

## Migration and Youth Development: Insights from a Child Centric Approach

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### Abstract

International migration has been rising over time in response to global economic and political integration, and the size and composition of the flows has changed, with women and children comprising larger shares of the flows. Unlike the feminization of migration, which has been amply documented since the mid 1980s, there has been scant attention to children's involvement in international migration and its consequences for their psychosocial, physical and economic well-being. Youth were missing from the agenda of the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (2007), which claims to have shifted a policy paradigm by moving development to the center of the migration debate. I will discuss migration and development from a child-centric perspective by elaborating an analytical framework and illustrating novel insights about child migration using cross-national evidence about living arrangements and marriage behavior according to life cycle timing of international migration.

### Biography

Marta Tienda is Maurice P. Daring '22 Professor in Demographic Studies, Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University, and from 1997-2002 served as director of the Office of Population Research at Princeton University. She is co-author and co-editor of several books, including of *The Hispanic Population of the United States (1987)*, *Divided Opportunities (1988)*, *The Color of Opportunity (2001)*, *Youth in Cities (2002)*, *Ethnicity and Causal Mechanisms (2005)*, *Multiple Origins, Uncertain Destinies (2006)*, *Hispanics and the Future of America (2006)*, and *Africa on the Move (2006)*. She has published over 150 scholarly papers in academic journals and edited collections, in addition to numerous research bulletins and articles for a lay audience. She holds a BA in Spanish from Michigan State University and a MA and Ph.D., both in Sociology, from the University of Texas at Austin. She received honorary doctorates from The Ohio State University (2002), Lehman College (2003) and Bank Street College (2006).

