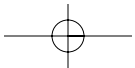
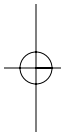
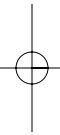


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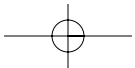
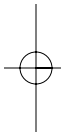
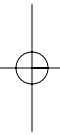
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FOREWORD

Recent years have seen the rapid growth of international migration and remittances as well as an increase in research and policy discussions on this topic. This dialogue has highlighted the development impact of migration and drawn attention to such economic issues as job creation in sending countries, improvements to temporary work arrangements, and increased facilitation of the flow of remittances.

Several important policy initiatives in recent years have deepened this dialogue. In 2004 the European Union launched the AENEAS program, which provides financial and technical assistance to non-European countries in the area of migration and asylum. In 2005 the United Nations Global Commission on International Migration was established to facilitate policy dialogue on migration. In 2006 the first High Level Dialogue on International Migration was held at the United Nations headquarters. This resulted in the creation of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, an informal, voluntary, state-led forum for the discussion of migration and development issues. The forum first met in Brussels in 2007. Regional development banks have also begun to tackle the issue, as have governments of some source and destination countries and a number of research institutes and individual scholars.

The World Bank has also contributed to the policy dialogue on international migration with several research volumes, including *International Migration, Remittances, and the Brain Drain*; *Global Economic Prospects 2006: Economic Implications of Remittances and Migration*; and the recently released *International Migration, Economic Development, and Policy*.

However, recent research—with a few notable exceptions—has not paid sufficient attention to gender differences in migration patterns, motivations, and impacts.

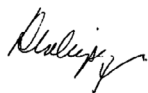
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This is a major omission. Women now account for nearly half of all international migration. Theoretical and empirical models that omit gendered determinants and impacts of migration are missing key elements of the story. Women's roles in destination labor markets and in remittance flows—to cite just two examples—are crucial to understanding the development impacts of international migration.

This volume, prepared by the World Bank's Gender and Development Unit in collaboration with the Development Research Group, surveys the state of our knowledge and provides new research on the gendered determinants and impacts of migration and remittances as well as on the patterns of labor market participation of women migrants. It also sketches a road map for future research on gender and international migration.

This research on women and international migration illustrates the type of analytical work that can shape policies to economically empower women migrants as well as women left behind by male migration. It is our hope that such analysis will lead to policies that boost productivity, raise incomes, and improve welfare in both sending and receiving countries.

Sincerely,



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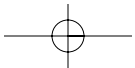
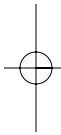
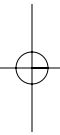
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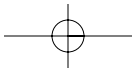
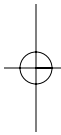
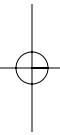
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ABBREVIATIONS

CCT	Conditional cash transfers
DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs (United Nations)
DID	Difference-in-difference estimation
ENHRUM	Mexico National Rural Household Survey (Encuesta Nacional a Hogares Rurales de México)
FCND	Food Consumption and Nutrition Division
FE	Fixed effect
FSU	Former Soviet Union
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GDP	Gross domestic product
GHC	Ghanaian cedis
GLSS 4	Ghana Living Standards Survey, round four
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
INEGI	Mexico's National Census Office (Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Información)
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IRCA	Immigration Reform and Control Act (U.S.)
IV	Instrumental variable
IZA	Institute for the Study of Labor (Germany)
MMP	Mexican Migration Project
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NELM	New economics of labor migration
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLS	Ordinary least squares

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PREM	Poverty Reduction and Economic Management
PSM	Propensity score matching
RE	Random effect
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
WTO	World Trade Organization