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The International Migration Institute, Oxford Department of International Development and the Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, with the support of the Maison Française d'Oxford

Interdisciplinary One-day Workshop, Oxford University

Friday 18 June 2010, 10:00–18:00

Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Road, Meeting Room A

Migrations to the Gulf Countries: From Exception to Normality?

10:00–10:45 A theoretical challenge: is the Gulf the exception in migration theories?

Introduction by Hein de Haas, H el ene Thiollet and Leila Vignal

10:45–11:00 Coffee break

11:00–13:00 Session 1. The political economy of migration in the Gulf

- Martin Ruhs (Oxford University)
'Labour immigration policies in the Gulf: economics, politics and ethics'
- Philip Marfleet (University of East London)
'The politics of labour migration from Egypt to the Gulf states'
- Ghada Fayed (Doctoral Student, Oxford University)
'Macroeconomic effects of remittances outflows from the GCC'
- Alaa al-Hamarneh (Mainz University, Germany)
'Modes, backgrounds and political economy of migration of Europeans of Arab origins (and bi-national Arabs) to the GCC countries'

13:00–14:00 Lunch

14:00–14:45 Spaces and transnational networks in Gulf migration: from regional integration to global perspectives

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14:45–15:00 Coffee break

15:00–17:15 Session 2. Cities, cosmopolitanism and transnational networks

- Marina de Regt (International Institute of Social History, Netherlands)
'Anthropological insights on female domestic workers' trajectories from the Horn of Africa to the Arabian peninsula'
- Nelida Fuccaro (SOAS, London)
'Migration and Urban integration in the Gulf until (instead of since) the 1970s'
- Amin Moghadam (Doctoral Student, Lyon University, France)
'Migration, metropolisation, cosmopolitanism in the Gulf: the case of Persian settlers'
- Andrew Gardner (Qatar University, Qatar)
'Labor camps, social segregation, and urban space in the Gulf'
- Dr Philippe Venier (Angers University, France)
'Indians in UAE and Kuwait: socio-spatial construction and sense of belonging'

17:15–18:00 Wrap-up session

Conveners: Dr Hein de Haas (IMI, QEH), Dr H el ene Thiollet (DPIR/Sc Po), Dr Leila Vignal (MEC/Oriental Studies)

If you are in Oxford on Thursday...

Thursday 17 June 2010, 5:00 pm

Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Road, Seminar Room 1

Film screening: 'Young and Invisible'

IMI is showing the film 'Young and Invisible: African domestic workers in Yemen', by Arda Nederveen and Marina de Regt .

While the employment of migrant domestic workers in the oil-producing countries of the Arabian Peninsula is well-known, few people know that also in a poor country like Yemen mainly migrant women are employed as domestics. Why is there a demand for paid domestic labour in Yemen and who fills this demand? Deeqa came as a refugee from Somalia, leaving her four children behind; Ethiopian Hiwot joined her sister who was already working in Yemen; and Helen, who is of mixed Ethiopian/Eritrean descent, came via an illegal recruitment agent. They share the type of work, but have different stories to tell...

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