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Session Four: November 18th - 4pm
Blurred Boundaries: Negotiating Identity Markers

Chair: Fairleigh Gilmour

Genevieve Grava - University of Auckland

Pinays in Aotearoa

Previous research shows how migration can reproduce the gendered division of labour and reinforce traditional gender roles. This presentation will focus on Filipino migration which has been highly feminised since the 1980s. By 2018, of the 2,299,000 overseas Filipino workers (OFW) deployed, 56 % were women (PSA, 2020), two-thirds of whom work as caregivers and domestic workers. As such, Filipinas have tended to feature prominently in the 'global care chain' literatures, that is, "the series of personal links between people across the globe based on paid or unpaid care." However, few studies look into how 'skilled' migration has impacted gendered identities among Filipinas. In Aotearoa/New Zealand the majority of Filipinas here are 'skilled', rather than domestic workers. Drawing on qualitative interview data, and analysing my participants' performances of transnational familial care, this presentation aims to contribute to conversations as to how immigration alters, reinforces or reconstitutes gendered identity/roles amongst the Filipina diaspora in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Kalym Lipsey - Massey University

It's (not) just time – Incarceration, Identity and Meaninglessness

"It's just time bro, that's all they can take from you. They have to let you out one day". Day two of my prison sentence and a fellow inmate spoke the phrase that I would come back to time and time again throughout my studies and life in general. He was both wrong and right in that one uttering. They did have to let me out one day, I had a sentence end date. Yet a prison sentence takes so much more than time from those incarcerated. This presentation explores some of the impacts a prison sentence has on an individual's identity and their search for meaning in a life interrupted. Told through a personal narrative, the lasting impact of 'time inside' on notions of 'who I am' will be explored and extrapolated beyond the subjective in an attempt to give insight into why a prison sentence is (not) just time, for anyone.