Visit from Dr. David M. Malone, Rector of the United Nations University

UNU-GCM was honoured to welcome Dr. David M. Malone, Rector of the United Nations University, to the Institute on September 25th-26th, 2014. During his visit, Dr. Malone met with the Director and team of UNU-GCM, the Institute’s stakeholders and its Advisory Board, offering valuable guidance on how to further the Institute’s research activities and collaborations in policy-relevant ways.

UNU-GCM welcomes new Honorary Research Fellow

In July 2014, Mr. David Passarelli, Chief of Staff to the Rector of the United Nations University, joined UNU-GCM as Honorary Associate Research Fellow. He is currently pursuing a doctorate at the Oxford Department of International Development (ODID, Oxford University). His research focuses on the rights of irregular migrant children in Canada and the United Kingdom, thus contributing to UNU-GCM’s work on statelessness and transcontinental migration.

UNU-GCM at the Global Forum on Statelessness

UNU-GCM was pleased to attend the Global Forum on Statelessness in The Hague earlier this month and to continue its engagement with international efforts to address Statelessness. The Forum was organised by UNHCR and Tilburg University and attracted representatives from NGOs, academia, governments and the stateless and formerly stateless community from over 65 countries. UNU-GCM reports on Statelessness can be found at the UNU-GCM website: http://gcm.unu.edu/index.php/publications/policy-reports/statelessness-transnational-migration

Noncitizenship in Theory and Practice

As part of ongoing work examining the nature of noncitizenship, UNU-GCM chaired a productive panel at the 2014 Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) in Glasgow this month. The panelists engaged in animated debate on the way noncitizenship is constructed in different settings and the specific vulnerabilities involved.

Inclusion of the journal ‘Crossings’ by Scopus

Crossings: Journal of Migration and Culture, founded in 2010 by Professor Dr. Parvati Nair, Director of UNU-GCM, has been accepted for inclusion by Scopus, a major international scholarly database, based on the excellence of its articles. The inclusion of Crossings will ensure the journal a global reach and readership.

Profile: Dr. David M. Malone, Rector of UNU

Dr. David M. Malone joined the United Nations University on 1 March 2013 as its sixth Rector. In that role, he holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Prior to joining the UNU, Dr. Malone served as President of Canada’s International Development Research Centre, a funding agency supporting policy-relevant research in the developing world. He was Canada’s Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council and then Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations. Later, after overseeing Canada’s economic and multilateral diplomacy within Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, he was appointed Canada’s Envoy to India, Nepal and Bhutan. He also served in New York as President of the International Peace Academy (now the International Peace Institute), with a particular focus on research output, policy development and advocacy. He has held research posts in institutes and universities across the world and has published extensively on peace and security issues.