



**TEMPORARY MIGRATION, RECRUITMENT OF
WORKERS IN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN POLICIES
AND CIRCULAR MIGRATION.**

A conceptual and theoretical introduction



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Introduction

In the pursuit of new models of admission and migration management

Legitimization & Governance of migration

Temporary and circular migration as new alternatives

Circular migration linked to new temporary contract workers program design.



Circularity as a consequence of a political design
(compulsive return and reiteration)

Circularity as instrument to curb undesirable effects of
previous admission models

Circular migration: the attractiveness of a concept linked to a
triple win scenario, development and transnationalism.



Aim of the paper

CONCEPTS

THEORY

POLICIES



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Temporary migration

Restrictive definition

Temporary migration: short-time migration. Defined in legal terms (till 1 year).

Seasonal migration: from 3 months-till 1 year.

Broad definition

All forms of no permanent migration



RECRUITMENT IN ORIGIN

A policy instrument (proactive). Ex-ante approach.

Admission policy (recruitment of foreign workers in countries of origin) using, for example, bilateral agreements.

An alternative channel to irregular access to labour market

Shaped by demand



CONCEPTS

Circular migration: a successful concept.

Epistemological and political reformulations:

- Critical review of the ortodoxia: “Space” and “time” in migration studies
- Policy reformulation: circularity as the most distinguish element in contemporary temporary programs (in comparative terms with former temporary programs in Western countries)



CIRCULAR MIGRATION DEFINITIONS

Descriptive

- Temporary & Circular migration “as a type” of international mobility of workers

Prescriptive-Normative

- As a model of regulation (a top-down policy and resulting mobility)



CIRCULAR MIGRATION DEFINITIONS

A blurred, sometimes confused and hazy
Multidimensional
In-progress concept

(MPI, CARIM, UE, etc.)



CIRCULAR MIGRATION DEFINITIONS

Elements in common:

- A distinctive kind of mobility
- Spatial dimension: A pattern of coming and going between a home place and a destination place (origin-destination link)
- Fluid (back-and-forth) and continuous movement (reiteration)



CIRCULAR MIGRATION DEFINITIONS

Some additional elements in definitions:

- “Regular” mobility (in legal terms)
- Commitment with both, origin and destination countries
- Transnational lives

Conclusion: reiteration (iterative mobility) as a more distinctive pattern than period of residence (time).

Blurred definitions and poor statistical and empirical knowledge.



Our definition

Analysis of the circularity is not the main object of this project

Focus of our analysis:

Admission policies in Spain: proactive mechanism of recruitment in countries of origin.

Temporary and permanent workers



Our definition

“Induced and regulated circularity” using policy instruments.

Policy concertation. “Consensual” migration.

Selection of types of migrants (skills, nationality, etc.)

Under legal conditions and regulations.



THEORY



EXPLAINING CIRCULAR MIGRATION: MACRO

- A. Physical: distance/proximity
- B. Political: regulation intensity and selectiveness, regional agreements, selective border permeability, internal controls, no free mobility after return to origin country
- C. Composition migration flows: life cycle effects, capital
- D. Economic: transport and communication, trade, business networks, globalization of services
- E. Social and cultural: transnationalism



EXPLAINING CIRCULAR MIGRATION: MICRO

- A. Personal characteristics of migrants: Eligibility in agreements or programs
- B. Cost/benefit analysis comparing with other alternatives: type of work, length stay, obligation to return, earnings, learning effects, accumulation social capital
- C. Accumulative causation
- D. Access to rights and protection
- E. Methodological problem of revealed preferences
- F. Explaining success/failure of programs means to take into account other decision makers:
 - Private actors: determinants of business participation
 - Public actors: program design, public relation effects, etc.



TYPOLOGIES OF CIRCULAR MIGRATION

Spontaneous or induced circularity

- Examples/types of spontaneous circularity
- Examples/types of induced circularity

Temporal/multiple or permanent return

- Examples of obliged return
- Examples of permanence



TYOLOGY RETURN/REGULATION

	Circularidad inducida	Circularidad espontánea
Temporal y repeated	Régimen especial trabajadores de temporada (Proyecto Cartaya, Proyecto Pagesos) Coexphal, Proexport, Guissona, etc.	Labor migration from EU countries (Portugal) Retirement migration
Stable	Grupo VIPS MacDonalds Transportes Cerezuela	Return migration