

Migration and Development in Pakistan: Exploring Context, Prospects, and Knowledge Gaps

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Abstract

The Government of Pakistan is faced with the critical challenge of fostering sustainable and equitable economic development in the country. With a nation of above 220 million people, livelihoods, businesses, and economies are particularly sensitive in the context of COVID-19 pandemic and climate change extremes. In this regard, international workers' remittances are envisaged as a ray of hope by the government to meet the challenges of the balance of payments and support national development expenditure. Different programmes, policies, and legal incentives have been announced to attract remittances and (transnational) professionals to contribute to national planning and development. In such circumstances, when there is a huge economic crisis in the country in terms of price hikes, unemployment, food and energy shortages, etc., there is a need to examine whether such hopes and claims can prevail or not. This lecture will try to address some of the following key questions:

- What are the socio-economic, political, cultural, and demographic landscapes of migration patterns in today's Pakistan?
- What is the interrelationship between remittances and labour migration flow and what is its impact on the national economic development, sustainability when it comes to community resilience in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change?
- What are the opportunities and challenges for Pakistani migrant workers in terms of human capital, financial resources, and reintegration issues?
- How the government should respond to the emerging global labour demand patterns, particularly in the context of post-COVID trends and changing requirements.

Programme Schedule

4.00 PM – 4.05 PM	Welcome address: Kailash C. Das
4.05 PM – 4.15 PM	Opening remarks & Moderator: Nansiri Iamsuk (UN Women)
4.15 PM – 5.00 PM	Presentation: Kashif Majeed Salik
5.00 PM – 5.25 PM	Discussion:
5.25 PM – 5.30 PM	Concluding remarks & Vote of Thanks: R. B. Bhagat (IIPS, Mumbai)