

EDITORIAL

As Social Transformations: Journal of the Global South enters its second year, we remain committed to understanding the Global South from the ground up. The Global South is neither as a fixed identity nor a geographic location, but a set of relations amid an unequal world order. These relations are inherently transnational.

In this issue, Dominique Caouette, Clara Boulianne Lagacé, and Denis Côté document the forms in which transnational activism are molded in Southeast Asia. The article reveals the centripetal forces that enable transnational cooperation between civil society organizations and the tensions and divergences that prevent the forging of solidarities.

Suraj Yengde explores the phenomenon of South to South migration in the context of Indian migrants in Johannesburg. He employs the concept of “smartphone migration” to explain the lifestyle shifts of migrants as informed by modern consumer culture and technology.

Sharmila Parmanand discusses the ways in which women’s rights advocates have sought to translate international norms on reproductive rights and health into policy in the Philippines. The uphill battle for the legislation and implementation of a reproductive healthcare law in the Philippines reveals much about the nature of the women’s movement in the Global South.

Apart from our peer-reviewed articles, this issue also contains another installment of “Conversations on the Global South,” featuring an interview with Philippine climate change negotiator Naderev “Yeb” Saño, whose emotional speeches and fasting in the UN climate talks shed light on the Global South’s call for climate justice. Finally, activist-intellectual Walden Bello’s professorial lecture discusses the reconfigurations in Asian geopolitics prompted by the increasingly assertive foreign policy of China.

As always, we hope this issue contributes an open-ended theorizing about the Global South, leading towards collective action.

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