**Lessons from the field: Conducting cross-cultural research with Myanmar migrants in Phuket, Thailand**

As a PhD candidate in Planning at the University of Toronto, I have recently documented experiences of Myanmar labour migrants in Phuket, Thailand in order to understand how gender constructs, such as identity and culture, shape labour migrants’ lives in Phuket—especially with regards to climate change effects. In my brief presentation, I aim to share my experiences with conducting cross-cultural research. Working in both Thai and Burmese comes with many challenges, as does identifying research participants who are often difficult to reach. I will talk about my research process, insights, and lessons for researchers wanting to conduct cross-cultural research. I will also highlight some of my preliminary observations about the struggles and successes of Myanmar migrants in Phuket. My overall research objectives are to bring attention to the challenges linked to the unfavourable living conditions of Myanmar migrants in Phuket and how the global phenomena of migration and climate change have potential to gravely impact Myanmar labourers’ socioeconomic development in Thailand.