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ABSTRACT

The digitalization process plays a pivotal role in migration governance by eliminating intermediaries, preventing exploitation by agents, reducing recruiting expenses, expediting the recruitment procedure, and combating human trafficking. This research analyses the effects of digital intervention on the Malaysian government's efforts to prevent irregular migration from two perspectives: foreign labour management and migration control. Expanding upon the conceptual framework of digital migration studies, the following research questions are addressed in this research: (1) What is the potential of digital intervention in reducing irregular migration and forced labour? (2) What are the impacts of digitalization on labour migration governance? A digital-based migration governance is realized in the state by implementing direct hiring through digitalization and interior enforcement operations through biometric technology.

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