

**Project:** “ *Nurse Migration from Kerala to UAE: socio-cultural impacts in the sending and receiving region*”

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Prof. Margaret Walton-Roberts is a Professor, Geography; Associate Director, International Migration Research Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University (Affiliate of the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo Canada)

She was recipient of the India Studies Fellowship of SICI in 1999 -2000. She was again the recipient of India Studies - Faculty Training in 2008-2009 on project title Nurse Migration from Kerala to UAE: socio-cultural impacts in the sending and receiving region. She had received SICI Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant in 2009-2010 to attend the India study circle organized by Prof. Sanjay K. Singh and Prof. Simon Chilvers and also to discuss the possibility of organizing a follow up conference in Delhi on migration in South Asia, and how to develop an edited book based on the subject.

She had produced two films on internationally educated nurses in Canada, background to entry to practice challenges, with SSHRC knowledge synthesis funds. Her collaboration with Panjab University continued further and developed through project which she had undertaken on “Gender, migration and care: The changing position of India in the global nursing care chain.” (2010-2012). She had supervised several MA students in part through her SICI work. Huzan Dordi (MA) worked on - Fleeting images of Indian abroad: The representation of India through Canadian newsprint media in the 21st Century and completed her study in April 2014 (Gold medal nomination). Another student Virpal Kataure, (MA) worked on - The housing choices of second generation South-Asian Canadians in Brampton, Ontario and completed her study in November 2012 (Gold medal nomination) Several research scholars of Geography Department at Panjab University had been groomed by Prof Margaret while they were working as Research Assistants on SICI funded projects. Her current research focuses on gender and the international migration of health care professionals in the

context of India, and international student migration. She has been awarded several external grants for her research and published over 18 book chapters, and more than 20 journal articles. She has a book to her credit on Diasporas, Development and Governance and co-edited a book *The Human Right to Citizenship: A Slippery Concept*.

Prof Margaret has been actively involved in developing and nurturing relationship between the two countries India and Canada. She is serving as the executive council member of SICI board.

For more information on the Project, please contact Prof. Margaret

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