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**Asian Research Center for Migration - Centre of Excellence on Migration and Development is proudly hosting:**

**International Migrants Day Conference**  
**15th December 2023 (8:30am-4:30pm)**  
**Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (and online)**

**“Exploring Pathways for Migrant Inclusion”**

As the drivers of migration and mobility become increasingly complicated, this year’s conference highlights new and innovative research, programs and policies in Thailand, ASEAN and beyond that seek to improve the inclusion of migrant populations in societies. Faced with multiple and emerging crises, ranging from environmental changes, economic insecurity, to violence and conflicts, we continue to witness how migrants and their families, characterised by diverse identity markers, face barriers and exclusions throughout their journeys, in work, health, education, social protection, emergency responses and (re)integration. This year’s conference therefore explores new and current international, national and local approaches, policies and practices that seek to include, support and secure migrants’ well-being.

**Our speakers are invited to reflect on these questions:**

- What policy developments have been made to promote and manage safe and fair migration at every stage of migrants’ journeys in the origin and destination countries?
- How can opportunities in education, skills training and work be expanded among low- and middle-skilled labour migrants, which can encourage development gains at the family, community and national levels?
- What kinds of future coordination and efforts between international organisations, civil society, academics, policymakers, and the private sector are needed to enhance protection and services to assist migrants in vulnerable situations?

**Registration Form:**

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**VENUE:** Chumbhot-Panthip Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Prajadhipok-Rambaibarni Building, Chulalongkorn University, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330

**Google Map:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/q9ZdfTuYqnXC96cB7>

**Lunch and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of IOM and the World Bank.**

**English to Thai language translation available via Zoom, courtesy of ILO.**

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

<b>Registration – opens 8:00am</b>		
8:30am	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b> – Assoc. Prof. Pavika Sriratanaban, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University</p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b> – Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta, Director of Asian Research Center for Migration, Chulalongkorn University</p>	
8:45am	<p>“World Development Report 2023: Migration, Refugees, and Societies” The World Bank – (Washington)</p>	
9:00- 9:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">“Impacts of Climate Change on Migration and Vulnerable People”</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> His Excellency Varawut Silpa-archa, Minister of Social Development and Human Security</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Conference Group Photo*</p>	
9:45am	<p>“Regional Migration Trends” Géraldine Ansart, IOM Chief of Mission to Thailand</p>	
<b>10:00am- 11:00am</b>	<b>Panel 1: Climate-Related Migration</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Impacts of Climate-Related Mobility on Children and Youth in East Asia” – <i>Dr. Sara Vigil, Stockholm Environment Institute, &amp; Darrel Flores, World Vision (10mins)</i></li> <li>• <i>Asst. Prof. Carl Middleton, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University (10mins)</i></li> <li>• “IOM Study on Extreme Weather and Natural Resource Mismanagement in the GMS” – <i>Dayoon Kim &amp; Clare Steiner, Stockholm Environment Institute (10mins)</i></li> <li>• “Impact of Climate Action on GESI in Migration: the cases of Mekong Region” – <i>Dr. Ratchada Jayagupta, ARCM/ASEAN Committee on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children &amp; Stefano Zenobi, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (10mins)</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A – 10mins</b></p>	<p>Prof. Kyoto Kusakabe, Asian Institute of Technology</p>
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>		

<b>11:15am-12:30pm</b>	<b>Panel 2: Labour, Legal Pathways and Social Protection</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Enhancing the effectiveness of legal pathways for labour migration in ASEAN” – Anna Engblom, <i>Head of ILO Triangle in ASEAN Programme (10mins)</i></li> <li>• “Paradox in Policies and Practices of Social Protection for Migrant Workers and Experiences of Chiang Rai Migrant Workers’ Aid Center” – Suebsakun Kidnukorn, <i>Lecturer in Faculty of Social Innovation, Mae Fah Luang University/ Founder &amp; Coordinator of Aid Center for Migrant Workers in Chiang Rai (10mins)</i></li> <li>• “Precarious Pathways: Migration patterns and service needs of Lao migrant workers” – Ben Harkins, <i>Ship to Shore Rights South East Asia, ILO (10mins)</i></li> <li>• “The Gains and Pains of Working Away from Home: Evidence from the Pacific” – Dr. Dung Doan, <i>Social Protection Economist, The World Bank (10mins)</i></li> <li>• “Migrant Labour Situation in Timor-Leste” - Almerio Vila-Nova, <i>President, Labour Syndicate Timor-Leste (10mins)</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A – 15 mins</b></p>	Dr. Aungkhana Kamonpetch, Senior Researcher, ARCM
<b>Lunch - 12:30-1:30pm</b>		
1:30-1:45pm	<p style="text-align: center;">“Thailand’s Policy on Skills Development for Migrant Workers to match Employers’ Current and Future Needs”</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> His Excellency Mr. Phairoj Chotikasatien, Permanent Secretary for Labour</p>	
1:45pm-3:00pm	<b>Panel 3: Education, Skills and Employability</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “What kinds of skills Thai Employers want from Myanmar Workers?” – Soonhwa Yi, Senior Economist, The World Bank &amp; Prof. Supang Chantavanich, ARCM (10mins)</li> <li>• “Bridging the Digital Divide: Assessment of the Digital Skills of Migrant Workers” – Winnie Sachdev, IOM PROMISE Programme (10mins)</li> </ul>	Dr. Premjai Vungsiriphisal, Senior Researcher, ARCM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Education and Career Pathways for Migrant Children and Youth in Thailand” – Yuko Kawai, Japanese International Cooperation Agency &amp; Dr. Pyone Myat Thu, ARCM (10mins)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A – 7mins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Education, Vocational Training for Displaced People and Future perspective: A Case Study of Mae La Temporary Shelter” – Ayaka Watanabe, Ph.D. Student, Kyoto University (10mins)</li> <li>• “Laos Reintegration Case Study” – Kongseng, Village Focus International (online) (10mins)</li> <li>• “Co-designing Resilient Global Communities” – Chula, UNESCO, INEB, Civic Engagement 4.0 (10mins)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A – 7mins</b></p>	
<b>Afternoon Tea Break – 3:00-3:15pm</b>		
<b>3:15-4:30pm</b>	<b>Panel 4: Neglected Conflicts and Displacement</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Health care for displaced populations in Myanmar and Bangladesh” – Tom Triall, Community Partners International (10mins)</li> <li>• “Displacement in Cameroon”, Prof. Michaela Pelican, University of Cologne &amp; Assoc. Prof. Roland Balgah, University of Bamenda, Cameroon (10mins)</li> <li>• “Stuck in transit, asylum seekers in Indonesia” – Prof. Antje Missbach, University of Bielefeld (online) (10mins)</li> <li>• “Thailand’s National Screening Mechanism”, Asst. Prof. Dr. Bhanubhatra Jittiang, Lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Political Sciences (10mins)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A -10mins</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>END</b></p>	<p>Assoc. Prof. Naruemon Thabchumpon</p>

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