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Bordering on Crisis: Citizenship, Borders and Forced Displacement

On October 13, Junior Research Fellow Bavo Stevens presented on the immobility experiences of urban refugees in Bangkok at York University's [12th Annual Centre for Refugee Studies Student Caucus Centre Conference](#) in Toronto, Canada. He was part of a panel discussing the subject of "Decolonizing refugee research", which investigated daily life, and daily struggles, of refugees living in subaltern spaces.

Addressing Xenophobia: Representations of Migration and the Role of the Media

The Rector of UNU, Dr. David M. Malone presided over this conference organized by UNU-GCM at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Centre in Italy (October 16-20), which also saw the participation of UNU-GCM's Director, Professor Parvati Nair and Junior Research Fellow Janina Pescinski. The event brought together representatives of UN agencies working on migration and refugee issues, as well as media practitioners and academics. In collaboration with [UNU-CPR](#), a report will be published in Spring 2018 supporting the work of the UN system and its Member States in the negotiation of a global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration.

Training delivered on "International Migration and Human Security"

On October 23, Research Fellow Valeria Bello gave a training course on "International Migration and Human Security: A New Framework to Reduce Prejudice as a Global Security Threat", to congressmen, senators, ambassadors, ministries' delegates and senior army officials. The training was part of a course organized by the Centre of Higher Strategic Studies of the National Defence - Ministry of Defence, Madrid, Spain.

UN Day celebrated in Madrid!

The UN family in Spain celebrated [UN Day](#) on October 24 in Madrid, where UNU-GCM was represented by UNU-GCM Junior Research Fellow Janina Pescinski.

Men's responsibility in the drive for gender equality

Senior Research Officer, Dr. Francisco Cos-Montiel participated in a homage to renowned feminist Marta Lamas organised by [Universidad Nacional Autonoma de México](#) in Mexico City. To celebrate Lamas' 70th anniversary 11 men discussed with her, how her work had influenced their thinking and work. Dr. Cos-Montiel recalls Lamas commenting that; one engages in feminism, both as a political movement and a way of thinking, either because one is passionate about its theory and practice or because ones feel hurt, hurt by injustice.

Research Fellow Valeria Bello joins the EISA European Symposium

Research Fellow Valeria Bello contributed her work on "Mobility, Prejudice and Human (in)Security" to the [European International Studies Association](#) in Rapallo, Italy October 25-27. The symposium was composed of academics from 7 European universities working on issues related to how states' policies and practices affect the lives of people on the move.

Welcome to Research Assistant Anna Eknor

Anna Eknor joins UNU-GCM as a Research Assistant to identify emerging research niches, find fundraising opportunities and write donor proposals. Anna previously worked for civil society organizations focusing on issues of peace and security, gender and youth rights, and for UN Women's regional programme on Women's Economic Empowerment in Asia-Pacific. She got her Master's Degree from Lund University, Sweden.

Welcome to Facilities and Administrative Intern Cecilia Ortega

The GCM team is also pleased to welcome Cecilia Ortega, who joins as a Facilities and Administrative Intern responsible for the daily tasks of the Institute, including travel arrangements and supporting events. Cecilia's background includes experience within the hospitality industries. She is currently completing a Master's Degree in International Politics with an emphasis on "Immigration and the impact of public policies on refugees".

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