

CPDS SEMINAR SERIES

“Migrants, Rights, and Health Security in Southeast Asia”

ABSTRACT:

The Right to Health, operationalised as Universal Health Coverage in a national context, often translates into citizen entitlements, which results in migrant workers (documented and undocumented), refugees, and asylum seekers falling through the cracks. This has given rise to urgent labour and human rights concerns for Asean member states which include major labor-exporting countries as well as labour-receiving countries. Sizeable populations of undocumented migrants also present distinctive public health challenges. As an example, the SARS pandemic erupted, and subsided, over an eight-month period in 2002-03 in the absence of therapeutics, clinically-useful diagnostics, and vaccines. One of the key control measures - quarantine and meticulous contact tracing - would be difficult to implement when large populations of undocumented migrants have a strong incentive to avoid contact with government agencies. In this seminar, we will also discuss taxation and social entitlement regimes which exist (or could be designed) for migrant workers and their dependants in Asean host countries (notably, affordable healthcare and education).

SPEAKER BIO:

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