

## Indonesian Women's Migrant Workers, Not in My Backyard Problem

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### Abstract

The paper will show that feminism is a powerful mechanism to show people on how to solve the problem of the migrant workers, to lessen their suffering.

The article would be focusing on the ethnography of the International women migrant workers position. In this article the ethnography is about the description of how institution have different acknowledgement of their contribution and the need to protect them. This is important for several reasons, first the migrant workers come to the port city such as Jakarta, Surabaya, Batam, Nunukan etc. Those cities have their own understanding on how to handle the migrant workers, therefore this understanding is one of the situation the problem of the migrant workers have to handle in order to be able to protect them. Secondly, places would be important to be seen as network of geographies of the Indonesian archipelago that have to have different attitude toward the protection of the migrant workers. This description is showing that for some city or region the International Migrant workers are not their problem, something that they want to get rid of. Thirdly, most of the migrant workers ethnographic works have described the bad experience of their life, and this description would like to spare not only the hardship of their life but also how the institution acknowledge of their work and their contribution. This description would be compared to what the women endured during their stay in the receiving countries and how the women done to protect themselves.

The article wants to argue that government reform after 1998 have produced more balanced of power in the region. So the local governments have more power to manage their business and to manage their interest. But what actually is missing from such reform is how is the position of women and people from other region become the interest of the region it self. Batam at this point is important as it becomes one of the port to Indonesia's boundaries, therefore it is important to see how the existing institution deal with different need of Indonesian citizen.