The competition for global talent has been accelerating throughout the world over the past few decades. Asia is no exception, and its need for highly skilled workers has been growing as it remains a growth hub. Many countries have adopted various policy measures to attract highly skilled migrants from all over the world. At the same time, multilateral cooperation in support of the liberalization of highly skilled migration policies at the regional level has been emerging in the case of the ASEAN.

This workshop aims to address three issues. First, it will compare and contrast the latest policy developments in highly skilled migration and examine the extent of “policy convergence” as it relates to highly skilled migration in Asia. Are our policies on highly skilled migration converging? If not, what are the remaining differences and how can we explain them? Second, the workshop will address the challenges of highly skilled migration. Based on participants’ presentations, some common challenges and possible solutions will be identified. Third, the workshop will analyze highly skilled migration in the existing nation-state framework. Does highly skilled migration have adequate support from local citizens? If not, how does each government handle the situation? How do growing economic inequalities affect domestic policy discourse on highly skilled migration?

All presentations will be in English. No registration necessary.