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**Abstract**

This study examined mobility within the understudied region of southern Africa and particularly, the factors that drive and shape educational migration toward South Africa as a regional, continental, and global destination. Based on a survey administered to international students across seven South African universities, the findings revealed leading reasons were based on human capital and geopolitical rationales. The study also uncovered notable differences based on students' geographic origins. (HRK / Abstract übernommen) Lee, Jenny J., E-Mail: jennylee@u.arizona.edu