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Nevertheless, existing studies of internal migration in South Africa have not been able to take a true longitudinal approach because of the lack of good historical data (Kok et al. 2003).

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In post-apartheid South Africa, it may have been expected that circular or temporary internal labour migration would have been replaced by the permanent settlement of Africans at places of employment.

The aim of the paper is to examine the ongoing urban transition in South Africa in the post-apartheid period, and to consider the health and social policy implications of prevailing migration patterns.

South Africa is struggling to define a post-apartheid migration policy that is responsive to its changing role in Africa, the relationship between migration and development, and the country's rampant xenophobia, seen most graphically in May 2008. Jonathan Crush of the Southern African Migration Project reports on the latest developments.

However, entrenched patterns of migration have undergone major restructuring in the last two decades. Southern Africa is now a region on the move.¹ Several broader changes underly this shift towards greater and greater intra-regional mobility: First, the end of apartheid, a system designed to control movement and exclude outsiders, produced new opportunities for internal and cross-border ...

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