

Women in Migration Network Bibliography

Migration is a gender, race, and class issue. It is a development issue and an economic justice issue. It is a human rights issue. The Women in Migration Network recognizes that migrant women are in a unique position as both women and migrants in a foreign country, a status that is often exploited. This calls for more advocacy and attention worldwide. Therefore, this Network is mobilizing to demand rights of migrant women in the home, community, and the workplace while also challenging the macroeconomic and trade policies that make migration necessary. The bibliography below is a compilation of reports, publications, studies and books on the experience of migrant women from around the world through a variety of perspectives including but not limited to theoretical academia, government studies as well as reports by human rights organizations. All the resources in the bibliography are free to access with the exception of a few physical resources (mainly books.).

The bibliography is not an exhaustive list but an ongoing project. The Women in Migration Network welcomes all suggestions and inputs which can be emailed to cbarton@unitedmethodistwomen.org. Thank you!

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Global

A Passage to Hope: Women and International Migration

UNFPA State of the World Populations, 2006.

<http://www.unfpa.org/swp/2006/english/introduction.html>

- i. 5 chapter publication online covering the trends of migration in the 21st century, the trafficking issue as well as the exploitation of domestic work
- ii. Covers migration by women by force
- iii. Goes into a discussion about human rights for migrants

Domestic Workers Count Too: Implementing Protection for Domestic Workers

UN Women and International Trade Union Confederation, March 2013.

http://www2.unwomen.org/~media/headquarters/attachments/sections/library/publications/2013/3/unwomen_iutc_factsheets%20pdf.pdf?v=1&d=20141110T175930

Domestic Workers: Little Protection for the Underpaid

By Gloria M Chammartin. The Migration Information Source. Migration Policy Institute, April 2005

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=300>

- i. A summary of the International labor Organization's report (previous), gave facts as to how women became a larger percentage of migrants, their vulnerabilities as well as solutions- an excellent tool as it brief yet includes much.

Gender, Age, and Migration: An Extended Briefing

By Jenny Birchall for BRIDGE and the Institute of Development Studies, 2016

<http://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/bitstream/handle/123456789/10410/Gender%20Age%20and%20Migration%20Extended%20Briefing.pdf?sequence=1>

Migration, Gender, and Social Justice: Perspectives on Human Insecurity

Edited by Thanh-Dam Truong, Des Gasper, Jeff Handmaker, and Sylvia I. Bergh. Hexagon Series on Human and Environmental Security and Peace- Volume 9, 2014.

<http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-642-28012-2>

Project on a Mechanism to Address Laws that Discriminate Against Women

By Unit Consultant Dr. Fareda Banda. Commissioned by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, March 2008.

http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/laws_that_discriminate_against_women.pdf

The Global Feminization of Migration: Past, Present, and Future

By Katharine M. Donato and Donna Gabaccia. Migration Information Source, June 2016.

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/global-feminization-migration-past-present-and-future>

The Push & Pull of Globalization: How the Global Economy Makes Migrant Workers Vulnerable to Exploitation

By Neha Misra. Human Rights Brief Volume 14, Issue 3, Article 1. 2007

<http://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1223&context=hrbrief>

Woman and International Migration

Division for the Advancement of Women. Department of Economic and Social Affairs- UN.

http://www.un.org/esa/population/meetings/thirdcoord2004/P01_DAW.pdf

- i. Document speaking about how the social and gendered ways of both origin and destination countries effect women.
- ii. How women are huge factors for change within their own family, however may be exploited through the system.

Women and Migration: Incorporating Gender Into International Migration Theory

By Monica Boyd & Elizabeth Grieco. Migration Information Source, March 2003

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=106>

- i. Talks about how one can incorporate gender into the migration advocacy, and how there have been so concerted efforts to do so as of yet.

2004 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development; Women and International Migration

Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Division for the Advancement of Women, 2006.

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/public/WorldSurvey2004-Women&Migration.pdf>

- i. A huge overview of migration, especially in regards to women, covers a range of topics including gender roles, trafficking, development, family reunification etc.

Asia

Asian Women In International Migration: with Special Reference to Domestic Work and Entertainment

By Leela Gulati. Economic and Political Weekly, Volume 32, No.47, 1997.

<http://www.amazon.com/International-Migration-Women-Trade-Development/dp/0821372270>

Asian Women Migrants: Going the Distance, But Not Far Enough

Asis, Maruja M.B. The Migration Information Source. Migration Policy Institute, March 2003.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=103>

‘As if I am not Human’ Abuses against Asian Domestic Workers in Saudi Arabia

Human Rights Watch (HRW), July 2008.

http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/saudiarabia0708_1.pdf

- i. 137 page report on migrants from Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Nepal
- ii. pg 14-21 on Asian Women’s Status and Reason for Migration as well as the scale of abuses.
- iii. pg 61-67 includes Psychological, Physical and Sexual Abuse. #domesticworkers

Gender and Migration in Arab States: The Case of Domestic Workers More

By Samuel Esim and Monica Smith. International Labor Organization, June 2004

http://ilo.academia.edu/SimeleEsim/Papers/885452/Gender_and_Migration_in_Arab_States_The_case_of_domestic_workers

- i. ILO report on Bahrain, Kuwait Lebanon, and the UAE which addresses the critical vulnerabilities of migrant women in those Arab States and how legal and institutional entities could better address those issues.
- ii. Labor laws do not include domestic work which is a large percentage of migrant women’s jobs in Arab States, therefore that work is not protected and they are more open to vulnerabilities.
- iii. In Saudi Arabia, 19,000 domestic workers fled from their employers citing mistreatment, non-payment of wages, and other grievances in 2000 and the number of complaints received per year has increased since then.

HIV Vulnerabilities Faced by Women Migrants: from Asia to the Arab states

UNDP Regional HIV and Development Programme, October 2008.

<http://www.undp.org/content/dam/aplaws/publication/en/publications/hiv-aids/hiv-vulnerabilities-faced-by-women-migrants-from-asia-to-the-arab-states/UNDP%20Mobility%20Study.pdf>

Migration of Sri Lankan Women as Housemaids to the Middle East

By Sriyani Tidball. University of Nebraska, January 2011.

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1011&context=humtraffconf3>

Slow Reform: Protection of Migrant Domestic Workers in Asia and the Middle East.

Human Rights Watch (HRW), April 2010.

http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/wrd0410webwcover_0.pdf

- i. HRW report builds on six years of research on patters of labor, immigration, criminal justice reforms and documented abuses happening in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Bahrain, Lebanon, Jordan, Singapore, and Malaysia.

- ii. Focuses on government failures for not providing labor laws, creating fair worker contracts, having shelters and hotlines to aid those abuses, or database systems to keep records of workers from other countries to ensure their pay and fair treatment.
- iii. Domestic workers face challenges to organizing, including restrictions on their freedom to movement, fear of angering employees and risk deportation, lack of free time with such relentless hours, as well as working in countries that already restrict nearly all types of civil society and protest.

Thailand's Treatment of Refugee's and Asylum Seekers

Human Rights Watch (HRW), September 2012.

<http://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/thailand0912.pdf>

- i. A report on the plight of refugees and asylum seekers to Thailand, especially the largest population of Burmese refugees.
- ii. Information on the migrant detention facilities as well as the Thai-Burma border huge cuts to medical services, shelter, food rations and education. Abuse by many officials.

The Philippines Culture of Migration

By Maruja M.B. Asis. Migration Information Source, January 2006.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/feature/display.cfm?ID=364>

Women's Labour Migration from Asia and the Pacific: Opportunities and Challenges

By Bandita Sijapati. Migration Policy Institute, March 2015.

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/womens-labour-migration-asia-and-pacific-opportunities-and-challenges>

Europe

Between Integration and Exclusion: Migrant Women in European Labor Markets

By Maria Kontos. Migration Information Source, March 2011.

<http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/between-integration-and-exclusion-migrant-women-european-labor-markets>

Equal Rights, Equal Voices: Migrant Women in the European Union.

European Women's Lobby, January 2007.

<http://www.womenlobby.org/Equal-Rights-Equal-Voices-Migrant-Women-in-the-European-Union-2007-644>

- i. An extensive report from a series of seminars on migrant women's rights and discrimination. Focuses on violence, discrimination, reproductive rights, focusing on integrating migrant women into the legislation and communities.

Hidden Violence is Silent Rape: Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Undocumented Migrants in Belgium and the Netherlands

By Ines Keygnaert, Nicole Vettenburg, and Marleen Temmerman. Culture, Health & Sexuality Journal, May 2012

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13691058.2012.671961>

North America

Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) Model Program —or Mistake?

By Karl Flecker. Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), April 2011.

http://ccrweb.ca/files/clc_model-program-or-mistake-2011.pdf

- i. Report on issues with work exploitation made possible by Canada's temporary work program. Several personal stories.

Crossing Borders, Claiming Rights: Using Human Rights Law to Empower Women Migrant Workers

By Margaret Satterthwaite. Yale Human Rights & Development Law Journal-Volume 8, 2005.

http://www2.law.columbia.edu/faculty_franke/SATTERTHWAITE%20article.pdf

- i. Excellent paper which explains how specific articles of the several covenants and ILO conventions apply directly to migrant women
- ii. Several versions of Satterthwaite's work is out there

Cultivating Fear: The Vulnerability of Immigrant Farmworkers in the US to Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

Human Rights Watch (HRW), May 2012.

https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/us0512ForUpload_1.pdf

"Do You See How Much I'm Suffering Here?" Abuse Against Transgender Women in in US Immigration Detention
Human Rights Watch (HRW), March 2016.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/03/23/us-transgender-women-abused-immigration-detention>

(Available in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese)

Gender and Migration: West Indians in Comparative Perspectives

By Nancy Foner. International Migration- Volume 7, Issue 1, November 2008.

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1468-2435.2008.00480.x/full>

Immigration and the United States: Recession Affects Flows, Prospects for Reform

By Kristen McCabe and Doris Meissner. Migration Information Source, January 2010.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Profiles/display.cfm?ID=766>

Women Migrants in Detention in Mexico: Conditions and Due Process

By Gabriela Diaz and Gretchen Kuhner. Migration Information Source, June 2008.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=684>

South America

In Search of Work: International Migration of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

By Silke Staab. UN ECLAC Project, September 2004.

<http://www.cepal.org/publicaciones/xml/1/14751/lcl2028i.pdf>

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UN's UNETE Campaign report on The Treatment of Women Migrant in Mesoamerica, 2012.

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Migración, Prostitución Y Trata De Mujeres Dominicanas En La Argentina.

Organización Internacional Para Las Migraciones, 2003

http://www.caref.org.ar/texto/Trata_dominicanas.pdf

- i. A report on Dominican Migrants in Argentina found that they are at high risks of sexual exploitation through pornography and prostitution (pg. 103-113). Cecilia's story of prostitution and drug use.

Africa

Egypt: End Sinai Nightmare for Migrants

Human Rights Watch (HRW), September 2012.

<http://www.hrw.org/news/2012/09/05/egypt-end-sinai-nightmare-migrants>

(Available in English and Arabic)

- i. Report on Sub-Saharan migrants, refugees and asylum seekers crossing through Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. Women are reported to be almost always sexually harassed and forced to pay exorbitant prices upwards of 40,000 and will not be released until that money is paid.
- ii. Several women's personal stories included. #trafficking, sexual harassment/exploitation, kidnapping.

Voice from the Margins: Migrant Women's Experiences in Southern Africa

By Kate Lefko-Everett. Southern African Migration Project, 2007.

<http://dspace.cigilibrary.org/jspui/bitstream/123456789/30713/1/Migration%20Policy%20Series%20No.%2046.pdf?1>

- i. Document which has migrant women's experiences verbatim throughout the process of migrating from Southern African states to South Africa

Oceania

Mothers, Wives, and Workers: Australia's Migrant Women

By Christine Inglis. The Migration Information Source, September 2003.

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?ID=108>

Skilled Migrant Women in Regional Australia: Promoting Social Inclusion Through Vocational Education and Training

By Susan Webb, Denise Beale, and Miriam Faine. Monash University, 2013.

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The Nauru Files: Cache of 2,000 Leaked Reports Reveal Scale of Abuse of Children in Australian Offshore Detention

By Paul Farrell, Nick Evershed, and Helen Davidson. The Guardian, August 2016.

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2016/aug/10/the-nauru-files-2000-leaked-reports-reveal-scale-of-abuse-of-children-in-australian-offshore-detention>

- i. An article outlining the child abuse at the Nauru detention center. This article includes links to infographics, statistics, and additional resources about the situation.

