

International Symposium
Migrant/Domestic Workers' Rights and ILO C189:
Case Studies from Asia, Europe, U.S.A. and Japan
December 10 (Sat) – 11 (Sun), 2016
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Day 1	December 10 (Sat)
9:30-9:40	Greetings by Ruri Ito (Hitotsubashi University)
9:40-10:30	Keynote “Work Like No Other: Domestic Employment, the ILO and the Recognition of Home Labors” Eileen Boris (University of California, Santa Barbara)
10:30-12:00	Session 1 Cases from Asia: Philippines, Indonesia, Hong Kong Moderator: Aya Sadamatsu (Keisen University) 1. Chiho Ogaya (Ferris University) “Local and Transnational Impact of C189 in the Philippines: New Solidarity of OFWs and Kasambahay” 2. Keiko Hirano (Hokkaido University of Education) “The Implication of the Shift to Skilled Workers in Indonesia’s Labor Export Policy: Migrant and Domestic Workers in Indonesia and C189” 3. Fumie Ohashi (Musashi University) “Local Domestic Workers and Migrant Domestic Workers in Hong Kong”
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:30	Session 2 Cases from Europe: Italy, Germany, France and EU Moderator: Akihiro Koido (Hitotsubashi University) 1. Rie Miyazaki (Ohtsuki City College) “Labor Protection and Deregulation: Dualism of Domestic Work in Italy” 2. Kyoko Shinozaki (Duisburg-Essen University) “Opportunities and Challenges for Migrant Care and Domestic Workers’ Organizing: Experiences from Germany” 3. Ruri Ito (Hitotsubashi University) “The French Paradox: Formalization of ‘Domestic Work’, Migrant Domestic Workers’ Rights and C 189” 4. Eri Churiki (Wako University) “Migrant / Domestic Workers’ Rights and Development of Personal and Household Services in the EU”
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-16:45	Session 3 Cases from the U.S.A. Moderator: Eri Churiki (Wako University) 1. Akihiro Koido (Hitotsubashi University) “Road to California Domestic Worker Bill of Rights: Local Structure of Immigrants Social Movements and the Influences of National/International Struggles” 2. Chikako Mori (Hitotsubashi University) “Starting a Migrant Domestic Workers Cooperative: The Case of Hopewell Care in Brooklyn”
Day 2	December 11 (Sun)
10:30-12:00	Session 4 The Case of Japan Moderator: Mariko Adachi (Ochanomizu University) 1. Aya Sadamatsu (Keisen University) “Fixed-term Contract Domestic Labor in New International Division of Reproductive Labor: ‘Foreign House Keepers’ in Japanese National Strategic Special Zones” 2. Nobuki Fujimoto (Hrights Osaka) “Examining the Present Conditions of Foreign Care Workers as a Part of ‘Utilization of Foreign Human Resources’ Policy” 3. Mieko Takenobu (Wako University) “Continuing Neo-liberal Reconfiguration of “Yome (wife) Labor””
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	Panel Discussion Migrant/Domestic Workers’ Rights and the Significance of ILO C189: Challenges of Organizing Moderator: Chiho Ogaya (Ferris University), Motoko Yamagishi (Solidarity Network with Migrants Japan, SMJ) 1. Elizabeth Tang (IDWF): Transnational movements for domestic workers’ rights 2. Zita Cabais-Obra (France, CFDT): Organizing Domestic Workers in France 3. Elma Joy Cardona-Sernande (Progressive Labor Union of Domestic Workers- Hong Kong, PLUDW-HK) 4. Kanako Tsuchiya (Network for Paid Domestic Work, Japan) Closing Remarks

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Over five years have passed since the adoption of ILO Convention on the Decent Work for Domestic Workers (C189) and its Recommendation (R201). Establishing international labor standards for domestic workers for the first time in history, C189 has important impacts on the (re)organizing of domestic workers in different parts of the world. It opens up a new stage in the protection of their rights at national, international and transnational levels.

This symposium is part of a JSPS research project by a group of scholars, mostly based in Japan, interested in grasping the diverse effects and potentials of C189 for migrant domestic workers' labor and living situations in Asia, Europe, U.S.A and Japan.

The symposium will start with a keynote by Professor Eileen Boris, a renowned historian of women's labor movement, on the historical significance of C189. The symposium will, then, pursue two objectives. First, based on our respective fieldwork, it aims to discuss the conditions of migrant domestic workers' rights and status in related regions with a comparative perspective. Second, given the Japanese government's recent scheme for introducing migrant domestic workers' in the two National Strategic Special Zones, an unprecedented program for Japan, we wish to provide a forum, in which overseas and local activists will come together to exchange their experiences of organizing migrant/domestic workers.

It is our hope that the two-day discussions will help advance our understanding on the stakes and challenges of this new migrant labor scheme, officially intended to promote Japanese women's increased participation in the labor market, and raise public consciousness on the rights of domestic workers, both local and migrant.

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Pre-symposium event: Film projection & discussion

- Projection of "Ilo Ilo," film directed by Anthony Chen, depicting the life of a Filipina domestic worker in Singapore, followed by a discussion with Chiho Ogaya.
- Time: December 9 (Fri) 14:40-17:00
- Venue: Room 405, Lecture bldg. 2, Hitotsubashi University, West campus

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