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Political Dynamics of Migrating Workers: A Literature Review on Continuity and Change

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Abstract

This literature review explores the political dynamics surrounding migrating workers, focusing on the themes of continuity and change. Migration, driven by economic, social, and political factors, has become a global phenomenon reshaping societies and economies worldwide. The political context in which migrating workers operate significantly influences their experiences, rights, and opportunities in host countries. The review synthesizes existing literature to examine how political frameworks have evolved over time in response to migration trends. It analyzes policies, laws, and international agreements that shape the legal status, rights, and protections afforded to migrating workers. Additionally, the review investigates political discourse surrounding migration, including debates on labor market impacts, cultural integration, and national security concerns.

Key themes explored include the role of governments and international organizations in shaping migration policies, the impact of political ideologies and electoral cycles on migration governance, and the influence of civil society and advocacy groups in promoting migrant rights. The review also addresses the continuity of structural inequalities and systemic barriers that migrating workers face, despite policy reforms and international conventions aimed at protecting their rights. By critically examining the continuity and changes in political contexts surrounding migrating workers, this literature review contributes to a deeper understanding of the complexities and challenges inherent in global migration governance. It underscores the importance of political dynamics in shaping the lived experiences and outcomes of migrating workers, highlighting implications for policy development, advocacy efforts, and future research directions.

