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A New Global Migration Regime

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In September 2005 the United Nations General Assembly held its first ever High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development. This was the culmination of several years of work by the United Nations, the Global Commission on International Migration, the ILO, the World Bank and other key multilateral agencies. This work recognises that there is a new global migration system in which transnationalism is replacing permanent settlement as the dominant paradigm and south-north migration is becoming the main flow of movement between nations. Moreover it is argued that this migration can be an engine for global development not just in destination countries but in origin nations. This presentation critically assesses those arguments and traces the implications for migration policy in the Asia-Pacific region but especially Australia.