


Code 1356. Overseas Filipino Workers: Tracking Lives from Launch to Re-settlement *Length/Duración: 120 minutes*

To support its labour export policy, the Philippines has created a sophisticated infrastructure to facilitate the deployment of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWS) to countries around the world. OFWS are portrayed as “agents of development” and national heroes who bolster the economy through their remittances. Critics, however, suggest these claims ignore the social and economic costs of labour migration. Workshop presenters explore the trajectories of OFWS from their homeland to Canada, from the shaping of migrant aspirations and identities to the impact of long-term familial separation, integration and de-skilling, and the remittance flows that are presumed to alleviate poverty.

 **3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**
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