

Sociology Webinar

**The Story of "Nothing": A Sociological Inquiry into the Lives of Sindhi Housewives in Japan**

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 July 2022

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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**About the webinar**

**Introduction:**

Who are Sindhi housewives? What are they doing in Japan? And why is it that they claim to do "nothing" all day, every day? Is "nothing" really nothing? If not, what is it?! In this webinar, I share with you the inspiration for my PhD project - a project that began with "nothing" but which has grown from a personal desire to visit my childhood hometown into a pressing inquiry about the place, value and meaning of 'women's work' today. Log on to come aboard this ride of great intrigue with me and discover the insight that a sociological lens may have to offer on everyday life experiences in a gendered, cultural and diasporic context.

**Objectives:**

Through this webinar, you will:

- learn about an old migrant community in Japan - the Sindhi diaspora
- explore gender roles and expressions in a migrant context
- apply sociological tools to analyse a case study