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The Illegalization of Vietnamese Migrant Workers in Japan and Taiwan: The Resistance and Exploitation in Migration Infrastructure

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Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Time: 13:30 – 15:20

**Venue: C402, Classroom Building
Taipei National University of the Arts
國立臺北藝術大學教學大樓 C402**

**Moderator: Yu-ling Ku (顧玉玲老師)
Lecturer at Taipei National University of the Arts**

**Discussant: Dr. Yu-Shan Chang (張毓珊博士)
Researcher at Legal Aid Foundation (財團法人法律扶助基金會)**

Agenda:

- 13:30 – 13:40 Opening by Lecturer Yu-ling Ku
- 13:40 – 14:20 Presentation by Naoko Sunai (including interpretation)
- 14:20 – 14:30 Comments by Dr. Yu-Shan Chang
- 14:30 – 15:20 Open Discussion and Conclusion

※ Please note that this event will be conducted in English with Chinese interpretation.

As the states strengthen border control, irregular migration triggers several risks such as arrest, detention, and deportation for migrants. Armed forces, police, and border monitoring teams are tightening border control, and governments sanction employers who employ irregular migrants (Lee 2009).

In this global context, undocumented migrant workers are considered as a “problem” in Japan and Taiwan, besides the growing number of temporary migrant workers in both production and reproduction sectors in the states. Run-away or illegalization, however, is a remaining chance to improve their living and working condition. Vietnamese undocumented migrant workers in Japan and Taiwan provides its labor forces for both production and reproduction sectors after run-away or illegalization. Join us to see how they continue to “support” these sectors even though they are undocumented and face the risk of exploitation in the black labor markets.

—by Naoko Sunai

Speaker Biography

Ms. Naoko Sunai is a doctoral student and freelance journalist who studies the topic of female migrants in Asia. Naoko collected first-hand and second-hand research materials in Taiwan, mainly in Taipei and Taoyuan; including in-depth interviews with migrant workers, NGOs, and trade unions, around 30 migrant workers were reached by snowballing interviews. Naoko's new book, " Slave Labors: the Reality of Vietnamese Technical Intern Trainees in Japan" (奴隷労働 ベトナム人技能実習生の実態) was published in Japan in March, 2019, comprising around 140 interviews of Vietnamese migrant workers.

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