

International Migration, Gender and Civil Society in East Asia

“Neither the North, Nor the South-How the North Korean exiles survive after leaving their home(s) ?”

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1. Introduction.

Throughout the panel presentation, the presenter will look into the status of North Korean exiles around the world today. As of 2017, over 30,000 North Koreans have settled in South Korea. Most North Korean people, however, are experiencing unexpected discriminations and difficulties in adapting to new life in South Korea. As a result, some North Koreans left South Korea and moved to third countries. Some re-settled in North America or EU countries as refugees or migrants. Most, however, were not admitted to stay, as they are regarded as South Korean nationals and thus deported back to South Korea.

2. Basic Understanding of North Korean Exiles.

In this part, the presenter will explain the root causes of North Korean exiles. To help the audience's understanding, four main research questions will be raised as follows;

- Q. North Korean exiles: Who are they?
- Q. When did they start to appear?
- Q. Where are they heading for?
- Q. Why do they escape from North Korea?

3. Case Studies- How Gender Matters?

Majority of North Korean exiles are female so that the policies and practices are recommended to consider this situation. However, some studies examined that male exiles' might experience more difficulties in re-settlement. The presenter will introduce some case studies that he had conducted over the past 5 years on this issue in Australia

and Japan.

4. Future Scenarios.

To conclude, the presenter will offer both positive scenario and negative scenario on this issue.

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