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When the Escalator Gets Stuck: Intergenerational Social Mobility In Canada's Filipino Community

Canadian scholarship on intergenerational social mobility in immigrant communities has noted that there are some clear exceptions to the overall pattern of upward mobility among 1.5 and 2nd generation youth. This paper takes up the case of one such group – the children of immigrants from the Philippines. Using qualitative evidence to supplement the more common reliance on statistical data, I will argue that three sets of factors shape youth educational and employment trajectories in the Filipino community: family resources of money and time; the networks and information flows through which youth navigate the labour market; and, the ways in which cultural constructions of 'Filipino-ness' shape the self-esteem and aspirations of young people. These arguments are based on data gathered by the Filipino Youth Transitions in Canada project, a research collaboration with Filipino community organizations in four Canadian cities.

4:00pm

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Please join us beforehand for refreshments at 3:30pm

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