

Made for Canada, Product of the Philippines: Global Nurse Migrations and the Geopolitics of Global Justice

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Having grown up in the Philippines with a father who worked overseas, Lawrence considers himself a child and a student of global migration. His research addresses an urgent social and economic phenomenon in the Philippines today – the **large-scale migration of its health care work force** seeking better employment opportunities in more developed economies such as Canada. As this research will study the tremendous social implications of such migrations for the Philippines, it likewise promises to review the other side of the migration, in Canada. On the Canadian side, issues include the promotion and preservation of Canadian values -- global development, human rights and justice for its Filipino nurse migrants and their families -- as well as equity for Canadian society and its citizens. He is hoping that his research can contribute to the formulation of improved education, health, labor and migration policies both in Canada and in the Philippines, and can incite the two countries to become global models for the ethical and sustainable recruitment of health workers.



Lawrence is a Trudeau Scholar and a PhD candidate in Geography at the University of British Columbia. He studied Philosophy at the National University of Singapore and at the Ateneo de Manila University, where he graduated as University valedictorian. He is the initiator of Pacific Worlds in Motion, a global interdisciplinary graduate conference on Asian Migrations held at Green and St. John's College, UBC, in March 2008 and reincarnated at the National University of Singapore in March 2009 and as a summer institute at UBC in June 2009. He began this conference to encourage mentorship among graduate students and senior scholars in the field of migration studies.

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