

EASSt-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 (EASSt), 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 (Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp & Vrije Universiteit Brussel, 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)
- 9:29 – 9:42: *Nuancing minorities' COVID-19 pandemic experiences: the case of (ir)regular Filipino migrants in Paris*
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot (ULB)
Kristine Busson (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales-INALCO, France)

9:42 – 10:02: Discussions

Filipino care workers in the Netherlands, UK and Canada:

Discussant: Elisabeth Luquin (INALCO, France)

- 10:02 – 10:15: *Navigating the COVID-19 pandemic in hostile environments: the resilience strategies of Filipino undocumented migrant domestic workers in the UK and the Netherlands*
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)

12:10 – 12:22: *Filipino technical interns and specified skilled workers in Japan during the COVID-19 pandemic: oblivious, upward, suspended, and rebooted (im)mobilities*

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