

Maids in Shanghai

An Anthropological Talk by Chen Yingjun

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Lecture Hall, Ground Floor, 100 Chatham Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

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The Lecture is conducted in English.

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In the last few years, China has become an attractive destination for Filipina maids, who can secure higher wages than their Chinese counterparts, and, indeed, the average local citizen. This phenomenon has been growing despite the official ban on individual private employment of foreigners in the country.

Given the fact of Filipina maids' low social status as undocumented domestic helpers and their comparatively high financial status, even among many local people, their experiences in mainland China are different from those of Chinese maids and of Filipinas working in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the world.

In this talk, I explore the respective situations of Chinese and Filipina maids in Shanghai, and compare the similarities and differences of their lives, employment and relationship with their employers in recent years.

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