Roundtable Discussion

*Domestic violence in 'mixed' couples involving Asians*

Friday 8 December, 2 pm to 5 pm
Room Kant (Institute of European Studies-IEE)
Campus Solbosch, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
39 Av. Franklin Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels

Programme

2 pm - 2:10: **Welcome remarks**
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot
PI – BelMix research project
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**Session 1. Southeast Asian migrants in ‘mixed’ couples**

Chair: Lucas Monteil, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

2:10 - 2:20 pm: **The situation of Filipino migrants**
Aaron Raphael Ponce, teaching assistant and PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, FNRS research associate and senior lecturer, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

2:20 - 2:35: **Available support from the Philippine Embassy**
Ma. Filonila T. Alcaraz-Arguelles
Third Secretary and Vice Consul
Embassy of the Philippines to Belgium and Luxembourg
Philippine Mission to the European Union

2:35 - 2:45: **The situation of Thai migrants**
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, FNRS research associate and senior lecturer, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

2:45 – 3 pm: **Available support from the Royal Thai Embassy**
Pathompong Singhtong
Counsellor and Consul
Royal Thai Embassy, Brussels

3 - 3:15: **Available support from the NGO “Oasis Belgium”**
Philip Lane, founder and executive director – Oasis Belgium

3:15 - 3:30: **Open forum**
Moderator: Mimy Keomanichanh, ARC Consolidation PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

3:30 - 3:40: **Coffee/tea break**
Session 2. East and West Asian migrants in ‘mixed’ couples

Chair: Laure Sizaire, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

3:40 - 3:50: The situation of Chinese migrants
Lucas Monteil, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB
Cai Chen, PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

3:50 - 4:05 pm: Available support from the NGO “AWDPI (formerly Avoice): Asian Women Development Plan International”
Yibo Li, Regional director and Case supervisor – AWDPI
Weiwei Miaoy, Communication manager – AWDPI

4:05 - 4:15: The situation of Japanese migrants
Mari Kawase, psychologist and sexologist, Medicis Medical Centre/Chirec
Michiko Kurita, journalist and writer

4:15 - 4:25: The situation of Iranian migrants
Fleurine Hermand, teaching assistant and PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

4:25 - 4:40: Available legal aids for migrants suffering from domestic violence
Jef Eelen, lawyer - RVC Advocaten

4:40 - 4:55: Open forum
Moderator: Mimy Keomanichanh, ARC Consolidation PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

4:55 - 5 pm: Closing remarks
Laure Sizaire, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB
Lucas Monteil, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EAST, ULB

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