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Project Title:

“Caring for carers”: A study of the precarity-transnationality nexus in the life course of migrant domestic workers

Brief Abstract:

This study examines the precarious life of female migrant domestic workers (MDW) who engage in overseas domestic work. Few studies have examined holistically how migration and overseas work has impacted on the life courses and life plans of migrant workers. This project will develop a new framework, the “precarity-transnationality nexus”, to explore the structural constraints and various impediments that have trapped millions of migrant women along their life course. It will fill the gap of knowledge in the field, especially on MDW’s changing home relations and life plans, and bring novel insights to the ongoing debates regarding migration, gender, and development. It will also transfer new knowledge to the policy fields of global labour governance and migrant rights.

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Biography:

Dr Chan Yuk Wah's research interests include Asian migration, borderland studies, identity and food politics.