

## From migration to trafficking of women and children in Southeast Asia

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### Abstrak

Migration, trafficking and smuggling are different issues but inter-related. Migration may take place through regular or irregular channels and could be freely chosen or forced upon the migrant as a means of survival. international migration is one of the responses to the changes of socio-economic conditions between countries as people attempt to improve their standard of living. Social conflicts arising from the collapse of political systems are mostly behind the movement of people, economic tensions originating from rebuilding global capitalism are also contributing to forced labor mobility in world scale. Transnational mobility in Southeast Asia has been made use of by syndicates involved in drug trafficking and also human trafficking especially women and children. This paper attempts to elaborate interlinks between migration, the phenomena of undocumented labor, trafficking and politics in Southeast Asia.