Interdisciplinary One-day Workshop, Oxford University
Friday 18 June 2010, 10:00–18:00
Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Road, Meeting Room A

Migrations to the Gulf Countries: From Exception to Normality?

10:00–10:45 A theoretical challenge: is the Gulf the exception in migration theories? Introduction by Hein de Haas, Hélène Thiollet and Leïla Vignal

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 Session 1. The political economy of migration in the Gulf
- Martin Ruhs (Oxford University) ‘Labour immigration policies in the Gulf: economics, politics and ethics’
- Philip Marfleet (University of East London) ‘The politics of labour migration from Egypt to the Gulf states’
- Ghada Fayed (Doctoral Student, Oxford University) ‘Macroeconomic effects of remittances outflows from the GCC’
- Alaa al-Hamarneh (Mainz University, Germany) ‘Modes, backgrounds and political economy of migration of Europeans of Arab origins (and bi-national Arabs) to the GCC countries’

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–14:45 Spaces and transnational networks in Gulf migration: from regional integration to global perspectives Introduction by Hein de Haas, Hélène Thiollet and Leïla Vignal

14:45–15:00 Coffee break

15:00–17:15 Session 2. Cities, cosmopolitanism and transnational networks
- Marina de Regt (International Institute of Social History, Netherlands) ‘Anthropological insights on female domestic workers’ trajectories from the Horn of Africa to the Arabian peninsula’
- Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS, London) ‘Migration and Urban integration in the Gulf until (instead of since) the 1970s’
- Amin Moghadam (Doctoral Student, Lyon University, France) ‘Migration, metropolisation, cosmopolism in the Gulf: the case of Persian settlers’
- Andrew Gardner (Qatar University, Qatar) ‘Labor camps, social segregation, and urban space in the Gulf’
- Dr Philippe Venier (Angers University, France) ‘Indians in UAE and Kuwait: socio-spatial construction and sense of belonging’

17:15–18:00 Wrap-up session

Conveners: Dr Hein de Haas (IMI, QEH), Dr Hélène Thiollet (DPIR/Sc Po), Dr Leïla Vignal (MEC/Oriental Studies)
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Thursday 17 June 2010, 5:00 pm
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Film screening: ‘Young and Invisible’

IMI is showing the film ‘Young and Invisible: African domestic workers in Yemen’, by Arda Nederveen and Marina de Regt.

While the employment of migrant domestic workers in the oil-producing countries of the Arabian Peninsula is well-known, few people know that also in a poor country like Yemen mainly migrant women are employed as domestics. Why is there a demand for paid domestic labour in Yemen and who fills this demand? Deeqa came as a refugee from Somalia, leaving her four children behind; Ethiopian Hiwot joined her sister who was already working in Yemen; and Helen, who is of mixed Ethiopian/Eritrean descent, came via an illegal recruitment agent. They share the type of work, but have different stories to tell...

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