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CPS Work-in-progress seminar

Title: Destination Choice of Unskilled Labor Migrants in a Developing Country: The Case of Cambodia

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Abstract:

This study investigates the underlying determinants of the destination choices of Cambodian unskilled labor migrants both internally and cross-border. The data were obtained through primary qualitative data collection with a total sample size of 80 participants who were working in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, and Thailand and retained a legal status. It was found that the motivation for migrants' first migration comes from each individual migrant rather than a third person, particularly the household, which is contradictory to the idea that in Asian culture, household members often encourage labor migrants to move. Ultimately, it is discerned that multiple roles of social connection at the migration destination regularly facilitate the process pre, during, and post successful migration and conclude the decision on migration destination.

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Light lunch is provided. Please send a short email to Kuhn Visanu Yanneat at ads.cps.chula@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. Walk-ins are of course welcome as well.