

Towards a counter-hegemonic agenda on migration and development

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Abstract

Over the last twenty years, through the pages of the journal *Migration and Development (Migración y Desarrollo)*, a critical or counter-hegemonic agenda on the subject has been outlined. This agenda is based on Latin American critical thinking on development. The purpose of this paper is to present the ideas and theoretical postulates that have been formulated from this critical development perspective. Among the topics to be addressed are: the foundations of a Marxist theory of migration; a comprehensive review of the key dimensions of the migration-development nexus; new modalities of unequal exchange and migration dynamics; migration, remittances and the reserve army of surplus labour; demystifying indicators; skilled migration, restructuring of innovation ecosystems, and the new international division of labour; transit migration and the humanitarian crisis; governance of migration from above and below; towards a reconceptualization of forced migration; and peripheral urbanization and migration. Our purpose here is to offer an overview of the way in which the relationship between migration and development is interwoven within the framework of contemporary capitalism and imperialism, revealing thereby critical aspects of the problematic and its challenges.

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