

Change of venue!

Sunday

June 16

17:00-21:00

The Buchman Faculty of Law,

Sonya and Edward Kossoy Conference Room (307)

Tel Aviv University

The opening evening
of the conference

Globordered Intimacies

for full conference program see:
<https://www.trafflab.org/globordered-intimacies>

17:00

The Genia Schreiber University Art Gallery
Gallery Tour by Dr. Tamar Mayer,
Tel Aviv University
Exhibition: *Defense-Lines: Maginot, Bar-Lev
and Beyond*

18:00

The Buchman Faculty of Law,
Sonya and Edward Kossoy Conference Room (307)
Greetings: Daphna Hacker,
Tel Aviv University

18:15

Keynote: Rhacel Salazar Parrenas, University
of Southern California - *Mobilizing Morality:
Migrant Domestic Workers in the UAE*

19:15

Welcome Reception
Kuchinate - African Refugee Women's
Collective - Baskets and Crafts Sale

20:00

Meeting with Activists – Open discussion
with Filipina parents struggling against
deportation
(organizer: Nily Gorin)

Conference sponsors

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In most destinations across the globe, migrant domestic workers are rendered unfree laborers as their visas bind them to solely work for their employer-sponsor and in varying degrees are unable to freely leave their employment. This is the case in the United Arab Emirates, where domestic workers must secure the permission of their employer to transfer jobs. How does the legal status of being unfree shape labor conditions in domestic work? What are the labor standards of unfree domestic workers? Contrary to other studies, this talk shows that the unfree status of domestic workers does not necessarily lead to their uniform subjugation into "modern day slavery" (Ray Jureidini), "structural violence" (Pardis Mahdavi), or "human trafficking" (Human Rights Watch) but instead results in various standards of employment as they are either dehumanized, infantilized and/or recognized. This talk describes and accounts for this diversity, arguing that morals mediate experiences of unfree labor. How various stakeholders - governments, non-governmental organizations and domestic workers - mobilize morality to establish labor standards in the unregulated and non-standardized occupation of domestic work is addressed.