



Code 1107. Agents versus Agency: Women Migrants Role in Development

Length/Duración: 180 minutes

For decades the discourse around migration had neglected to focus on the role of women migrant workers (WMW's) as key actors in the migration process. More recently, states and scholars have shown greater interest in WMW's role in development, particularly in light of growing remittance flows and the feminization of migration. State policies frame WMW's as agents of development, while neglecting the agency of WMW's, diverting attention from rights, and reinforcing gender stereotypes. This workshop will focus on wmw's as key actors in migration, problematizing the "agents of development" discourse, and moving past the "heroes and victims" narrative. Presenters will use empirical case studies to provide a gender analysis of key dimensions of migration governance and the contemporary migration and development paradigm; bringing rights, agency and lived realities of WMW's to the fore.



3:00-6:15 p.m.

Room/Salón: Piranesi

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