Work Men on the Move

As migration researcher or development experts we often talk about numbers, flows, and migration stocks. We talk about the effects of migration and immigration policies. But how often do we really try to put ourselves in the position of the people behind these figures? This photo exhibition gives us the opportunity to do so. It features photos shot by a labour migrant in the early 1990s when he was working as construction worker in Singapore.

Srikhoon Jiangkratok was born in a small village in Burriram province (Thailand). After his marriage he left the village for the first time to work as construction worker in Bangkok where he stayed over 8 years and became a foreman. In 1994 his company send him to Singapore to build the famous Ritz Carlton 5 star Hotel. But Srikhoon did not go alone. He brought his photo camera with him and documented his stay in Singapore.

At the end he had an archive of over 900 photos which give a unique insight into the migrant workers life between hard work and drinking nights, which should make forget the long separation from the family and homesickness.

“These photos give a unique and unseen insight into the harsh but also joyful moments of migrant workers in Singapore.” – Simon A. Peth

A selection of these photos are displayed at the lobby of the venue but you can also watch the exhibition online (best on laptops, desktops or tablets):