

Migration and labor relations in post-crisis Asia

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Abstrak

In the fast developing economies of Asia migration has come to play an important role. However, it has also remained opposed by public opinion and workers organizations, who consider migrants detrimental to the employment opportunities and working conditions of local workers. The crisis, which sent some Asian economies into recession and caused widespread social costs, had a specific impact on migration. A large number of migrants were repatriated, others had to endure wage cuts and worsening of labor conditions. This paper argues that because of the structural role that migration has acquired in Asian economies, it should be part of the workers organization concerns and of a regional dialogue by migrants to ensure that it is orderly and protected.