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You are invited to the IGDS, St. Augustine Unit Lunchtime Seminar

"I will never do it, I will break the spell": Breaking the Barrel-children Cycle

with

Dr. Mala Jokhan

Wednesday, November 23rd 2016

12 Noon

IGDS Seminar Room

The UWI, St. Augustine Campus

Globalization has brought about interesting shifts where socio-cultural, political, and economic landscapes get exposed to volatile and inevitable change. At the heart of these global dynamics is the movement of persons which has led some to focus on the micro-level effects of migration to family life. One such effect is parent-child separation as a consequence of parental migration which is a global childhood experience.

In Trinidad and Tobago, children awaiting their parents, who have migrated abroad with the hope of improving their living standards, are usually referred to as, barrel children. This phenomenological study explores the lived experiences of this childhood experience through conversing with Trinidadians who have been separated from their parents during childhood. From these discussions, parental migration as a livelihood strategy seems to be central to the barrel-child experience. By deconstructing the phenomenon through an analysis of recorded conversations, the aim is to describe key issues which emerge within the context of breaking the cycle. These issues include the role of the media and public policy, socio-cultural mores, gender roles and responsibilities.

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