

**Where Migration Meets Gender in Northeast Asia:
Marriage Migrants and Domestic and Care Workers in Japan and Korea**

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Abstract

Rapid industrialization, economic growth and urbanization have resulted in an influx of international migrants to East Asia since the 1980s. Since then, there has been a significant increase in the migration of women, which is an illustration of the global trend of feminization of migration. Consequently, the increase of migration (both legal and undocumented) in this region brought about new avenue for exploitation. The objective of the paper is to explore the gender dimension within the dynamics of international marriages and labour migrants in domestic and care work in Northeast Asia including the factors such as the “lack of agency” and “immobility” of these women, the difficulties in mainstreaming, the victimization of these women, and types of support available to them. In terms of methodology, the author relies on primary and secondary sources such as government documents, reports by human rights organizations and memoirs as well as personal encounters with these women.