

Transnational Migration and Development

This area of specialization examines the interplay between transnational migration and the field of development. In the era and the political context of globalization. Migration can no longer be viewed as a linear, well-defined and permanent process between a limited number of countries (if it ever was). It more often consists of several movements in the course of a generation, spanning over several countries and involving multiple connections between people, states, economies, and transnational communities around the world, all of which have implications for development.

More specifically, this specialization focuses upon the social, economic and political impacts and implications for development of transnational population movements and transnational communities in the context of globalization. Economic and social remittances, but also political mobilization across national borders; transnational political organization; transnationalism “from below”; class-based, gendered and racialized transnational labour movements; working and living conditions of transnational migrants; post-national citizenship and human rights; transnational care-giving; and citizenship gaps are some but not all of these impacts and implications.