



Multimedia, Mobility and the Digital Southeast Asian Family

A Two-Day Workshop

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Program

Southeast Asia is home to the largest number of social media users globally. Digital technology is shaping the way Southeast Asians interact, maintain contact, and express who they are, their family relationships. It is also a region known for its mobile population with high numbers of overseas workers, international students, refugees/asylum seekers, and migrants seeking permanent residency or citizenship in other countries.

Online multimedia content is one way that migrants and mobile Southeast Asians express their sense of connectedness to their family members, belonging, multiple and varied identities, and cultural backgrounds.

This two-day workshop of 13 presentations and 20 participants aims to provide a contemporary understanding of online multimedia expression of identity, belonging, and intergenerational family relationships of migrants and mobile subjects of Southeast Asian descent. What do these online multimedia production and stories tell us about the effects of migration and mobility on family intergenerational relationships, that of children, parents, grandparents, and extended kin networks?

By focusing on online multimedia expression of Southeast Asians, we aim to comprehend social and cultural change in this region and beyond, that is shaped by digital technology, and particularly in relation to issues of identity, belonging and family relationships. In addition, we are interested in exploring the nuances of how technology shapes this process of change, including addressing a wider range of issues beyond connectedness such as power, conflict, and kinship relations. The sessions have extended the focus to include educational mobility and digital narrative, gender and identity, social media representation, transnational family, online communication and communities, as well as hope and affirmation of digital diasporic communities.

Convenor:

Dr Monika Winarnita
La Trobe University and University of Victoria, Canada

TIME	ACTIVITY
DAY 1	
9.15 am – 10.30 am	Welcome and Keynote Presentation
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Morning tea
11.00 am – 12.30 pm	Session 1
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Session 2
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Session 3
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Free time
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Welcome Dinner at Thai Khon Kaen Restaurant (Polaris Shopping Centre)
DAY 2	
9.15 am – 10.30 am	Session 4
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Morning tea
11.00 am – 12.00 pm	Summary and path forward
12.00 pm – 1.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Masterclass Session 1
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.00 pm – 4.30 pm	Masterclass Session 2
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	Masterclass wrap up

Thursday 20 April

Venue: Viz Lab, Research Commons, Level 2, Borchardt Library, Bundoora Campus

9.15am – 10.30am

Welcome and Keynote Presentation

Chair: Associate Professor Raelene Wilding

Welcome by Professor Katie Holmes, La Trobe University, Australia

Introduction by Associate Professor Leslie Butt, University of Victoria, Canada

Keynote address

“Doing ‘ambient kinship’: what mediated mobilities afford Southeast Asian families”

Dr Deirdre McKay, Keele University, UK

10.30am – 11.00am

Morning Tea

11.00am – 12.30pm

Session 1 – Social media, educational mobility and digital family narrative

Chair: Dr Jolynna Sinanan, RMIT

“Singaporean Societies: Multimedia Communities of Migration”

Raviv Litman, University of Victoria, Canada (*via zoom video conferencing*)

“Maintaining Virtual Homes: Social Media and *Pesantren* Families”

Dr Faried F. Saenong, University Waikato, New Zealand

“Documenting Motherhood: Interactions and Connections among PhD Mama Indonesia”

Dr Lily Yulianti Farid, University of Melbourne, Australia

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Lunch

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Session 2 – Social media, wellbeing, gender and identity representation

Chair: Dr Wendy Mee

“Voice of Singapore’s Invisible Hands and Online Literary Works of Indonesian Migrant Workers”

Adriana Rahajeng Mintarsih, University of Indonesia

“How does social media improve the well-being and awareness of challenges faced by Indonesian migrant domestic workers?”

Dr Stevanus Wisnu Wijaya, Universitas Prasetiya Mulya, Indonesia

“Indonesian Muslim Women’s Use of Facebook”

Dr Graeme MacRae on behalf of the late Vitri Hartono, Massey University, New Zealand

3.00pm – 3.30pm

Afternoon Tea

3.30pm – 5.00pm

Session 3 – Transnational family members: online connection, communication and communities

Chair: Associate Professor Raelene Wilding, La Trobe University

“Differential Communicative Mobilities: The Case of the Transnational Filipino Family in Melbourne, Australia”

Dr Earvin Charles B. Cabalquinto, Monash University, Australia

“Adjusting the Moral Compass, Keeping the Ethnic Bonds Alive: The Virtual Communities of Filipino Migrant Women in Japan”

Dr Jocelyn O. Celero, Waseda University, Japan

“Transnational family communication and digital devices: A case study”

Dr Xuan Thu Dang, Deakin University and Associate Professor Howard Nicholas, La Trobe University

6.00pm

Workshop dinner

at Thai Khon Kaen Restaurant, (Polaris Shopping Centre)

Friday 21 April

Venue: Viz Lab, Research Commons, Level 2, Borchardt Library, Bundoora Campus

9.15am – 10.30am

Session 4 – Hope and affirmation of digital diaspora through social media

Chair: Dr Edwin Jurriens, University of Melbourne, Australia

“Engaging a Greater Hope: Rohingya in Malaysia and Hope in Social Media”

Dr Eva Nisa, Victoria University, New Zealand

“Crowd Curated History: Vietnamese Refugee Diaspora on Facebook”

Anh Nguyen, University of Melbourne, Australia

“Multimedia and mother-daughter relationship: Indonesian and Philippine women in Melbourne Australia”

Dr Monika Winarnita and Dino Concepcion, La Trobe University and University of Victoria, Canada

10.30am – 11.00am

Morning Tea

11.00am – 12.00pm

Summary and Path Forward

Chair: Associate Professor Leslie Butt, University of Victoria, Canada

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Lunch

MASTERCLASS: Digital and Social Media in Migration Studies

Presenter: Dr Deirdre McKay, Keele University, UK
(Observers: Associate Professor Leslie Butt and Dr Monika Winarnita)

1.00pm – 2.30pm

Session 1

Building upon the two reading materials, five (5) students will each do five (5) minute presentation on how social and digital media is used in their research with feedback provided by Dr McKay

1. Tu Thanh Tran, PhD student School of Education, La Trobe University
2. Trang Hoang, PhD student School of Education, Deakin University
3. Xinyu (Andy) Zhao, PhD student, Deakin University
4. David Adjartey, PhD student Anthropology, La Trobe University
5. Maren Wickwire, MA student in Visual Media Anthropology, Freie University Berlin, Germany (*via zoom video conferencing*)

2.30pm – 3.00pm

Afternoon Tea

3.00pm – 4.30pm

Session 2

Building upon the two reading materials, five (5) students will each do five (5) minute presentation on how social and digital media is used in their research with feedback provided by Dr McKay

6. Dr Stevanus Wisnu Wijaya, Lecturer School of Applied Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Universitas Prasetya Mulya, Indonesia
7. Adriana Rahajeng Mintarsih, M.Si, Lecturer, English Study Program, Faculty of Humanities, Universitas Indonesia
8. Dr Lily Yulianti Farid, Research Assistant, Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne
9. Anh Nguyen, PhD candidate, The University of Melbourne
10. Alex Lloyd, Master student Anthropology, University of Victoria, Canada

4.30pm – 5.00pm

Masterclass wrap up

Final discussion and questions from participants to Dr McKay
