Migrants in the globalizing city

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Monday 9 july 2018

09:15 Registration

09:30-10:15, Welcome remarks and introduction

- **Manuelle Franck,**president of Inalco
- **Kathy Rousselet**, Sciences Po-CERI, coordinator of social sciences and humanities at USPC
- **Michiel Baas,**National University of Singapore
- **Delphine Pagès-El Karoui**, Inalco/USPC

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:30

Session I, Dynamics of segregation and affective (and virtual) citizenship

Chair : **Thomas Pfirsch** (Université de Valenciennes)

- Migration, vertical segregation and vacant houses in Athens. An exploration through the Athens Social Atlas, **Stavros Spyrellis** (Independent researcher, France) & **Thomas Maloutas** (Harokopio University, Greece)
- Mapping patterns of segregation in Dubai: towards a new research agenda for a social geography of Gulf Cities, **Yasser Elsheshtawy**(Independent researcher) & **Delphine Pagès-El Karoui** (Inalco, France), **Françoise Bahoken** (IFSTTAR, France)
- Affective Citizenship in Dubai and Singapore: Rethinking (im)migrant integration and urban belonging from a non-Western prism, **Laavanya Kathiravelu**(Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
- Civic virtues, migrants and video volunteers: Visual Conscriptions in contemporary Dubai, **Bindu Menon**(University of Delhi, India)

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30

Session II, Landscapes of urban diversity

Chair: **Pushpa Arabindoo** (Paris Institute for Advanced Studies)

- Searching for South Asian Migrants in the City: Beyond Little India and Temples, **Aurélie Varrel**(CNRS, France)
- Interstitial Space and the Urban Landscape in Doha, Qatar, **Andrew Gardner**(University of Puget Sound, USA)
- Exploring urban diversity through the foodscapes: a comparison between Paris (France) and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), **Hadrien Dubucs** (Paris Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-18:00

Session III, Politics of non-integration and integration

Chair: **Aurélie Varrel** (CNRS, France)

- Paris and the Migrant Crisis: Welcoming, Unwelcoming, Neutral?, **Catherine Lejeune**(Paris Diderot University, France) & **Camille Schmoll** (Paris Diderot University, France)
- The Politics of Non-Integration: Enclavement, Enclosure and Enforcement of Restricted Mobility of Transient Migrant Workers in the Globalizing City-State of Singapore, **Theodora Lam** (National University of Singapore)
- From ‘folk devils’ to ‘undesirable victims’: thinking through the management of migrant settlements in Paris’ public spaces, **Muriel Froment-Meurice** (Paris Nanterre University, France)
- Geographies of encounter in the ‘maid agency’: (Re)producing binaries and the politics of misrecognition in the cosmopolitan city-state of Singapore, **Kellynn Wee**(National University of Singapore) and **Brenda Yeoh** (National University of Singapore)

18:30: Cocktail

Tuesday, 10 July

09:00-10:30

Session IV, Tensions around cosmopolitan encounters and belongings

Chair: **Brenda Yeoh** (National University of Singapore)

- Sweeping the streets of Paris to counter gentrification processes: Chinese migrant sex workers', **Hélène Lebail**(Sciences Po Paris), paper written with **Marylène Lieber** (Université de Genève)
- Domestic Mother-Tongue Maintenance; Cosmopolitan Maternalisms & Carework Among (Im)migrant Kodavathees, **Chand Somaiah**(National University of Singapore & Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)
- On temporary visas, state officials and racial privilege, **Caroline Osella** (University of London)

10:30-11.00: Coffee break

11:00-13:00

Session V, PhD Clinic

Commentator **Laavanya Kathiravelu**:

- Student Mobility and 'Cosmopolitan' Spaces: experiences from the Global South**, Zane A. Kheir**(National University of Singapore),
- « Between Self-Segregation and Urban Diversity: An Analysis of Spatial Observing Diversification of Urban public Spaces through Women Spatial Practices: the case of Filipina Domestic Workers in Amman, **Daphné Caillol**(Paris Diderot University)

Commentator **Andrew Gardner**:

- Filipino highly skilled returnees in Metro Manila: Return migration, reintegration infrastructures and urban tranformations, **Karen Liao**(National University of Singapore)
- Art Scenes and Expression of Identity among citizens and foreigners in Bahrein, **Nevyne Zeineldine**(Inalco, France)

13:00-13:15 Concluding Remarks,**Michiel Baas**

13:15-14:30: Lunch Break

14:30-17:30 Field excursion

Résumé

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