



COST-ESF Workshop on Cultural Migration

Dublin 13/14 May 2010

Edward Phelan Room, National University of Ireland (NUI), 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

13 May 2010

5 pm (NUI, 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2: tel 01-676 7246)

Welcome by Margaret Kelleher and Marc Caball

Screening of film *Promise and Unrest* (2010, 94 minutes) and commentary by directors Alan Grossman and Aine O'Brien

Separated from her daughter Gracelle at 7 months, Noemi Barredo left the Philippines for work in Malaysia to support her parents and extended family before arriving in Ireland in 2000. Filmed over a five-year period Promise and Unrest is an intimate portrayal of a migrant woman performing caregiving and long-distance motherhood, while assuming the responsibility of sole provider for her family back in the Philippines. Dublin may be a long way from Noemi's hometown of Babatngon, yet she retains a sharp eye on the welfare of her family, attentive to a range of small businesses she has financed, paying for the education of her daughter and son, medication for her terminally ill father and her sister's nursing degree. Through the camera lens, the film captures the everyday intricacies of Noemi and Gracelle's relationship, their reunion in Ireland and the beginnings of a domestic life together in the same country for the first time.

Alan Grossman and Áine O'Brien co-direct the Centre for Transcultural Research and Media Practice (CTMP) in the faculty of Applied Arts. Áine O'Brien is the Director of the Forum On Migration And Communications (FOMACS). Their previous films include Silent Song (2000), Here To Stay (2006), and they are co-editors of the book/dvd Projecting Migration: Transcultural Documentary Practice (2007, Wallfower press)

7.15 pm Dinner (Kildare Street and University Club, 17 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 (tel: 01-676 2975))

14 May 2010

9.30 am (49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2)

Introduction and overview:

Dr Marc Caball and Professor Margaret Kelleher (chairs)

Introduction to European Science Foundation: Dr Nina Kancewicz-Hoffman

Introduction to COST: Ms Francesca Boscolo

Session 1 10.00 am -11.30 am

Audiences and Cultural Production

Dr Sharam Alghasi

Dr Gavan Titley

Dr Jennifer Burns

Dr Borbala Farago

Coffee 11.30 am -12 noon

Session 2 12 noon – 1.30 pm

Translation, Migration and Mobility

Professor Mary Gallagher

Professor Loredana Polezzi

Dr Alan Grossman

Lunch 1.30pm -2.30 pm

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Session 3 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Transcultural/transnational Production

Dr Ann-Sofie Persson –

Dr Rossitza Guentcheva -

Dr Aine O'Brien

Summary Discussion 4.00-5.00 pm

Marc Caball and Margaret Kelleher (moderators)