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# **Post-socialist Migrant Domesticity: The Case of Filipina Domestic Workers in Romania**

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### **Zum Vortrag:**

Transnational work migration from the Philippines has received sustained academic scrutiny since the early 1980s. The arrival of Filipina domestic workers into Romanian households is a newer phenomenon, which became visible around the year 2008, at the peak of the global economic crisis. The Filipina domestic workers in Romania caught the attention of local journalists, bloggers, artists and activists. This presentation introduces the early stages of a new research project that sets out to investigate Filipina workers' experiences, their representations in the media and the visual arts, as well as their activism in an effort to illuminate the processes that redraw notions of gender, class, and racialization within the context of Romania as an immigrant-receiving country. Romania is one of the most significant migrant-sending countries in Europe. How does this fact shape the ways in which the incoming migrant domestic workers from the Philippines are treated and constructed? How do the state-socialist and post-state-socialist gender ideologies factor into the understanding and production of their life and work circumstances? And how are the notions of domesticity, motherhood, household work, professional work and socio-economic stratification negotiated through this transnational encounter?

### **Zur Vortragenden:**

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