**International Conference Commemorating International Migrants’ Day**

**“A Forced March into Uncertainty”**

**Migration, Security and Justice**

**Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December 2017**

**Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand**

The reasons migrants make the calculated and very difficult decision to migrate within the ASEAN region are consistent in there being no work at home and a desperate need to earn money for their families, who either remain at home, or travel with them. Regionally, it is the push – pull factor, where migrants in countries of origin (CoO) migrate to countries of destination (CoD) due to better economic opportunities. The vast majority of migrant workers are unskilled and more often than not, undocumented. Individually these factors have their own inherent risks and consequences, including harm to their personal safety, exploitation, discrimination, arrest and deportation; and when combined, it can often be a horrendous experience and sometimes fatal.

There are numerous international and regional frameworks relating to migration including ICESCR, ICCPR, ILO Conventions; ASEAN AEC Blueprint 2015, AICHR, Human Rights Commissions; and the ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP) 2015. Most recently the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/70/1&Lang=E), adopted by world leaders in September 2015, meant government ownership to establish national frameworks, with countries accepting primary liability and responsibility for the monitoring and successful implementation of these Goals. Yet the issue of migration and the protection of migrants remains challenging and fraught with difficulties and inconsistencies, including failure to ratify and implement these legal structures; impotent enforcement and ratification of legislation; and a failure to establish an infrastructure to ensure the right to seek access to justice and compensation.

Despite the demand for migrant labor and their overwhelmingly understated contribution to the socio-economic welfare and GDP of each country of destination and origin, they are still not afforded the respect and protection they deserve and are owed. More effective and constructive interaction between ASEAN countries to facilitate mutual solutions that benefit everyone should be encouraged and enacted. There needs to be a combined effort to see beyond negative nationalism that is often misused to erect barriers restricting the movement and rights of migrants.

Over 2 days this conference will bring together authorities, international organizations, grassroots organizations, academia, employers and employees, and activists and advocates, to represent and share their research, opinions, ideas and experiences that affect migration and trafficking. By providing a safe forum, all representatives are encouraged to interact and instigate innovative and successful discourse to highlight the main concerns and problems that continue to have a negative impact on these critical phenomena.

The aim is to explore and establish mutually workable strategies, incorporating new innovational programs, polices and initiatives to help support and protect the rights of migrants. It is intended that these will significantly contribute to ensuring that migrants can be assured of security and justice that in turn provides certainty that their human rights are respected and sustained. Practical interaction during the conference will potentially reinforce better working relationships in reality. The conference will combine panel presentations and plenary discussions from both actors and stakeholders, culminating in participatory focus groups and workshops. International and regional representatives from the state and private sector, are crucial to identifying common areas of interest and goals, as well as critical concerns affecting migrants, especially those who are most at risk of severe exploitation that contributes and exacerbates trafficking and slavery.

**Objectives**

1. To present and share knowledge about migration, security and justice (including human trafficking, people smuggling, displaced person, refugees, and labor migration) under this year’s theme, “**A Forced March into Uncertainty: Migration, Security and Justice”**
2. To discuss and exchange global, regional and national views on current and future migration trends.
3. To facilitate discussion about migration amongst policy-makers, planners, practitioners, civil society, and academia.
4. To explore a range of issues associated with migration, conceptually and on the ground.
5. To harmonize and strengthen the ASEAN migration network at domestic, national, regional and international levels.

**Activity description / outcome:**

1. A full 2-day of discussions and information sharing on **“A Forced March into Uncertainty:** Migration, Security and Justice”
2. A review and compilation of the discussions, comments from speakers and panelists from this conference.
3. A publication of proceedings.

**Conference agenda:**

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A Forced March to Uncertainty:

Migration, Security and Justice

# Monday 18th December 2017

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| 08h00 to 08h30 | Registration |
| 08h30 to 09h30 | **Opening Session**:  ***Welcoming Remarks:***  President of Chulalongkorn University  ***Conference Remarks\*****:*   * UN Women (Regional Director) * ILO (Regional Director) * Ministry of Social Development and Human Security (Permanent Secretary)   **From Chulalongkorn University**   * Faculty of Political Science (Dean) * Institute of Asian Studies (Director) |
| 09h30-09h45 | Morning Break |
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| 09h45 to 10h15 | **Keynote address** by Professor Vitit Muntarbhorn  “***Protection of Migrant’s Rights: To What Extent***?” |
| 10h30 to 12h00 | **Panel 1:** Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery  **Chair**: Professor Dr. Siroj Sorajjakool (Loma Linda University, CA, U.S.A.)  **Panelists:**   * H.E. Wanchai Rujanawong (the Representative of Thailand to ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) for Children’s Rights), * Associate Professor Dr. Monti Datta (Richmond University, U.S.A), * University of Nottingham, U.K.\* * Jennie Williams; (Independent Consultant UNDP & AAT) |
| 12h00 to 13h00 | Lunch |
| 13h00 to 14h30 | **Panel 2**: Women Migration (including Migration, Human Trafficking, Women’s Rights, WEE, Peace and Security)  **Chair**: Dr. Maytinee Pongvej\*  **Panelists**:   * UN Women\*, * From ASEAN country\* * Dr. Arisman (CSEAS: Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Indonesia): **“Human Rights and Labour Migration Across ASEAN”** * Ministry of Social Development and Human Security\* (DATIP, permanent secretary office) * Dr.Ratchada Jayagupta (ARCM, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University, and the Representative of Thailand to ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) for women’s rights. * Dr. Prapairat Mix. |
| 14h30-16h00 | **Panel 3**: Displaced person/ Refugee / Urban Refugee / Rohingya |
|  | **Chair:** Professor Surichai Wun’geao\*  **Panelists**:   * Dr. Jesper (Thammasart University), * UNHCR\*(Also include here Asylum Access and Bangkok Refugee Centre) * Methawadee Behnjharachajarunandha (Ph.D Candidate) “Screening Mechanism for Refugees and Undocumented Immigrants in Thailand” * Dr. Mohammand Hasan Ansori, Habibie Center, Indonesia. * Maung Kyaw Nu\* (Bangkok Rohingya Association Thailand) |
| 16h00 – 16h15 | Afternoon Break |
| 16h15 - 17h30 | **Panel 4:** Disaster and Displacement |
|  | **Chair:** Assistant Professor Naruemon Thabchumpon |
|  | **Panelists:** |
|  | * Carl Middleton (CSDS) * Albert Salamanca (SEI) * Narumon Arunotai\* (CUSRI) * Apichai Sunchinda\* |
| 17h30 – 18h30 | **Panel 5** Youth Forum: Youth and Migration Issue |
|  | **Chair**: Associate Professor Dr. Rosalia Sciortino\*  **Panelists**:   * Mr. Hartanto Gunawan (with students) * Dr. Mark Capaldi * Chakkrid Chansang\*, IRC (Mae Sot) * SCUK\* |
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| 18h30 to 20h30 | **Book Launch and Reception/Music**  **Chair**: College of Population, Chulalongkorn University   * The Asian Research Center for Migration at the Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University * To Walk in Her Shoes, an inside perspective of Thai sex workers in Germany: Prapairat Mix * Living with Floods: Middleton et al |

# Tuesday 19th December 2017

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| 08h30 to 09h00 | **Keynote by** Dana Graber Ladex, IOM Thailand Chief of Mission  “**Regional Migration Situation and Uncertainty”** |
| 09h00 to 10h30 | **Panel 6:** IUU and Fishing Industry |
|  | **Chair**: Sebastian Boll; Regional Research Specialist  United Nations Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons (UN-ACT)  **Panelists:**   * Professor Emeritus Dr. Supang Chantavanich * Stella Maris\*/LPN\* * Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand. * CCCIF\* * National Fisheries Association (NFAT)\* * EU |
| 10h30-10h45 | Morning Break |
| 10h45 to 12h15 | **Panel 7**: RUN: Human Mobility |
|  | **Chair:** Assistant Professor Sukanda Lewis\*  **Panelists:**   * RUN 1.1 * RUN 1.2 * RUN 1.3: Dr. Sirijit Sunanta * RUN 1.4 |
| 12h15 to 13h15 | Lunch |
| 13h15 to 14h45 | **Panel 8**: Labor Migration (Skilled and Unskilled)  **Chair:** College of Population Studies, Chulalongkorn University  **Panelists**:   * ILO&IOM, Risk and rewards: Outcomes of labour migration in South-East Asia \* * Professor Dr. Eric Fong; CUHK, HongKong * Dr. Asst. Prof. Piti Srisangnam, ASEAN Studies Center, Chulalongkorn University * Dr. Montakarn Chimmanee, Social Research Institute , “Human Capital Development and Migration Plan of Migrant Workers in Thailand ” * Mr. Vatana Chea,College of Population Studies**,** “Emigration to opportunity: Are Cambodian Migrants Satisfied with Their Employment in Thailand?” |
| 14h45 to 15h45 | **Panel 9**: LGBTIQA and their migration (include the community spectrum) and Gender Equality |
|  | **Chair:** Professor Dr. Amara Pongsapich\*  **Panelists:**   * Rebecca Farber (Boston University) * Leo Villar (M.A.I.D.S Program, Chulalongkorn University) * SWING or UNDP or UNESCO\* * Private Sector (Alcazar) |
| 15h45-16h00 | Afternoon Break |
| 16h00 to 16h15 | **Panel 10**: Life and Rights in Destination |
|  | **Chair:** Usa Lerdsrisuntad (Foundation for Women) |
|  | **Panelists**:   * Dr. Pattaya Ruenkaew * Liveourlives (LOL)\* * JICA\* * HRDF\* * Dr. Kanokwan Tangchitnusorn, Migration plans of Western retirees in Thailand |
| 16h15 to 16h45 | Afternoon Break |
| 16h45 to 17h45 | **Panel 11:** Human Mobility on China’s One Belt-One Road Policy  **Chair:** |
|  | **Panelists:** |
|  | * Dr. Narumit Hinshiranan (Chiangmai University) * Dr. Suthiphand Chirathiwat (ASEAN Center) * Dr. Chan Chee-Kun (University of Malaya) * Dr. Yos Santasombat (Chiangmai University) |
| 17h45 – 19h00 | **Panel 12**: Prevention Program for anti-Human Trafficking / Stop Violence Against Trafficking: Media  **Chair:** IOM-X  **Panelists**:   * Thai Superstar/Singer * A 21 * IOM-X * UN Women (VAW program)\* * TV-5\* or from other countries in ASEAN |
| 19h00 to 20h00 | Closing remark / light meal. |

**Ground rules for Chairs and panelists**:

10 slide max; each panelist/presenter should present the key findings and problems, and proposed solutions, each has maximum of 15 minutes for their presentations, and have 30 minutes for Qs and As and reflections from the floor.

**Note**: \*in the process of invitation