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Thirteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration

UNU-GCM Director, Parvati Nair, participated in the Thirteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration, hosted by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) on 12th and 13th February 2015 in New York. The meeting addressed a number of topics including the integration of migration in the post-2015 development agenda and in development strategies; the labour rights of migrant workers; the importance of engaging civil society in policy debates; cultural dialogue; tackling the smuggling of migrants and improving protection at sea. During the meeting, Parvati Nair presented work on immigration and prejudice developed by Valeria Bello at UNU-GCM.

Open Forum on the Domestic Workers Convention

UNU-GCM held its third Open Forum event on 19th February 2015. Organised by Research Fellow Tendayi Bloom, the event brought together a group of experts to discuss the impact of the Domestic Workers Convention on female migrants. Sharing the roundtable were: the CEO of a company matching domestic workers with employers; a representative from the General Workers Union with a background in supporting migrant worker rights; a Venezuelan domestic worker in Barcelona; and the Director of the ILO office in Spain. From their own perspectives, the speakers considered how the Convention could ensure decent work in a sector that is often undervalued.

New Article on the Sources of Prejudice in Europe

The journal *Social Indicators Research* has recently published an article by UNU-GCM Research Fellow, Valeria Bello, on 'Inclusiveness as Construction of Open Identity: How Social Relationships Affect Attitudes Towards Immigrants in European Societies'. Through the construction of an original index, Valeria Bello has measured how a country can decrease the level of general prejudice in its society by implementing better integration policies, along with creating a strong sense of solidarity and trust in its society. The article provides an innovative theory on the sources of prejudice in Europe. It can be found on the [journal's website](#).

New Policy Report on the Displacement of Minorities in Syria and Iraq

A new policy report on 'The Displacement of Minorities in Syria and Iraq: Implications for Human Security' by Talha Jalal (Visiting Researcher at UNU-GCM from October to December 2014) is now available on the [UNU-GCM website](#). In the current period of humanitarian crisis, and in the context of the transnational movement of ideas, populations and conflicts, the report examines how the notion of security is being redefined. The report contributes to the Institute's policy report series on [Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration](#).

Profile: Herman Bashiron Mendolicchio, Visiting Researcher

Herman Bashiron Mendolicchio joined UNU-GCM as a postdoctoral Visiting Researcher in January 2015. Herman holds a European PhD from the University of Barcelona and he is faculty at the Transart Institute (NY-Berlin). His current research interests are on intercultural processes, globalization and mobility in contemporary art and cultural policies; the interactions between artistic, educational, media and cultural practices in the Mediterranean; and cultural cooperation between Asia and Europe. At UNU-GCM, he will develop a research project entitled 'Tracing Mobilities: Transcontinental Migration, Cities and Visual Arts' on mobility and transcontinental migration through the lens of contemporary visual arts in Barcelona.

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