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SPECIAL ISSUE: CALL FOR PAPERS

Globalisation and Migration: New Issues, New Politics?

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Prospectus:

It is now widely accepted that as never before international migration is extremely high on the political agenda. Migration is a global phenomenon and it is accelerating apace while also becoming more differentiated. Neo-liberal globalisation calls for the free mobility of finance, ideas, capital and goods but not of people. The rich economies increasingly require international migrants to fill skilled and unskilled posts in their economies. The poor countries increasingly turn towards managed migration to benefit from their remittances that now outstrip development aid in many cases. The global economy managers are increasingly debating the 'costs and benefits' of migration and there is serious talk about setting up a World Migration Organisation to match the World Trade Organisation. But do governments actually control international migration or could they? Is migration in the era of globalisation the same as it ever was in terms of the 'push/pull' factors of development and underdevelopment? Or are we moving into a more fluid period of global history where a lot more than the current 3% of the world's population will be living (albeit temporarily) beyond the nation-state they were born in?

This special issue of *Third World Quarterly (TWQ)* will critically examine the new issues and new politics regarding migration in the era of globalisation from a majority world perspective. We need to examine carefully the current shifts in the global political economy and the effects it has for example in relation to rural displacement. When and how does this lead to national and/or transnational migration? We need to examine the ways in which migration is cut across and impacts on the generation of racism and xenophobia in the west. The issue of remittances by migrants to the 'developing' nations needs careful study as does the controversial issue of 'brain drain' versus 'brain gain' through migration. The growing importance of trafficking for forced labour has now been taken up by various international bodies but is it the new normality or simply an unfortunate side effect of globalisation to be overcome through legislation? Migration is becoming increasingly gendered in its composition and flows but also in the receiving countries where men and women do very different jobs. We can predict the increasing racialization and gendering of migration but how do will the state and society respond to these shifts?

From a global perspective we need to examine the various ways in which migration is and may in the future be 'managed' by the managers of the global economy and also the arguments for and against 'open borders'. Are the rich countries moving towards a totalising system of disposable labour whose reproduction costs are pushed out to the poor countries optimistically labelled as developing? Or do China and India show the path of the future for the majority world? Migration is, of course about much more than the control of people at often arbitrary national borders. Do people migrate because they have to or just because they want to? We need to explore precisely and carefully the different patterns of migration in different world areas. In Africa migration is increasingly being seen as an engine for regional integration. In the Americas we may see the first 'border wars' as the Mexico- US border becomes a symbol of where the third world meets the first. In Asia we have diverse experiences of diasporas such as the Chinese and long term managed migration such as that of the Phillipines. Finally in Europe we see the impact of demography on migration and all the contradictions of regional integration within an increasingly Fortress Europe mindset.

TWQ welcomes contributions around this broad set of issues seeking to problematise migration in the era of globalisation from the perspective of the majority world rather than the security agenda of the rich countries. We seek broad contributions that survey the issues from a comparative perspective where possible rather than detailed case studies. Given the growing politicization of migration we particularly welcome contributions seeking to deconstruct the dominant paradigms in relation to globalization and migration.

We also want to hear about books and reports we should review as well as other media products where relevant. In the first instance you may write to the Guest Editor of the issue Ronaldo Munck (ronnie.munck@dcu.ie) for guidance and advice. The contributions will go through the normal *TWQ* editorial processes. For full instructions for authors please visit www.thirdworldquarterly.com

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- * Migration and Feminization: New Gender Patterns and Policies
- * Migration, Remittances and Development: Brain Drain or Brain Gain?
- * Migration and Trafficking for Forced Labour: Anomaly or new Necessity?

- * Global Migration Patterns: Market Driven? Role for the State?
- * Migration in the Americas: Development and Security
- * Migration in Africa: Engine for Regional Cooperation?
- * Migration in East Asia: Planned Migration Benefits?
- * Migration in Europe: Enlargement and Demographic Pressures

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