Fourth meeting of the UNU Migration Network

On 17th October 2014, the United Nations University Migration Network, coordinated by UNU-GCM and formed by five different UNU Institutes, held its fourth meeting in Bruges, at the UNU Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS). Fellow researchers who joined the meeting discussed further developments of the Network’s activities and planned the next steps in organising joint events and collaborative research projects. You can follow our news on the UNU Migration Network website.

New colleagues at UNU-GCM

UNU-GCM is pleased to welcome new colleagues to the Institute. Talha Jalal and Knut Graw have joined as Visiting Researchers for the period of October to December 2014 and will contribute their research expertise on cultural aspects of migration. Alexander Lazarowicz has joined as a Research Assistant and will be working on a joint report with UNU-CRIS on mobilisations and mobilities in the Mediterranean. Oleg Butuzov has joined GCM as Website Consultant, bringing his expertise from the UNU Office of Communications.

Research seminar at UNU-GCM by Knut Graw, Visiting Researcher

On 14th October 2014, Knut Graw, UNU-GCM Visiting Researcher, gave a research seminar entitled ‘Divination in Times of Migration’. The paper was based on extensive field research and it considered how divination techniques are used as part of the complex cultural reality surrounding migration discourses in Senegal and Gambia. The seminar provided an excellent opportunity for colleagues to engage in a lively discussion on this under-examined topic.

Profile: Tatiana Diniz, Research and Administrative Assistant

Tatiana Diniz is an anthropologist, specialising in Visual Anthropology. She holds Masters degrees in Social and Cultural Anthropology and in Diplomacy and Public Civil Service. At UNU-GCM, she is working as a researcher on the project “Women of the World: Home and Work in Barcelona” with Parvati Nair, Director of GCM. The project combines oral history with documentary photography, creating a set of audiovisual representations of a range of first generation female immigrants. The project investigates the boundaries between home and work and examines themes of gender and cultural identity in the light of mobility and urban relocation for migrant women.

Profile: Oleg Butuzov, Website Consultant

Oleg Butuzov is a Programming Consultant in the Office of Communications of the United Nations University. He started working with UNU in 2007 on projects related to educational courses. He is currently working on UNU website development and recently joined UNU-GCM as a consultant to integrate GCM’s website within the wider family of UNU websites. Oleg’s specialisation is in the creation of Ajax and multilingual applications and in WordPress development.