



Online SALAM Lecture Series-16

Camouflaging the Temporization and Vulnerability of Migrant Workers in Global South : Labour Market Distortions by Statute in Times of Crisis 1st February 2024 | 3.00 PM to 4.30 PM (IST)

Two global crises have affected the entire humanity in recent times – the “man-made” financial crisis of 2007-2009 and the coronavirus pandemic COVID-19 of 2019-22 caused by the so-called “act of God”! Both these crises led to statutory distortions of the market forces for immigrant labour – both knowledge workers (the highly educated/skilled) and service workers (the low-skilled/manual workers). They helped governments to cover up temporization of immigrant workers and forced employers to become more selective in offering employment. Driven by the hearsay that immigrant knowledge workers displaced the native-born out of employment and/or led to a curtailment in their wages and incomes, these tendencies were already there for some time, but what we experienced is that camouflaging of restrictive policy barriers became more intense during and after the two crises. I had elsewhere proposed and pursued a conjecture that a camouflaging of a “trinity” of dynamic conflicts of interest between the origin and destination countries leads to a higher accumulation of benefits to the destination countries of the global north (Khadria 2001~2010). The trinity, which I stylised as the three premiums of Age, Wage and Vintage effects, primarily led to the temporisation of migrant knowledge workers, outweighing the stereotypical benefits that supposedly accrued to the origin countries of the global south through (a) remittances, (b) transfer of technology and (c) return migration, often cited as anti-thesis of “brain drain”.

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Prof. Binod Khadria



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Programme Schedule

3.00 pm - 3.05 pm **Welcome**
Prof. Archana K Roy
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Chair Person and Moderator
3.05 pm - 3.15 pm **Dr. Kashif Majeed Salik**
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Speaker
3.15 pm -4.10 pm **Prof. Binod Khadria**
President, Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT)
Co-convenor, Metropolis Asia-Pacific (MAP)
Former Professor of Economics, Education and International Migration, JNU, New Delhi, India

4.10 pm -4.25 pm **Discussion and Q&A**

4.25 pm-4.30 pm **Vote of Thanks**