

Preface

The contributions in this volume are the outcomes of a Workshop on Mobility in Southeast Asian Societies: the Road Less Travelled, held at the Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, in April 2014. At the time that it was conceived, the organizers put out an open call for papers from scholars actively engaged in the fieldwork in Southeast Asia on migration. The purpose was to cast a net wide enough to identify both conventional and unconventional work on migration research currently undertaken in the region. We were pleasantly surprised by the range of interests, which reflected the diversity of migration trajectories and experiences particular to the region. The workshop brought together young and senior scholars, gave them the opportunity to reflect on their work, and facilitated a rethink of some of the conventional views of migration scholarship. The contributions in this book will hopefully encourage a more critical reflection on how we approach migration research in Southeast Asia.

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