

The International Political Economy of Labor Migration

The Next Great Transformation?

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Call for Papers

Over the past few decades, the expansion of global (re)production networks, the partial liberalization of cross-border mobility, the rise of new sending states promoting migrant exports and the burgeoning of a migration industry with recruitment networks at the lead, presage fundamental changes in world society. A global summit focused on the political economy of migration answers the call to open the “black box” of labor migration to better understand the mechanisms making mobility possible in addition to identifying the factors driving migration and what happens at migrants’ destination.

The conference highlights contributions in three cross-cutting themes that explore the relationship between states, markets, and migrants: Governance and the Making of Transnational Labor Mobilities and Labor Regimes; Transformation and Transnationalization of Social Reproductive Labor (e.g., care work, health, education); as well as Regulation and Resistance. We seek individual papers and panels drawing on experiences in different parts of the world and encourage reflections on the reasons behind convergences and diversities in labor migration patterns and outcomes within and across world regions. Presentations on intra-regional labor migration are particularly welcomed. Priority will be given to those panels combining theory and new empirical findings based on comparative research, cross-regional perspectives, or in-depth single-case studies. A limited number of travel grants will be available to postgraduate students, labor activists and scholars from lower income world regions.

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Important dates and deadlines:

Submission of abstracts:

September 1, 2023

Notification of acceptance:

November 1, 2023

Submission of full papers:

June 1, 2024 (February 1, 2024

for consideration for travel grants)

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