

## **AN EXPLORATORY STUDY ON CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF THE STUDENT MIGRATION IN CASE OF KOSTANAY REGION**

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The Sovereign Republic of Kazakhstan consists of the 14 regions. Among these regions seven regions, such as Aktobe region, Western Kazakhstan region, Northern Kazakhstan region, East Kazakhstan region, Pavlodar region and Kostanay region borders with the Russian Federation. These regions are playing a bridging role between Kazakhstan and Russia. Economic relations consist of the different sectors, such as business, trade, agriculture, also it includes education. Adult population emigrates in order to find a job and to change their living state. This research explores the connection between student migration and the overall process of the human capital development in Kazakhstan. Specifically, this study examines the reasons and motivation behind the decision of the students from Kostanay region to pursue an education in Russian universities. The significance of the study is that the findings of this study can be used as an empirical evidence to inform policies and initiatives in regard to student migration and development of the Kazakhstani universities, also a contribution to the literature of Higher education on student migration and internationalization of Higher education. This paper will consist of 6 Chapters. Introduction, literature review, methodology, findings, discussion and conclusion.

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