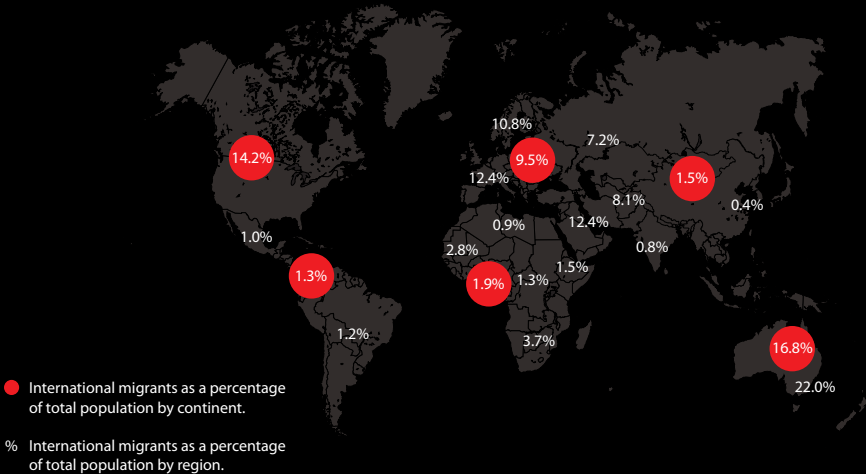# global POLICY

The Problem: Exponential increase in migration with no corresponding international governance programme

International migration has increased from 82 million in 1970 to over 200 million in 2007.

10.8%
7.2%
14.2%
9.5%
1.5%
12.4%
0.4%
1.0%
8.1%
0.9%
12.4%
1.3%
2.8%
0.8%
1.9%
1.3%
1.5%
1.2%
3.7%
16.8%
22.0%

● International migrants as a percentage of total population by continent.

% International migrants as a percentage of total population by region.

Source: International Migration 2009 Chart from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Division

Implications: Lack of rights for migrants

'Millions of migrants are forced into the legal limbo of irregular entry and employment and suffer discrimination and marginalisation.' (Stephen Castles)

Abusive and exploitative working conditions

Social exclusion Low wages Unequal opportunities

Unequal treatment Denial of freedom of association and union rights

Discrimination Fear of deportation

Marginalisation Poor working environment Forced labour

Xenophobia Absence of social protection Sex trafficking

What the world is doing about it: A series of measures relating to migration

'The High Level Dialogue will reconvene at the United Nations in 2013, and expectations are not high that it will take significant decisions on improving global cooperation and supporting migrants' human rights.' (Stephen Castles)

Year	Measure
1951	Refugee Convention
1967	Refugee Protocol
1990	Migrant Workers Convention
2000	Human Trafficking Protocol & Migrant Smuggling Protocol
2005	United Nations Secretary General's Global Commission on International Migration
2006	High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development
2007	Global Forum on Migration and Development, Brussels (Belgium)
2008	Global Forum on Migration and Development, Manila (Phillippines)
2009	Global Forum on Migration and Development, Athens (Greece)
2010	Global Forum on Migration and Development, Puerta Vallarta (Mexico)
2011	Global Forum on Migration and Development, Geneva (Switzerland)

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What the research suggests: Establish a World Migration Authority

Castles recommends the creation of a World Migration Authority within the United Nations Framework following the People's Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights demands:

PGA demands	
An end to national security framing of migration and to the criminalization of migrants	Human security
	Inter and intra-regional cooperation based on reciprocity
Right of mobility	
Inclusive research for comprehensive approach to migration	
A human rights-centred approach to migration and development	End to social exclusion and discrimination based on immigration status, race, ethnicity, gender, class, religion and national origin
Right to decent work	

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