

Rural Futures in South East Asia

A conference on Migration, Development and Climate Change

Background

The conference will address the intersection of pressing issues for rural development in Southeast Asia, with a special emphasis on migration and climate change. Climate change is already influencing rural livelihoods in South East Asia – at the same time, demographic change and rural out-migration are creating additional challenges for agricultural and rural societies and beyond. On the other hand, rural places are strongly connected to outside places such as cities and other destination countries of migrants who significantly contribute to rural livelihoods, for example, through financial and social remittances. This perspective is reflected in the emerging notion of “migration as adaptation”, which has opened a more nuanced view of migration in the face of climate change, recognizing migrants’ agency and potential contribution to adaptation to environmental risks. While there are strong and active communities researching environment/climate change, agriculture, development and adaptation, on the one hand, and migration and demography on the other; there is little exchange between the two scientific communities.



Date:
31.07.-02.08. 2018



Call for Papers:
15.05.2018



Deadline for Registration:
05.07.2018



Venue:
to be announced,
Bangkok, Thailand

Organizers:
TransRe Project
Raks Thai Foundation
IPSR/Mahidol University



The Conference

This conference aims at creating a forum for scientific exchange at the nexus of environment, migration, and development (including adaptation and resilience), bringing together scholars from different disciplines and fields of research (risk and vulnerability studies, migration studies, climate change adaptation, development studies, agriculture, etc.).

It will include discussing the findings of the Trans|Re project (www.transre.org) and putting them into the context of other studies. We call for the submission of contributions addressing one or several of the following topics:

Topics

- the relevance of migration for development, rural livelihoods, and for adaptation to climate change;
- the impacts of (especially, but not exclusively, slow onset) climate and environmental changes on rural livelihoods and vulnerability, and on migration;
- the role of translocal social practices of migrants and households of origin for adaptation and social resilience;
- translocal social networks and their role for coping, adaptation, and transformation for rural areas;
- the linkages of migration and adaptation in local, national, and international governance contexts;
- conceptualizing and empirically operationalizing the relationships of migration, social resilience, and climate change adaptation;
- empirical contributions on the relationship between environmental change, migration, and transformation in rural areas (of origin).

Contributions

Abstracts are welcome from both social and natural sciences and should be submitted latest by 15.05.2018.

Please send your abstract (for both poster and oral presentations, please state the format of your contribution) of no more than 300 words to Harald Sterly (sterly@giub.uni-bonn.de), Aree Jampaklay (aree.ude@mahidol.ac.th), CC Svenja Enge (s6svenge@uni-bonn.de).

Notification of acceptance will be made by 31.05.2018.



About the Trans|Re Project

The Trans|Re project offers a fresh perspective on the environment-migration nexus. It starts from the assumption that migration is and will continue to be a major dynamic of global change. Migration is connecting people, transforming places, and facilitating flows of knowledge and resources, and thus creating networked and interconnected translocal spaces. Through this intensifying translocal connectedness, the ability of households and communities to respond to climatic risks and sustain their livelihoods and well-being – that is, their social resilience – has the potential to be strengthened. The project focuses on resource-dependent households and rural communities that are particularly vulnerable to climate-related risks. It seeks to decipher the relations between migration, translocality and social resilience to climate change, by focusing on the four fields of a) households' livelihoods, risks and vulnerabilities, b) translocal social networks, c) social practices of translocality and d) the governance of translocality and climate change adaptation.



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