
MIGRATION MASCULINTY MARGINALITY

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MIGRATION, MASCULINITY, MARGINALITY

- How are ideas of masculinity justifying exploitative working conditions experienced by migrants?
- Review of the literature on 'gender and migration'
- Gender and Labour
- Masculinity in the Nepal-Malaysia migration corridor

GENDER AND MIGRATION

- Reaction to an inherent male bias in migration theory
- Initial focus on women's experience of and agency in migration
- Acknowledgment of migration as a gendered process
- Treating gender as a static attribute – critique from feminist theory

MASCULINTY AND MIGRATION

- Migration as a 'rite of passage'
Sharma (2008; 2013)
 - Masculinity as effortless access to cash
Osella & Osella (2000)
 - Withstanding hardship while accumulating cash
Monsutti (2007); Maycock (2017)
- Transnational performance of masculinity
Pribilsky (2012)
- Making sense of migration through masculinity
Broughton (2008)
- Transformation of masculinity through migration
Montes (2013)
- 'Crisis of Masculinity' and performative responses
Elmhirst (2007)

MASCULINTY AND MIGRATION

- Gender as fluid, performative and discursive
- Manifested in material realities
- The male breadwinner & the mobile man
- Transformation of young men into economic agents through migration

GENDER AND LABOUR

- Maria Mies (1981): The Lace makers of Narsapur
- Diane Elson and Ruth Pearson (1981): Nimble Fingers
- Melissa Wright (2006): Disposable women and other Myths of Global Capitalism

THE DISCOURSIVE CONSTRUCTION OF MIGRANT WOMEN

Geraldine Pratt (2004): Working
Feminism



MEN AT WORK

- Men's labour market positions are rarely considered in gendered terms
- Trade unions historically masculine, but adopting language of universal rights
- Wally Secombe (1988): Patriarchy Stabilised: The construction of the Male breadwinner Wage



Henry Broadhurst c. 1895

MOBILISATION OF MASCULINTY FOR PRODUCTION



Elizabeth Oglesby (2003): Machos
y Machetes

MIGRATION FROM NEPAL TO MALAYSIA



GHURKAS AND MIGRANTS



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"The Nepalese people are famous for their courage in the Second World War from which they are popular as severe fighters with no fear and a lot of courage and power piled up in them. They are also recognized for their loving deeds and loyalty to the one who they work with."

LM Manpower, recruitment agency

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"Nepal is famous for Boudha, Apostle of Peace, world highest mountain the Mt.Everest and war veteran Gurkhas

[...]

History of Nepalese manpower going for overseas employment dates back to early 19th century. Nepalese are most pronounced names in the history of bravery and honesty. Almost 200 years down the road, things have changed. Nepalese going abroad does is not limited only to Indian and British Army."

Lucky Overseas, Recruitment agency



