

Lecture Series IV

Dwelling Under Distant Suns

Speaker | Andrew Alan Johnson

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Lecture Series on Gender and Mobility in Asia: Local Perspectives

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Online Meeting Room

Speaker |

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Andrew Alan Johnson is a cultural anthropologist whose work looks at human and nonhuman worlds in the Mekong region of Southeast Asia. He is the author of *Mekong Dreaming: Life and Death along a Changing River* (2020: Duke University Press) and *Ghosts of the New City* (2014: University of Hawaii Press). Previously, he received his Ph.D. in 2010 from Cornell University and has held positions at Princeton University, Yale-NUS College, and others. At present, he is an Associate Professor at Ashoka University, and, in the fall of 2023, will take up a new position as an Associate Professor of Social Anthropology at Stockholm University. He is also the historian for the Civilization series of video games at Firaxis.

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Abstract |

Migrant labor is often studied at its destination – labor, often difficult, exploited, or poorly remunerated labor, exists to send money back to rural communities to sustain families or build hopes. But movement involves transformation and risk, and an engagement with an unknown realm. Workers change, just as homes change, and love and aspirations in turn alter and are altered by travel. The migrants' ability to deal with otherness both provides a means towards increasing one's own potency but the risk of making one an outsider "back home." Here, I trace migrants from northeastern Thailand to East Asia from both migrants' perspective as well as those who depend upon this migration, questioning how stable our own understandings of ourselves and our homes are, and exploring the instability of hopes, dreams, and loves.

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