary research programs. The **Migration & Mobility Program** explores the processes and impacts of the Asia-Pacific's place in global



Students from the Yanching Institute of Technology in Beijing visit the Tsatlip Nation at Tod Inlet to take part in an environmental education and restoration project. Photo by UVic Photo Services

migration. The program houses two SSHRC funded research projects and is publishing an online, peer-reviewed, open-access journal: *Migration, Mobility & Displacement*. For more information about the MMP, see page 9.

The **Landscapes of Injustice** is a seven-year, multi-partner research project exploring the forced dispossession of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War.

## CAPI Programs, Events & Initiatives

### Internship & Scholarship Programs

Every year since 2003, CAPI has offered a variety of opportunities to current UVic students and young Canadian graduates from across the country. So far over 100 students have taken part in our internship program working with civil society organizations across Asia. Recently, our interns have worked with organizations in Bangladesh, India, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal and the Philippines — many students return and say their experience has been life-changing. We also provide research scholarships for UVic students doing fieldwork in the Asia-Pacific region and for students from Commonwealth countries studying at UVic.

Our internship programs continue to expand — this year we will be sending a total of 30 interns to support the work of 12 migration-focused civil society organizations in seven countries.

### Events

CAPI holds regular events on campus and in the community about topics and issues related to the Asia-Pacific. From major international conferences, to workshops, arts events, and lecture and seminar series — including the new *Japan and the Other* series — our events aim to inform and promote discussion. The *Albert Hung* and *Neil Burton* lecture series provide an opportunity for distinguished visitors to address a community audience on a topic of current public interest in the Asia-Pacific region.

*See our website for a calendar and videos of past events.*

### Leadership Programs

CAPI currently runs two leadership programs — the **China Youth Leadership Program** provides an international experience to undergraduate students from China. The program provides students with an experiential learning opportunity through a balance of on-campus academic lectures and off-campus field trips.

The **Early Career Leaders in China Program**, offered in partnership with the School of Public Administration, offers an intensive development program for professionals working in the private and public sectors in China and Hong Kong. This year the program has a special focus on environmental sustainability.

### Legal Professional Development

Led by our Asia-Pacific Legal Relations Chair, Victor V. Ramraj, our Legal Professional Development Programs include two international conferences this year.



## CAPI's Migration & Mobility Program

The world is facing unprecedented levels of mobility and migration, and this increasing flow of workers from rural to urban areas and across country borders has deep and profound impacts on development. Once treated as separate issues, the intersections between migration and development are being increasingly recognized on the global stage.

CAPI is excited to support a dedicated Migration & Mobility Program (MMP), which brings together experts in the field from all over the world to share expertise and knowledge of migration and mobility issues related to Asia. The MMP's first two research projects have received funding from the Social Sciences, Humanities and Research Council of Canada.

This conference extends the work of the MMP and begins a wider discussion on the pressing issues of migration and mobility.

The MMP is also home to a new online, open access, peer-reviewed journal. We are thrilled to launch the inaugural issue of *Migration, Mobility, & Displacement* at this conference! Stop by the journal table in the Fraser Lounge for your complimentary printed copy of the inaugural issue.

### Women, migration and family

"Asian women, migration and family in the global era," is exploring the impact of migration on the family and reproductive lives of a new generation of skilled migrant women, particularly from Indonesia and the Philippines, who leave home to work abroad in Canada, Australia and Singapore. This research fills an important gap in scholarly understanding about migration and the effect it has on the family and on decisions concerning children within a new era of "global parenthood."

Leslie Butt (Anthropology and CAPI, UVic) and Lisa Mitchell (Anthropology, UVic) are working in collaboration with Nicole Constable (University of Pittsburgh) and Deirdre McKay (Department of Geography, Keele University, UK).

### Stateless children in Indonesia

The research team, Leslie Butt (CAPI and Department of Anthropology), Jessica Ball (Child and Youth Care) and geographer Harriot Beazley (USC, Australia), are exploring how migrant parents who travel illegally understand the idea of citizenship for their children. The team has travelled to Indonesia to interview Indonesian migrant parents who regularly work in Malaysia, often in disempowering and dangerous conditions. The team is investigating what options parents consider when they are faced with the expectation that they will register their children and conform to state expectations around citizenship and belonging, and what experiences of statelessness mean to them.

### Open access migration journal

*Migration, Mobility, & Displacement* is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal. It seeks to publish original and innovative scholarly articles, juried thematic essays from migrant advocacy groups and practitioners, and visual essays that speak to migration, mobility and displacement that relate in diverse ways to the Asia-Pacific. The journal welcomes submissions from scholars and migrant advocacy groups that are publicly engaged, and who seek to address a range of issues facing migrants, mobile and displaced persons, and especially work which explores injustices and inequalities.

The editorial board aims to publish and promote:

- challenges to received wisdom and dominant narratives about migration, mobility, and displacement;
- scholarship that addresses injustices and inequalities facing migrants, mobile and displaced persons;
- public scholarship that serves as a resource for policy debate across the Asia-Pacific region and beyond;
- inter-disciplinary scholarship and research featuring diverse theoretical frameworks and methodological perspectives;
- ways of engaging with migrant community activists, migrant advocacy groups and practitioners;
- geographically and culturally diverse scholarship;
- critical engagement with social theory and critical re-conceptualizations of mobility and migration, including questions of indigeneity, power relations, and normative responses.

This journal provides immediate open access to its content on the principle that making research freely available to the public supports a greater global exchange of knowledge.



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