



**METROPOLIS ASIA: Building Migration Research Co-operation
Monash Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur
10-12 November 2010**

Program

Wednesday 10 November 2010

5:30 – 7:00pm

Welcome reception

Cancun Room, Level 10
Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa

Professor Robin Pollard (Confirmed)
Pro Vice-Chancellor and President Malaysia
Monash University Sunway Malaysia

Chair:

Professor John Nieuwenhuysen, AM
Director
Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements,
Australia

Thursday 11 November 2010

9:30am onwards **Registration**

10:10 – 10:25am **Opening session: Welcoming remarks**

Master of Ceremony

Dr Hass Dellal, OAM
Executive Director
Australian Multicultural Foundation, Australia

Professor James Chin
Head, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Faculty of Arts
Monash University Sunway Malaysia

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr Jeffrey Cheah, AO
Chair of the Board
Monash University Sunway, Malaysia

Dr Howard Duncan
Executive Head
International Metropolis Project, Canada

10:25 – 11:00am Keynote address

His Royal Highness Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah
The Crown Prince of Perak Darul Ridzuan

Chair:

Sir James Gobbo, AC, CVO
Chair of the Board
Australian Multicultural Foundation

11:00 – 11:50am Morning tea

11:50 – 1:20pm Panel 1: Migration flows and the forces that are determining them

Migration flow patterns in Asia are among the most dynamic in the world. Not only are the flows large in scale, but they are extremely complex, multi-directional, and arise from a multiplicity of push and pull factors, some of which are seen far less often in other regions. Understanding migration flows in Asia will enhance our understanding of flows anywhere else. This panel aims to achieve a better understanding of these flows and their causes, and will attempt to ascertain what we should expect to happen in the future. Speakers will talk about flows from the region, within the region, and to the region, will look at economic migration, marriage migration, migration for education, and return flows. We will also refer to the effects of the global recession on these migration movements.

Speakers:

Speaker 1 – 20min
Dr. Keiko Osaki
United Nations, USA

Speaker 2 – 20min
Professor Brenda Yeoh
National University of Singapore, Singapore

Speaker 3 – 20min
Professor Sulistyowati Irianto
University of Indonesia, Indonesia

Discussion 30min

Chair and Discussant:

Professor Yasushi Iguchi
Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan

1:20 – 2:00pm

Lunch

2:00 – 3:30pm

Panel 2: Urbanization

The Metropolis Project takes its name from the fact that most contemporary migrants choose cities as their destinations, and this is as true in Asia as it is anywhere else in the world. This session will look at migration and urbanization in Asia with attention given to both internal and international migration. As in the West, urbanization brings with it ethnic diversity to Asian cities and the need to find ways to integrate members of minorities into the mainstream society. Cities are not only where human capital finds its highest paying rewards, but it is here that economic and social integration take place. Our panelists will look at cities as not only passive recipients of migrants but as active players in their recruitment and their integration. We will also hear about the effects of migration on source areas, especially rural communities, and about returnees in cases of circular migration.

Speakers:

Speaker 1 – 25min
Professor Zhang Jijiao
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

Speaker 2 – 25min
Liem Nguyen
Institute of Population, Health and Development, Vietnam

Discussion 40min

Chair and Discussant:

Thetis (Alcestis Abrera) Mangahas
International Labour Organisation, Thailand

3:30 – 4:00pm

Afternoon tea

4:00 – 5:30pm

Panel 3: Managing migration, the governance of migration in the region

Managing migration flows has become a much more frequently discussed topic in the international community with the assumption that international co-operation will improve the outcomes of migration for the sending societies, the receiving societies, and for the migrants themselves. At root are hopes that, through international co-operation, we will achieve greater effectiveness, greater efficiency, a more just migration system, and safer passage and residence for the migrants. Although some commentators aspire to a global migration management regime, others are more modest in their ambitions and look to regional management or bi-lateral agreements as the best that we can achieve in the medium term. This session will examine regional co-operation on migration management, will look at what is feasible and desirable, and at the possibility of establishing shared goals, be they demographic, economic, or security. Special attention will be given to managing return migration flows and to co-operation on visa regimes, including with countries in the West.

Speakers:

Speaker 1 – 20min
Professor Susan Kneebone
Monash University, Australia

Speaker 2 – 20min
Professor Binod Khadria
Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Speaker 3 – 20min
Dr. Le Bach Duong
Institute for Social Development Studies, Vietnam

Discussion 30min

Chair and Discussant:

Andrew Bruce
International Organization for Migration, Thailand

7:00 – 10:00pm **Conference Dinner**
Avanti Restaurant
Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa

Friday 12 November 2010

9:00 – 11:00am **Panel 4: Diasporas and transnationalism**
Globalization and transnationalism seem to go hand in hand, with the technologies of the former greatly facilitating the latter. Underlying many of the features of transnationalism and diasporas are the economic and social dividends that they can pay. This panel will look at the strength of diaspora relations between Asia and other regions and in both directions: Asian diasporas elsewhere in the world and Western diasporas in Asia which have resulted from large return migration flows. Transnationalism has significant implications for our understanding and management of citizenship, of immigrant integration, and for our basic understanding of the phenomenon of international migration itself. Long understood as primarily a one way flow, we now recognize better the dynamism of international migration and how migrants respond to opportunities at home and abroad. The actions of governments to promote the vitality of diasporas and to support transnational connections will be a subject of the panel as will their actions to encourage return migration flows.

Speakers:

Speaker 1 – 30min
Professor Graeme Hugo
The University of Adelaide, Australia

Speaker 2 – 30min
Professor Kee Pookong
Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, Australia

Speaker 3 – 30min
Professor Manying Ip and Liangni Sally Liu
University of Auckland, New Zealand

Discussion 30min

Chair and Discussant:
Dr Ann Kim
York University, Canada

11:00 – 11:30am Morning tea

11:30 – 1:00pm Panel 5: Research co-operation in the region
One of the purposes of this conference is to enhance and consolidate the Metropolis network in Asia and to promote, thereby, co-operation amongst researchers in the fields of immigration and ethnic relations. This session will look at the fundamentals of international research co-operation, including data collection, availability, and comparability; funding bodies and existing mechanisms for supporting international comparative work; and existing levels of research co-operation amongst Asia-based scholars and between Asian and non-Asian researchers. The ambition of this session is to arrive at an accurate assessment of the available resources and mechanisms that can support research co-operation and to identify means by which these resources can be used to promote such co-operation within the Metropolis network.

Speakers:

Speaker 1 – 15min
Eileen Alma
International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada

Speaker 2 – 15min
Dr Maruja M.B. Asis
Scalabrini Migration Centre, Philippines

Speaker 3 – 15min
Liem Nguyen
Institute of Population, Health and Development, Vietnam

Speaker 4 – 15min
Associate Professor Nana Oishi
Sophia University, Japan

Discussion 30min

Chair and Discussant:
Professor Kee Pookong
Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, Australia

1:00 – 2:00pm

Lunch

2:00 – 2:45pm

Keynote Address: New Economic Model for Malaysia
Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS),
Malaysia

Chair:
Professor John Nieuwenhuysen, AM
Director
Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements,
Australia

2:45 – 4:25pm

Closing Panel: Next steps in Developing *Metropolis Asia*
This conference marks a beginning. This final panel will develop a set of concrete measures to develop a Metropolis network in Asia. Panelists will offer specific advice on how to, for example, identify and approach additional members of the network, build a research agenda within which we can develop our plans for research and future conferences, establish a small Secretariat within the region able to co-ordinate activities there and with the Metropolis International Steering Committee and its existing Secretariats in Ottawa and Amsterdam, and importantly, determine how and when to engage with the rest of the current Metropolis network in North America, Australia and New Zealand, Europe, Latin America, and southern Africa. There is enormous potential in a Metropolis Asia network, and this final panel will indicate how we can make this potential fully real.

Panelists: each speak for 3min

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Professor James Chin
Monash University, Malaysia

Dato' Dr Michael Yeoh
Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI), Malaysia

Dr Charles Harns
International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Migration
Research and Training Centre, Republic of Korea

Chair and Discussant:

Wu Jinguang
State Ethnic Affairs Commission, China

4:25 – 4:30pm

Closing Remarks

Dr Howard Duncan
Executive Head
Metropolis Project, Canada