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ABSTRACT

Migration has been a subject of interest for scholars and students of development studies for many years, yet the conceptual tools for linking the process of migration and development have proven to be limited. Recent studies in developing countries have begun a re-assessment. Eschewing some of the old macro-economic models, which lay emphasis on rural to urban migration, scholars have employed broadly ethnographic methods to look at population movement and migration in terms of the meanings people ascribe to moving. They see cultural and social factors as being of prime importance. This study extends these approaches and provides an alternative way of looking at migration and development by employing ideas from Development Studies to differentiate population movement and migration resulting from “immanent development” from that which follows “intentional development” or state-led development. This thesis presents a model of that approach and focuses on internal migration and development in East Timor.

East Timor has had a long history of colonial development with extremes of government policy under two different colonial regimes, the Portuguese and the Indonesian. Under Portuguese colonisation little development occurred, as the Portuguese were more interested in trade. Forced labour practices, involving the local population in the agricultural plantation activities, were imposed by the Portuguese to provide agricultural export commodities for colonial benefit. The plantation policy was part of a colonial strategy to keep the general population in the countryside, away from the capital Dili. On the other hand, the Indonesian period shows in very stark form the underlying intent of much rural development policy: the desire to impose order through controlling the pace of migration and slowly incorporating rural economies into a widening market system. It also shows that, despite such heavy control, forms of immanent development once unleashed will exert a strong influence on individual and family decisions to move.

This study provides a new way of understanding migration and development from a micro-level perspective using a migration life stories approach. Migration life stories enable us to understand the complexity of migration and the relationship with development. The most exciting novel element of migration life stories approach is the ability of migrants to recall their migration histories and experiences, and to show how migrants’ histories and experiences are connected to migration in a particular context of their life. Thus using migration life stories, this study was able to show how migration is linked to development in the context of East Timor.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARIES

ADB	Asian Development Bank
APODETI	<i>Associacao Popular Democratica Timorese</i> (Timorese Popular Democratic Association)
ASDT	<i>Associacao Social Democratica Timorese</i> (Timorese Social Democratic Association)
<i>Ata</i>	Slave
<i>Atoni</i>	The ancestors of the people who live in West Timor today. In the early period of the European colonisation, the Atoni people were under the rule of the Kingdom of Serviao
<i>Atrazado</i>	Backward or underdeveloped
<i>Babinsa</i>	Indonesian army officer at village level
<i>Bahasa Indonesia</i>	Indonesian National Language
BAKIN	<i>Badan Intelijen Keamanan Indonesia</i> (Indonesia's Security Intelligence Bureau)
BAPPENAS	<i>Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional</i> (National Development Planning Board)
<i>Barlaki</i>	Bride price
<i>Basar</i>	Local market activity where Timorese people sell and exchange their goods. In the old days <i>basar</i> activity took place once a week.
<i>Bathara Indra</i>	Chinese-military enterprise in East Timor during the Indonesian rule
<i>Belu</i>	People who live in the central part of Timor Island. In the early period of the European colonisation, the Belu people were under the rule of the Kingdom of Wehale
<i>Besi Merah Putih</i>	Indonesian military supported local militia group
<i>Bimpolda</i>	Indonesian police officer at village level
BNU	<i>Banco Nacional Ultramarino</i> (Overseas National Bank)
BPS	<i>Badan Pusat Statistik</i> (Centre for Statistics Bureau)
BRI	<i>Bank Rakyat Indonesia</i> (Indonesian People Bank)
<i>Bulog</i>	State agency that controls rice distribution in Indonesia
<i>Cidade</i>	"City", but also refers to advancement or developed
<i>Chefe do suco</i>	Village administrator
<i>Chicote</i>	Type of whip the Portuguese used to beat East Timorese
CIIR	Catholic Institute for International Relations

CNRM	<i>Concelho Nacional da Resistencia Maubere</i> (National Council for Maubere Resistance)
CNRT	<i>Concelho Nacional da Resistencia Timorese</i> (National Council for Timorese Resistance)
<i>Cnua</i>	Hamlet
<i>Coluna negra</i>	East Timorese militia group formed by the Japanese military to fight the allied forces and terrorise East Timorese who were allied supporters or sympathisers during World War Two
<i>Core</i>	Development concept that refers to the urban area
<i>Deklarasi Balibo</i>	Balibo Declaration, a document fabricated by the Indonesian Government and the military to legitimise Indonesia's occupation
<i>Dato</i>	Noble
<i>Dato Rai</i>	Representative of the king in the Wehale Kingdom
<i>Denok</i>	Chinese-military enterprise in East Timor during the Indonesian rule
ETISC	East Timor International Support Centre
ETTA	East Timor Transitional Administration
<i>Foho</i>	"Mountain" people. Also means backward or underdeveloped
FRETILIN	<i>Frente Revolucionario de Timor Leste Independente</i> (Revolutionary Front for Independent East Timor)
GPK	<i>Gerakan Pengacau Keamanan</i> (Trouble Makers, the Indonesian Government and the military use for separatist movements)
<i>Golkar</i>	Indonesian ruling party during Suharto's regime of the New Order
<i>Hakfolik</i>	Men dress, which covered only the bottom part of the body
<i>Imposto/imposto de capitacao</i>	Poll tax imposed by the Portuguese
<i>Integrasi</i>	Integration with Indonesia
<i>INTEL</i>	Indonesian intelligence
INTERFET	International Force for East Timor
ICRC	International Committee for Red Cross
IO	Indonesian occupation
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IDR	Indonesian Rupee
<i>Javanes</i>	Refers to people from the island of Java
<i>Kampung</i>	Backward or underdeveloped
<i>Keluarga Berencana</i>	Family planning programme
<i>Kiwi</i>	New Zealand soldiers

<i>Konfrontasi Malasia</i>	Malaysian Confrontation
KOPASUS	<i>Komando Pasukan Khusus</i> (Indonesian army special force)
KOTA	<i>Klibur Oan Timor Aswain</i> (Son of the Warriors)
<i>Kuda</i>	Timor pony
<i>Larantueiros</i>	Another name for Portuguese offspring
<i>Lere rai</i>	Shifting cultivation
<i>Liurai</i>	King
<i>Lorosae</i>	Sun Rice. Also refers to people from the eastern part of East Timor
<i>Malae oan</i>	Refers to foreigners, especially the Portuguese
<i>Merdeka</i>	Indonesian term “liberty”
<i>Mesticos</i>	Portuguese descendants married to local women
MFA	<i>Movimento das Forcas Armadas</i> (Armed Force Movement)
<i>Moradores</i>	Second line troops during Portuguese rule
<i>Nai bot</i>	Lord of the land in the Kingdom of Wehale
<i>Natar</i>	Paddy fields
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGO	Non Government Organisations
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<i>Operasi Persatuan</i>	Indonesian military operation code named “united” in East Timor
<i>Operasi Keamanan</i>	Indonesian military operation code named “security” in East Timor
<i>Operasi Kikis</i>	Indonesian military operation code named “cleansing” in East Timor
<i>Operasi Komodo</i>	Indonesian military operation code named “Giant Lizard” in East Timor
<i>Palmatoria</i>	Type of whip the Portuguese used to beat East Timorese
<i>Pancasila</i>	Indonesian state ideology
<i>Pasukan tempur</i>	Indonesian military combat unit
<i>Pembangunan</i>	Indonesian concept of development
<i>Pembangunan desa</i>	Indonesian term for village development
PC	Portuguese colonisation
<i>Pembangunan Guna</i>	<i>Mengejar Keteringgalan Propinsi Lain di Indonesia</i> Development in order to catch up with other provinces in Indonesia
<i>Pendatang</i>	Refers to Indonesians who came to East Timor during Indonesian rule
<i>Periphery</i>	Development concept refers to rural area
PIDE	<i>Policia Internacional da Defeza do Estado</i> (State Police Defence)
<i>Povoacao</i>	Village
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
<i>Rai ten</i>	Use of land

<i>Recenseamento</i>	Registration system during the Portuguese colonisation
<i>Recruta</i>	Portuguese army recruits in East Timor
<i>Reino</i>	People
RPKAD	Resimen Para Komando Angkatan Darat (Army Special Force)
<i>Saka</i>	Indonesian supported local militia group
<i>Samurai</i>	Japanese sword
<i>Salvo conduto</i>	Travel document during the Portuguese colonisation
SAPT	Sociedade Agricula Patria Trabalho (State own enterprise)
<i>Serviao</i>	The Kingdom that controlled the Western part of Timor prior and during the early period of European colonisation
<i>Sang Tai Ho</i>	Chinese own enterprise operated during the Portuguese rule
<i>Sipai</i>	Portuguese security person at district and sub-district levels
<i>Suco</i>	Princedoms in East Timor
<i>Surat jalan</i>	Travel document during the Indonesian occupation
<i>Swadaya</i>	“Traditional bound village” Indonesian term refers to the stage of development of a village
<i>Swasembada</i>	“Developed Village” Indonesian term refers to the stage of development of a village
<i>Tanah Kita Ibu Pertiwi</i>	Our motherhood land
<i>Tebe- tebe</i>	East Timor traditional dance
<i>Tetum</i>	East Timor National Language
<i>Topasses</i>	Portuguese offspring from the intermarriage with local Timorese women during the early period of Portuguese colonisation
<i>Toos</i>	House garden in East Timor
<i>Trabalhista</i>	Labour Party
<i>Transmigrasi</i>	Indonesian Resettlement Programme
<i>Tropas</i>	Portuguese army - soldier
UDT	<i>Uniao Democratica Timorese</i> (Timorese Democratic Union)
<i>Uma Cain</i>	Clan in East Timor
UNAMET	United Nations Assistance Mission East Timor
UN	United Nations
UNA	United Nations Administration
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNTAET	United Nations Transitional Administration East Timor

USD	United States Dollar
WB	World Bank
<i>Wehale</i>	The Kingdoms that controlled the Central and the Eastern part of the Island of Timor prior and during the early period of European colonisation
WFP	World Food Programme