

Siloed Diversity: Transnational Migration, Digital Media and Social Networks

Catherine Gomes, RMIT (discussant Phil Benson)

Friday, 9th October, 3.00-4.00 pm (Department of Linguistics)

[Zoom:https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/83936165393?pwd=VFVJNkd5QXNuNUJlL2QzZU03SHNkQT09](https://macquarie.zoom.us/j/83936165393?pwd=VFVJNkd5QXNuNUJlL2QzZU03SHNkQT09)

Catherine will talk about her book, *Siloed Diversity: Transnational Migration, Digital Media and Social Networks* in conversation with Phil Benson. The book examines the experiences of transient migrants in the Asia-Pacific, and in so doing provides new ways of understanding diversity. By focusing on the transient destination hubs of Australia and Singapore, the book shifts our thinking about diversity towards the increasingly large and global transient flows of people and our everyday reliance on digital media. The book introduces readers to the concept of siloed diversity - a phenomenon which occurs when people rely on a hierarchy of identities developed while in transience to make connections and disconnections with others. Catherine Gomes is an Associate Professor at the School of Media and Communication at RMIT University, Australia. Phil Benson is a Professor of Applied Linguistics in the Department of Linguistics and Director of the Multilingualism Research Centre