



Conference - Rural-Urban Migration in China and Indonesia: Crisis and Socio-Economic Dynamics 2009

Hosted jointly by the Australian National University and Gadjah Mada University,
Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 28 – 30 January 2010

Economics growth almost inevitably leads to a substantial movement of labour from rural primary industry to secondary and tertiary industries in the cities. However, the financial turmoil arising from late 2008 has brought a dramatic disarray in the labour market and migration movement in China and Indonesia, where our project research is being conducted.

Rural-Urban Migration in China and Indonesia (RUMiCI): Crisis and Socio-Economic Dynamics 2009 will provide a progress update of the RUMiCI project. A range of papers will be delivered based on the findings in the second wave of the surveys in both China and Indonesia. The focus is to discuss the impact of the financial crisis in 2009 on migrant movements and on the general transition of the urbanization process. The unprecedented pattern and pace of the movements of people are confronting both governments with more challenging policy questions, particularly in terms of properly managing the process of migration.

Conference Program

The conference aims to:

Day 1: Thursday, 28 January 2010

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| 1 | Effect of Financial Crisis on Livelihood of Rural-Urban Migrants |
| 2 | Dynamics of Unemployment and Labour Market |
| 3 | Comparison of General Outcomes of Migrants in China and Indonesia |

Day 2: Friday, 29 January 2010

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| 1 | Health of Migrants |
| 2 | Remittances and Social Impacts on the Home Villages |
| 3 | Methodology — Tracking Rural-Urban Migrants during the Economic Downturn |

Day 3: Saturday, 30 January 2010

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| 1 | Survey Technical Issues |
| 2 | Planning for Future Survey |

1. Review the RUMiCI survey work in 2009 and disseminate the project's new findings to the research community and generate increased interest in the field.
2. Transmit the project's more findings to policy makers in China, Indonesia and Australia to provide critical information to policy development.
3. Further develop subsequent waves of the survey in China and Indonesia.
4. Promote the first RUMiCI book, The Great Migration: Rural-Urban Migration in China and Indonesia.
5. Develop opportunities for further research collaboration and academic input.
6. Discuss the impact of the 2008 financial crisis on migrant movement and on survey methodology.



Location:

**Meeting Room
Jogjakarta Plaza Hotel**

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