

## **Constructing the Female Migrant 'Other' in (Re)Productive Space: Care Workers in Singapore**

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A sizeable component of current transnational labour migrations of women from less well-off countries to richer economies is in care services, both as domestic workers and as healthcare workers. Like many developed countries with a high level of female force participation alongside an ageing population, Singapore is alleviating its care crisis by looking to foreign domestic workers and healthcare workers to shore up its homes and nursing homes respectively. This paper first examines state policy that differentially regulates the entry of these two groups of female migrant workers into Singapore. It then goes on to argue that Singapore's solution to its care predicament -- employing foreign domestic workers in the reproductive space of the home and foreign healthcare workers in the productive space of the nursing home -- is one that is predicated on nationalistic and gendered stereotypes, and that the process of defining the 'Other' is structurally determined and ideologically inflected within relations of domination and subordination.

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