Publication of Migrations Across Boundaries book

UNU-GCM is pleased to announce the publication of Migration Across Boundaries: Linking Research to Practice and Experience (Ashgate, 2015), a book edited by Parvati Nair and Tendayi Bloom. Bringing together scholars and practitioners from a range of disciplinary backgrounds working in Europe, North and South America, South Asia and the Middle East, this volume explores the question of how to ensure that migration research feeds back into improving the lives of migrants. It emphasizes the necessarily interdisciplinary and cross-boundary nature of migration research, offering methodological recommendations to anyone studying or working in the field, and showing how migration studies can usefully affect real contexts by better exploring the potential that exists for both bridging academic disciplines and building links with work that occurs beyond strictly academic forums. The book includes chapters by UNU-GCM Director, Parvati Nair, and the Institute’s past and current Research Fellows.

Women of the World photographic exhibition by UNU-GCM

The photo exhibition Women of the World: Home and Work in Barcelona, organised by UNU-GCM, is on display at the Sant Rafael Pavilion of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site until August 31st 2015. The exhibition features photographs and stories of sixteen immigrant women living and working in Barcelona. Led by UNU-GCM Director, Parvati Nair, with oral interviews and photography by Tatiana Diniz, the project combines oral history with documentary photography. By focusing on a range of immigrant women of diverse ethnicities, ages, social classes, educational levels, occupations and professional backgrounds, Women of the World explores the overlaps and contrasts between home, work and the city for first generation female immigrants. Further details on the Women of the World project are also available on the UNU-GCM website.

Interns from Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) at GCM

UNU-GCM is pleased to continue its collaboration with IBEI through a successful internship programme. The three-month programme, now in its second year, allows IBEI students to gain practical experience at UNU-GCM, while contributing to the Institute’s activities. The three interns selected this year are working on projects that support UNU-GCM’s current work on Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-cultural Change. Marta Guasp Teschendorf has developed research on girls education among internally displaced Syrians; Alice Beste has been researching on the skills that refugees contribute to receiving societies and on the education of refugee girls in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey; while Marija Obradovic has been researching the topic of sexual and gender-based violence against women in camps for refugees and internally displaced persons. It is expected that each project will lead to the publication of a policy report and a media article. GCM thanks all three interns for their valuable contributions.

UNU Migration Network Update

Members of the UNU Migration Network will soon present their latest research findings at the 9th European International Studies Association (EISA) Conference ‘The Worlds of Violence’, which will take place in Sicily (Italy) from 23rd to 26th September 2015. The presentations will be part of a section on ‘International Migration and International Security’, providing an opportunity for productive research dialogue across the Network’s different migration focus areas. The UNU Migration Network will also take this opportunity to hold its 6th Official Meeting of focal points on Wednesday 23rd September, following the first day of the conference. In this meeting, the next phase of Network collaborations and activities will be discussed.