

## Roundtable Discussion

### ***Domestic violence in 'mixed' couples involving Asians***

Friday 8 December, 2 pm to 5 pm  
Room Kant (Institute of European Studies-IEE)  
Campus Solbosch, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)  
39 Av. Franklin Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels

## Programme

### 2 pm - 2:10: **Welcome remarks**

Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot  
PI – BelMix research project  
Director – Centre for East Asian Studies (EASt/MSH)

### **Session 1. Southeast Asian migrants in 'mixed' couples**

Chair: Lucas Monteil, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

### 2:10 - 2:20 pm: **The situation of Filipino migrants**

Aaron Raphael Ponce, teaching assistant and PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB  
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, FNRS research associate and senior lecturer, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

### 2:20 - 2:35: **Available support from the Philippine Embassy**

Ma. Filonila T. Alcaraz-Arguelles  
Third Secretary and Vice Consul  
Embassy of the Philippines to Belgium and Luxembourg  
Philippine Mission to the European Union

### 2:35 - 2:45: **The situation of Thai migrants**

Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, FNRS research associate and senior lecturer, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

### 2:45 – 3 pm: **Available support from the Royal Thai Embassy**

Pathompong Singhtong  
Counsellor and Consul  
Royal Thai Embassy, Brussels

### 3 - 3:15: **Available support from the NGO "Oasis Belgium"**

Philip Lane, founder and executive director – Oasis Belgium

### 3:15 - 3:30: **Open forum**

Moderator: Mimy Keomanichanh, ARC Consolidation PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

### 3:30 - 3:40: **Coffee/tea break**

## **Session 2. East and West Asian migrants in 'mixed' couples**

Chair: Laure Sizaire, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

**3:40 - 3:50: The situation of Chinese migrants**

Lucas Monteil, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB  
Cai Chen, PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

**3:50 - 4:05 pm: Available support from the NGO "AWDPI (formerly Avoice): Asian Women Development Plan International"**

Yibo Li, Regional director and Case supervisor – AWDPI  
Weiwei Miao, Communication manager – AWDPI

**4:05 - 4:15: The situation of Japanese migrants**

Mari Kawase, psychologist and sexologist, Medicis Medical Centre/Chirec  
Michiko Kurita, journalist and writer

**4:15 - 4:25: The situation of Iranian migrants**

Fleurine Hermand, teaching assistant and PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

**4:25 - 4:40: Available legal aids for migrants suffering from domestic violence**

Jef Eelen, lawyer - RVC Advocaten

**4:40 - 4:55: Open forum**

Moderator: Mimy Keomanichanh, ARC Consolidation PhD researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

**4:55 - 5 pm: Closing remarks**

Laure Sizaire, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB  
Lucas Monteil, AspirE postdoctoral researcher, LAMC/BelMix/EASt, ULB

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**Organising committee (in alphabetical order)**

Cai Chen, Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, Fleurine Hermand, Mari Kawase, Mimy Keomanichanh, Lucas Monteil, Aaron Raphael Ponce, and Laure Sizaire

**Co-organising partners**

BelMix research team – <https://belmix.hypotheses.org/>

Centre for East Asian Studies (EASt/MSH) – <https://msh.ulb.ac.be/en/team/east>

Waseda University Brussels Office (WBO) – <https://www.waseda.jp/inst/brussels-office/en/>

Laboratory of Anthropology of Contemporary Worlds (LAMC) – <https://lamc.phisoc.ulb.be/>