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TITLE: WOMEN ON THE MOVE: GENDERED MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA

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ABSTRACT:

'Feminization of migration' has become a widely recognized feature of international migration. Since last two decades number of women migrating to South Africa from other parts of Africa is on the rise. The reasons for women's migration are diverse and so are its affect on gender dynamics and households. This increasing frequency of migration has generated challenges to concept of citizenship. Treating citizenship as unfixed and ever changing, this article examines politics of citizenship in ages of international gendered migration. It seeks to explore how the presence of women as active migrants and their experiences bring new dimensions to understanding of migration and citizenship. The article engages with changing patterns of women's migration to South Africa, the issues for identity and belonging. In doing so, the article seeks to examine the impact of policy changes in Post-apartheid period on women and how their active migration destabilizes the nation-state centric understanding of citizenship. One of the critical challenges facing South Africa is how to harness the potential of migrants in an inclusive way. Considering the significance of social and economic importance of women's migration, a sensitive, gender-equitable and developmental migration regime is called for which is informed by the experiences of the women on the move.

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