

Human Development on the Move

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Multi-dimensional, including:

- ◆ Access to decent income earning opportunities
- ◆ Living a long and healthy life
- ◆ Gaining education and knowledge
- ◆ Possibility to participate in family, community and society's decision-making
- ◆ Enjoying dignity and self-respect

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18. Climate Change
19. **Migration** (forthcoming)

Several regional and national reports, eg Mexico, El Salvador...

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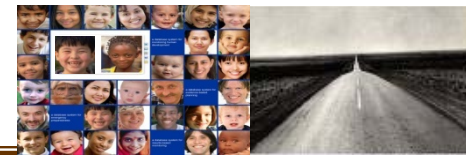
- ◆ International and domestic
- ◆ Degree and nature of choices (or lack thereof),
- ◆ Range of policy regimes → affecting types of movements and associated outcomes
- ◆ Spectrums rather than dichotomous
(temporary-permanent, voluntary-forced, transnational populations)

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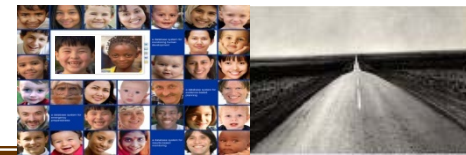
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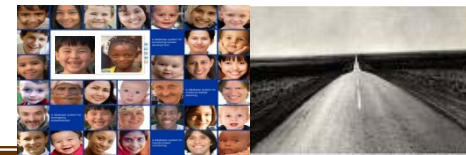
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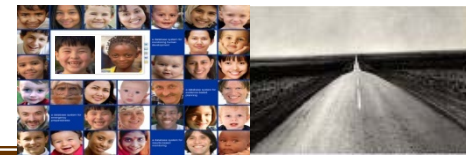
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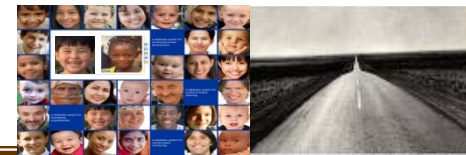
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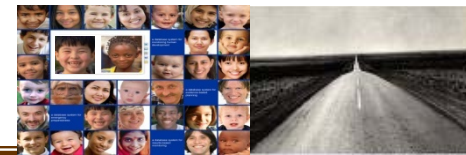
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- ◆ Better understanding and integration of domestic mobility (relatively neglected in recent decades)
- ◆ Explore movements typically pursued by **disadvantaged groups** which are often less visible (e.g., short term, seasonal migration)
- ◆ South-south movements also relatively neglected : the whole world is on the move, not just, nor even largely, S -> N

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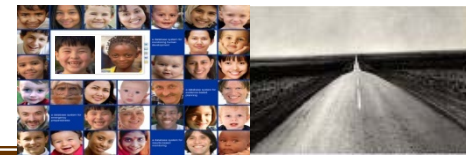


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