

FALSE PROMISES - Women Migrants' Rights in Global Supply Chains of Garments

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Abstract

Migrant workers are becoming an increasingly important part of the workforce and competition strategies within global production networks of garments. Migrant garment workers are part of a growing global industry of managed labour migration. A majority of these workers are women and they are misled by false promises.

Migrant garment workers are in a particularly vulnerable position in terms of violations of human and labour rights and face specific barriers to articulating and demanding their rights as workers. These findings will be illustrated with examples from various parts of the world: Asia, Far East and Europe.

In the second part the paper critically analyses strategies of international and national agencies, governments, industry and labour rights movements for enabling workers to defend their rights as workers.