

Regional perspective/s on global governance of migration

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Abstract

This presentation will examine how the ideas of migration governance vary between regions, focusing on the perspectives evident in Asian and African debates, policies and practice. It will show how these are shaped by the geography, history, economic and social conditions, within and between the regions. As a result, while they use the common language of migration governance, such as safe, orderly and regular migration, at times they may be referring to rather different phenomena, which demand different policy responses. The presentation will argue that the push towards global migration governance that fails to recognize these distinctions creates a veneer of consensus that may play a useful role in global geopolitics but may offer little to enhance the experience of migrants and the communities in which they live.

Biographies

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