This special issue of Migración y Desarrollo presents some of the fundamental findings of a Workshop that took place on 10–13 July, 2006 in Bellagio, Italy, co–organized by Raúl Delgado Wise1 and Stephen Castles.2 The workshop’s main goal was to contribute to the scholarly and policy–making discussion about the Migration Development nexus as seen from the perspective of the Global South. The workshop centered around the experiences of five national cases, the Philippines, Mexico, Turkey, India, and Morocco.

While acknowledging the notable differences on the migration patterns and the regional development contexts of the five countries examined, as well as the diversity in the views and practices of the national state and civil society – in a complex multidimensional and transnational endeavour –, the central purpose of this publication is to highlight some common societal and state responses and trends regarding the migration development problematic.

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