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研究成果の概要(和文): この学際的プロジェクトは、不安定雇用の急速な増加という世界的な背景の中で、アジアにおける移民の不安定さについて、ニュアンスの異なる理論的理解を生み出しました。研究成果としては次のようなものがあります。査読付き論文を2本、主要な国際誌に発表した: GeoforumとJournal of Ethnic and Migration Studiesという国際的な一流誌に2本の査読付き論文を発表し、1冊の本も出版しました。大きな成果として、私は2020年早稲田大学研究奨励賞(ハイインパクト・パブリケーション)を受賞したことです。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

This project has generated nuanced theoretical understandings of migrant precarity, with scientific contributions reflected in articles published in leading international journals. Key research insights will inform regional and national migration policies for promoting safer migration.

研究成果の概要(英文): Drawing on multi-sited investigation of labor migration from Nepal to Japan and Malaysia, this project has generated nuanced, differentiated theoretical understandings of migrant precarity in Asia in the global context of the rapid growth of precarious employment. In terms of research achievements, I published two peer-reviewed papers in leading international journals: Geoforum and Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, and one book chapter. A big achievement is that I was awarded a 2020 Waseda University Research Award (High-impact publication). I also gave an invited talk in the (virtual) Talk series: Japan's Foreign Residents in the Age of COVID-19, organised by the Chuo University. Similarly, I presented papers at two conferences: the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) conference (international) and The Japanese Association for South Asian Studies 34th Annual Conference (Domestic).

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1 . 研究開始当初の背景

Transnational labor migration (TLM) within Asia is rising, benefitting both migrant-sending and migrant-receiving countries. With rising labor mobilities, scholars and policy makers have raised critical issues of precarious inclusion of migrant workers in the Asian labor markets. Nevertheless, the existing literature has largely failed to offer nuanced understandings of precarity in Asian TLM given that precarity is often experienced differently according to gender, education/skill levels, employment settings and country context. Drawing on the comparative, multi-sited investigation of labor migration from Nepal to Japan and Malaysia, this interdisciplinary project generates nuanced, differentiated theoretical understandings of migrant precarity in Asia in the global context of the rapid growth of precarious employment. Three key research questions oriented this project:

1. What are the key forms of precarious and positive conditions experienced by Nepali migrant workers engaged in different employment sectors (hospitality, agriculture, food/restaurant etc.) in Japan and Malaysia?
2. What conditions (employment, legal/policy etc) in migrants' origin and destination countries shape precarious and beneficial inclusion in TLM ?, and
3. How do migrant workers deal with precarious conditions?

2 . 研究の目的

The purpose of this project is to offer a comparative analysis of precarious and positive inclusion in Asian labour migration drawing on the multi-sited study of Nepali migrant workers in Japan and Malaysia. Both countries are increasingly relying on foreign workers, and Nepali migrant workers represent a huge number. This project generates nuanced, differentiated theoretical understandings of migrant precarity in Asia in the global context of the rapid growth of precarious employment.

3 . 研究の方法

This project employed multi-sited ethnography, using a mixed-method research approach (surveys, interviews & observation). The kernel of multi-sited ethnography is 'to follow people, connections, associations and relationships across space'. This project conducted surveys and semi-structured interviews with Nepali migrant workers in Japan and Malaysia. Surveys included diverse Nepali migrant workers representing gender, age, ethnicity/caste, occupation type, resident status and education/language skills. Additional interviews were conducted with employers and government officials in Japan from the Justice, the Economy, Trade and Industry, and the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministries, and in Malaysia from the Home and the Human Resource Ministries. In-depth interviews were also done with representatives from the recruitment agencies and MOLESS and DoFE. Key policies/laws of Japan (e.g. Immigration Control & Refugee Recognition Act), Malaysia (e.g. Immigration Act 1959/1963) and Nepal (e.g. Foreign Employment Act 2007) governing migration and foreign workers were also analyzed.

4 . 研究成果

This Kakenhi research project draws on the comparative, multi-sited investigation of labor migration from Nepal to Japan and Malaysia. This interdisciplinary project has generated nuanced, differentiated theoretical understandings of migrant precarity in Asia in the global context of the rapid growth of precarious employment. In terms of research achievements, despite the Covid-19 pandemic affecting research fieldwork, I published two peer-reviewed papers in leading international journals: *Geoforum* and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, and one book chapter. A big achievement is that I was awarded a 2020 Waseda University Research Award (High-impact publication). I also gave an invited talk in the (virtual) Talk series: Japan's Foreign Residents in the Age of COVID-19, organised by the Chuo University. Similarly, I presented papers at two conferences: the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) conference (international) and The Japanese Association for South Asian Studies 34th Annual Conference (Domestic).

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