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IMPACT REPORT

For awards ending on or after 1 November 2009

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Please refer to the Guidance notes when completing this Impact Report. In particular, the notes explain what the ESRC means by ‘impact’.

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Co-Investigators (as per project application): Institution

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1. SCIENTIFIC IMPACT

A Please summarise below the scientific impact(s) your project has had. [Max 250 words]

Since the EOA Report:

Working with the Migration Cluster of the Asia Research Institute (ARI), Singapore, in February 2011 bringing insights from project into:

- the ongoing interpretation of CHAMPSEA dataset on the health of left-behind children of international migrants across three South East Asian countries.
- the inception phase thinking for the Asia Hub of DFID’s Migrating Out of Poverty RPC.
- taking forward conceptual thinking about lifecourse transitions, migration and (social) reproduction (for forthcoming ARI Working Paper).
- developing a joint proposal to extend the findings across the lifecourse and to at least one other country context (to be submitted for funding to the ESRC-DFID Joint Call in 2011).

The article submitted to the Journal of Development Studies has been accepted and anticipated Vietnamese publications (Family and Gender Studies no 2, 2011) and presentations (at SISD Workshop, Ho Chi Minh, and International Fund) have been delivered.

In addition, I drew on the project’s finding to contribute to the DFID Consultation on Women’s Economic Empowerment in December 2010 and presented findings at the United Nations Association (UNA) in Norwich in June 2011. Our study is now indexed on ELDIS and after some small revisions the dataset has been submitted for final publication to the UK Data Archive in February 2011. I have also submitted a joint proposal for a BA Small Grant with Dr Lan Anh Hoang or Melbourne University to look at the sexual and reproductive strategies of young unmarried women migrating for factory work in Vietnam.

B Please outline the findings and outputs from your project which have had the scientific impact(s) outlined in 1A. [Max 250 words]

Theoretically, the project has shown that going away to work for poor internal migrants is about and in tension with family roles. This is true for both men as well as women and raises serious tensions and trade-offs in the crucial transition to building a young family.

The project has explored the range and nature of strategic responses of men and women in their peak child-bearing years to the necessity of migration. It has explored how they (re)negotiate marital and parenting identities, roles and responsibilities and shown how the costs of family strategies are highly gendered. The research shows that reproductive dynamics are essential to understanding the gendered possibilities for (and
the meanings of) social mobility for the poor and their children through labour migration
(Key outputs to date: archived dataset, three on-line research reports, JDS article, IUSSP
paper, Reproduction, Health and Migration book chapter, Nexus of Migration and
Masculinities Conference paper)

Empirically the project has provided a nuanced account of the range of reproductive
strategies used by poor male and female rural-to-urban migrants in their peak child-
bearing years in Vietnam. The contrasting sites of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh added depth
to the findings and extended their relevance for policy makers and researchers to other
contexts (Key outputs to date: archived dataset, two policy briefs, Vietnam Update paper,
Migration Nation refereed book chapter).

The research argues for attention to other family lifecourse transitions and
migration, particularly when migrant’s children are transitioning to adulthood.

Please outline how these impacts were achieved. [Max 250 words]

The findings of the research are detailed in two briefs (2010) in English and Vietnamese
and in extended research reports which are freely available on the project’s web pages
(www.uea.ac.uk/dev/People/staffresearch/clockeresearch/MRWOutputs) and on
Society Today. The first (2008) analyses the institutional context affecting poor
migrants in their peak child-bearing years in Vietnam, the second (2010) provides a
synthesis of the primary data which analyses the strategies of poor migrants with children
under the age of 8 years, and the third (forthcoming in 2012) will report in-depth analysis
of specific themes.

The full dataset has been accepted by the ESDS’s UK Data Archive and was fully
submitted early 2011. The project is indexed on the ELDIS website with functioning
links to the project’s own web pages and full outputs (where freely available).

In addition, findings and outputs have been disseminated through engagement in
scientific conferences (AAG 2009, IUSSP 2009, ARI 2010), seminars (Globalisation and
Migration RPC 2009, Migration Cluster ARI 2011, School of International Development
2010) and academic and policy fora and individual contacts, both in English and by
Nguyen Thi Thanh Tam and Nguyen Thi Nga Hoa in Vietnamese. This work is ongoing.

An article has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Development Studies. A
book chapter will appear in the refereed volume Migration Nation (ANU, Canberra,
edited by Ashley Carruthers and Phillip Taylor, forthcoming 2011) and another on
mothering identities in Reproduction, Health and Migration (Berghahn, edited by
Maya Unnithan-Kumar and Sunil Khanna, forthcoming 2011).
D Please outline who the findings and outputs outlined above had an impact upon. This can include specific academics/researchers through to broader academic groups. [Max 250 words]

Researchers internationally and in the UK and in the Asia region in the fields of **gender, migration, population, geography and development** accessed via conferences, seminars and in 2011 through scholarly publications. Researchers, policy makers and practitioners using the ELDIS database and the UK Data Archive.

**Colleagues** at the School of International Development and **collaborators** at other universities in the UK, Singapore, Canberra and Melbourne through direct engagement, collaborative writing, and future partnerships for research proposals and an international conference arising from this research.

**Researchers and policy makers in Vietnam** accessed through personal contacts, email circulation of research summary, briefs, and links to full outputs, through a public seminar in Hanoi, and through publications in English and Vietnamese in Vietnam Journals, and through Tam and Hoa’s institutionalised roles in the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences (which advises the Assembly of the Government of Vietnam).

The **general public** through a presentation to the United Nations Association in Norwich, June 2011.

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2. **ECONOMIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT**

A Please **summarise** below the economic and societal impact(s) your project has had. [Max 250 words]

Not applicable. This project intended to extend the **evidence base** for policy making around migration, gender and social policy and above I detail how we have addressed our scientific findings to policy makers (and general public) including through the publication of two **briefs** circulated in English and in Vietnamese, the second of which specifically addresses **policy implications**.

B Please outline the **findings and outputs** from your project which have had the economic and societal impact(s) outlined in 2A. [Max 250 words]

Not applicable
C Please outline how these impacts were achieved. (Max 250 words)

Not applicable

D Please outline who the findings and outputs outlined above had an impact upon. This can be at a broad societal level through to specific individuals or groups. (Max 250 words)

Not applicable

3. UNEXPECTED AND POTENTIAL FUTURE IMPACTS

A Unexpected Impacts

Please note which, if any, of the impacts that your research has had were unexpected at the outset of the research, explaining where possible why you think this was the case. (Max 250 words)

Not applicable

B Potential Future Impacts

If you have a clear idea of the impact your research is likely to have in the future please detail these below. (Max 250 words)

Three research activities at various planning stages lead on from this project:

Collaborative research with the Asia Research Institute (ARI) to extend this project across the life course and across the region. Tentative title: Family life course transitions in the context of internal labour migration: Vital conjunctures for moving out of poverty in SE Asia? (Concept note, full proposal due end July 2011 for submission 2011 to ESRC-DFID Joint Call)

Collaborative research with Dr Lan Anh Hoang at the University of Melbourne to look at the sexual and reproductive strategies of young unmarried migrants. Small grant application already submitted to the British Academy (decision due end June 2011). Title: Modern Identity, Conventional Desires and Proper Conduct in a Special Economic Zone: Young Women Migrating for Factory Work in Vietnam.
4. IMPACT LIMITATIONS

A  Limited scientific impact

Please state below any major scientific difficulties that have limited the scientific impact of your research. The statement should refer to an effect on impact rather than simply detail research difficulties. [Max 250 words]

Difficulties were experienced in using the Society Today website.

Difficulties were also experienced in getting timely responses from ELDIS and the UK Data Archive. After follow up, the project is now cited on ELDIS but at the time of writing the dataset still appears not to be on line despite its finalisation with them in January 2011 and the UK Data Archive has not responded to repeated enquiries from me by email and by telephone.

B  Limited economic and societal impact

ESRC recognises that some of the research it funds will not have an economic or societal impact in the short term. Please explain briefly below if this is the case for your project, and refer to your grant application where relevant. [Max 250 words]

Reaching policy makers, beyond the NGO and international donor community, is highly challenging in Vietnam. Working with two senior government researchers represents a good strategy in this respect because the project has been able to ensure strong impact throughout the research networks both in and beyond government in Vietnam. The
timing of impacts on government policy though is dictated by when government or
government advisers ask for data and analysis on specific social problems. Nguyen Thi
Thanh Tam was asked by the Director of the Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences to
write a report on the situation of ‘free’ migrants for his address to the Assembly of the
Government of Vietnam in 2010 and she was able to integrate our findings within this.

C No impact to date

This project has had no impact to date

Please note that ESRC projects are evaluated on the basis of their scientific and/or economic and societal
impact. Grant holders are expected to report any future impacts as they occur using the Impact Record,
downloadable from the ESRC website.

If you have no impacts at this stage, please give reasons below. [Max 250 words]

Not applicable
5. DECLARATIONS

Please read the statements below. Submitting this Impact Report to reportsofficer@esrc.ac.uk confirms your agreement.

i) This Impact Report is an accurate statement of the impacts of the research project to date. All co-investigators named in the proposal to ESRC or appointed subsequently have seen and approved the Report.

ii) Details of any subsequent impacts will be submitted via an Impact Record as they occur.

Thank you for completing this Impact Report. Your Impact Report will be considered along with your End of Award Report in the evaluation of your research.

You are now invited to complete the confidential Nominations form, which will assist with the evaluation of your project.
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**NOMINATED OUTPUTS**

Please nominate a maximum of two outputs from your research which you would like to be considered as part of the evaluation.

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