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Editorial Note

This issue of *SOJOURN* includes both refereed articles and a first selection of papers from a workshop organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies on Migrations in Contemporary Southeast Asia, held in Singapore on 22–23 January 1998, and funded by the Ford Foundation.* The workshop papers in this issue include two articles and five country reports covering Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The present configuration of contemporary capitalism has contributed towards creating migrations and diasporas of Southeast Asian communities within and without the region. The workshop worked towards gaining a better understanding of some of the social and cultural results of these migrations and diasporas. The country reports in particular focus on state responses and policies to migration; they also examine the impacts of the current regional economic crisis on migration.

The Co-Editors are pleased that some of the workshop papers can be disseminated through this issue of *SOJOURN*.

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* A second selection of workshop papers is scheduled for a subsequent issue of *SOJOURN*.