

## SPRING 2015 COLLOQUIUM SERIES

# The Aging of Migrant Domestic Workers

**Rhacel Parreñas**

**Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

**Time: 3:00-4:30 PM**

**Location: Webster Hall - 203**



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Rhacel Salazar Parreñas' talk addresses the question of what happens to migrant domestic workers when they reach retirement age. Focusing on Italy and the United States, the talk establishes the precarious condition of retirement for migrant domestic workers. It posits that their low wages and lack of guarantee for social security could prevent retirement, resulting in a crop of migrant domestic workers who are indefinitely bound to servility. This presentation draws from a collaborative research project with Jennifer Nazareno that was funded by Atlantic Philanthropies.

Dr. Parreñas is the Chair and Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at the University of Southern California. Her current research looks at the interface of human trafficking and labour migration, and compares foreign domestic workers in Dubai & Singapore. Dr. Parreñas received the American Sociological Association (ASA) Distinguished Scholarly Book Award in the area of Labor Movement. She is also the recipient of funding from Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation and National Science Foundation.

**Following the event is a book signing of "Illicit Flirtations and The Force of Domesticity" provided by the UH Bookstore.**

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