

LINKING MIGRATION SUB- SYSTEMS IN SRI LANKA

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Migration, in all its forms, is a major issue in Sri Lanka. This paper explores the inter-relationships and links between the three different types of migration; internal displacement, labour migration and permanent migration. These links are many and some of them are as follows. International migration may cause internal migration. Internal migration and displacement may provoke international migration. Also, once an individual migrant has left the country, they may not return to their point of origin. In addition to common or related causes, all three forms of movement also raise common issues. It is proposed to establish means to promote research and to influence policy drawing together those commonalities that exist between these different, though related migration sub-systems.