Migrant Technologies: (re)producing (un)freedoms

Friday, 20th May, 2016
10:00am – 4:30pm

United Nations University Institute on Computing and Society

Join us for a free, one-day event where we bring together scholars, practitioners and activists to panel discussions to share our understandings and research on information and communication technology (ICT) use by migrants from Asia.

Register now on Eventbrite by 15th May 2016 to secure your place for the event https://www.eventbrite.com/e/migrant-technologies-reproducing-unfreedoms-tickets-24922537982.

Location: Casa Silva Mendes, Estrada do Engenheiro Trigo No 4, Macau SAR, China (Opposite to the main entrance of Hotel Guia)

Hosted by: UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY Computing and Society
You are invited to attend a one-day event on Migrant Technologies at UNU-CS in Macau. The event is free and will include refreshments and lunch plus a closing drink reception.

About the Event:
The event brings together scholars, practitioners and activists to share our understandings and research on information and communication technology (ICT) use by migrants from Asia, particularly the Philippines and China. Panel Discussions will explore research about the existing role of ICTs in (re)producing development freedoms and structural unfreedoms among migrants, plans for new uses of ICT and will identify potential fruitful areas for future research and collaboration.

Who should come: Researchers, students and staff from migrant organizations who work on or are interested in migrant rights and ICT use by migrants.

Programme:

10:00 Coffee Reception
10:30 Introduction and Welcome: Michael Best, Director of UNU-CS
10:40 Morning Panel: Emerging themes in Migrant Technology research
   Chair: Tony Roberts, UNU-CS
   - Jack Qiu, Chinese University of Hong Kong
     Freedom, Slavery, and Working-Class ICTs: Learning from Chinese Migrant Workers in Foxconn
   - Nikos Dacanay, Chiang Mai University
     ICT usage and how ethnic migrant women in northern Thailand indigenize/mediate human rights' discourse of gender equality
   - Odalia Wong, Baptist University of Hong Kong
     Transnational Mothers and Mobile Phone Usage: The Case of the Filipino Female Domestic Workers in Hong Kong
   Discussant: Rhodora A. Abano, Centre for Migrant Advocacy in Philippines
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Afternoon Panel: New Migrant Technologies
   Chair: Tony Roberts, UNU-CS
   - Kayoko Ueno, University of Tokushima
     Facebook Activism and Networking among Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore
   - Jude Yew, National University of Singapore
     Pemca: A proposed mobile platform for crowdsourcing the reporting and visualization of migrant worker injuries/deaths
   - Kakit Cheong, National University of Singapore
     Kwento: Designing a family storytelling mobile application for domestic helpers
   Discussant: Fish Ip, International Domestic Workers Federation
15:20 Closing Statements
15:30 Drink Reception
16:30 Close

How to join: To register to secure your place for the event, please register on Eventbrite by 15th May. For further information, please contact the event coordinator, Becky Im: pkim@unu.edu

About UNU-CS:
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