



# Regional Migration Governance

## A Human-Rights Analysis of Emerging Mobility Regimes (R\_eMigra)

### Objectives

The research explores if the human rights protection available at the regional level can become much more effective. The research wants to understand if the access to **social protection** for migrant workers will benefit from this progressive regionalism.

The findings will contribute to **multi-layered migration governance** on the role of regional integration projects as venues for migration governance and to explore the diffusion of migration law in regional integration regime.

### Research Questions:

- What could be the wider effects of emerging regionalism on global migration governance?
- How might regional migration regulations impact the human rights-migration nexus?

### Methodology:

**Non-eurocentric approach** to comparative regionalism:

- Two regional units (MERCOSUR and ASEAN).
- In-depth **legal analysis** of two specific countries: Argentina and Thailand

- **Interviews** with key stakeholders (eg. IOs, NGOs, migrant workers):  
15 Interviews held in Bangkok (14 January/14 February 2016) and in 15 held via skype on MERCOSUR (May/June 2016)

### Description:

On the basis of migration governance, the proposed research hypothesizes:

- The growing role of regional economic groups is likely to impact regulation on migration.

Beyond trade and economic integration, regional initiatives have the potential to fulfill relevant functions:

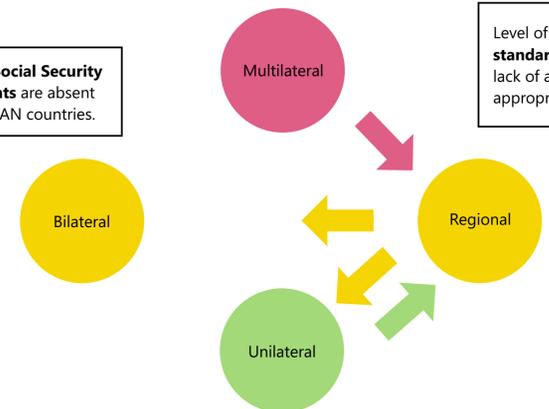
- The development of an appropriate normative framework for a **human-rights-based approach** to labour mobility.

### Social Protection of intra-ASEAN migrant workers:

With the increasingly recognition of regional movement regimes, the access to social protection for migrant workers emerged a critical issue for the nation-state. How different normative layers interact?

**Bilateral Social Security Agreements** are absent within ASEAN countries.

Level of ratification of **international standards** is not uniform. This result in lack of adequate instruments and appropriate enforcement mechanisms



**Relevant regional standards** for social protection of migrant workers?  
 ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection (2013)  
 ASEAN Declaration on the Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (2007)  
 ASEAN Economic Community BluePrint (2007)