EASt-JSPS Research Project’s Hybrid Workshop
Friday 13 October 2023 (9 am - 1 pm)
MSH Reception Room, Building DE1 (3rd Floor)
Campus du Solbosch, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
Av. Antoine Depage 1, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

COVID-19 pandemic experiences of Filipino migrant workers with common roots but different routes

9:00 – 9:05: Welcome remarks
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot
Director - Centre for East Asian Studies (EASt), Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Belgium

9:05 – 9:17: Introduction
Itaru Nagasaka
Coordinator - JSPS study “migrant workers under the pandemic”, Hiroshima University, Japan

Session 1: Filipino migrant workers in Europe and Canada
Chair: Itaru Nagasaka (Hiroshima University)

Filipino care workers in Belgium and France:
Discussant: Grace Marie Ku (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

9:17 – 9:29: In the interstice of health and economy: the discourse of bio-citizenship and the black economy among Filipino domestic workers in Belgium
Ferlie Rose Ann Famaloan (National Institute of Health, University of the Philippines-Manila)

Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot (ULB)
Kristine Busson (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales-INALCO, France)

9:42 – 10:02: Discussions

Filipino care workers in France and Canada:
Discussant: Elisabeth Luquin (INALCO, France)

Roderick Galam (Oxford Brookes University, UK)
Lalaine Siruno (Maastricht University/United Nations University-MERIT, the Netherlands)

10:15 – 11:27: From essential work to essential social good: Filipino im/migrant labour and social agency during COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta, Canada
Glenda Bonifacio (University of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada)

11:27 – 11:47: Discussions

11:47 – 11:57: Break
Session 2: Filipino migrant workers in Japan
Chair: Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot (ULB)
Discussant: Frederik Ponjaert (Institute for European Studies, ULB/ Sciences Po Paris)

11:57 – 12:10: From pub to factory: sustained invisibility and job transfer of Filipino migrant women in rural Japan during the pandemic
Eri Ono (Dokkyo University, Japan)
Chiho Ogaya (Ferris University, Japan)

Romeo Toring Jr. (Hiroshima University)

12:22 – 12:35: (Re)mobilization of immobilized labor: pandemic concessions on migrant agro-food workers in Japan
Yuya Iida (Ehime University, Japan)
Itaru Nagasaka (Hiroshima University)

12:35 – 12:55: Discussions

12:55 – 13:00: Closing remarks
Itaru Nagasaka and Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot