

Low-wage Labour Migration Regimes in Asia: Lessons from across the governance spectrum

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East and Southeast Asia contain some of the world's largest migration corridors, including for low-wage labour migration. The seven largest destination economies in the region employ almost nine million documented low-wage migrant workers. Protecting their rights and improving the outcomes they experience is an urgent policymaking challenge. This talk highlights insights from a forthcoming book that seeks to improve our understanding of Asia's biggest labour migration regimes by identifying policy approaches that are the most beneficial for migrant workers. The book argues that government-managed regimes produce better outcomes for migrant workers because they are better able to protect their rights and interests, but private capital is a powerful negotiator in this space that can quickly erode progress towards more worker-protective policies.

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