

Tourism, Mobility, and Cross-cultural Marriage: the Case of Japanese Women in Bali

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Abstract

The age of migration and the rapid advancement of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) have made it easier for people to move from one country to another. Tourism is one of the key drivers of this mobility. Through their experiences as tourists, some individuals become repeat visitors and, eventually, develop personal connections that lead to marriage with locals. For many Japanese women, the slower pace of life in Bali, a sense of nostalgia, and the desire to escape the pressures of a fast-paced, competitive lifestyle are among the reasons they choose to settle there. The cross-cultural marriages between Japanese women and Balinese men cannot simply be explained through the concept of hypergamy, as many of these women do not view marriage as a means to elevate their socioeconomic status.

About Dr. Ni Nengah Suartini



I finished my bachelor in Japanese Language and Culture Study Program at Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. While I was a bachelor student I had 1 year scholarship funded by MEXT, Japan to study at Tohoku University. Since I decided to be a lecturer, I decided to take master and doctoral degree in human sciences (majority in Sociology) at Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan. My research interest is international migration (including mobility, Japanese society and culture) and multicultural society.

All are warmly welcome to the seminar room. Online joining is also available, but registration is required. Please scan the QR code above. For any inquiries, please contact ch.song@auckland.ac.nz.