



Time to look at girls: Migrants in Bangladesh and Ethiopia 2015

Documentary film & discussion

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Brunei Gallery, room B102

SOAS, University of London

Free admission

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Directed by: Marco Speroni, 31 min*

The increasing number of girls who move to cities is a momentous global change

Why are adolescent girls migrating and what happens to them?

How are their families and close ones affected?

What are the constraints and opportunities linked to migration for adolescent girls?

This film explores the circumstances, decision-making, experiences and consequences of migration for adolescent girls in Bangladesh and Ethiopia, where girls' independent migration is on the rise. The film is based on a research project titled "Time to look at girls: adolescent girls' migration and development" (January 2014-December 2015), which explores the links between migration of adolescent girls and economic, social and political factors that trigger their movements.

Based on four parallel stories about the trajectories of migration of adolescent girls in Bangladesh and in Ethiopia, the film portrays Lota and Sharmeen (Bangladesh) who are employed in garment factories and follows the lives of Tigist and Helen (Ethiopia), two internal migrant girls, who end up in sex work. This beautifully shot film provides space for the powerful voices of the migrant girls who speak about their own circumstances, experiences, dreams for the future. Breaking away from the dominant focus on girls as victims of trafficking, this film gives evidence of the resilience, creativity and agency of young migrants girls who faced with difficult choices.

The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers.

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/141665569>

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