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## UNU-GCM Annual Guest Lecture: Professor Judith Butler

UNU-GCM was greatly honoured to welcome Judith Butler, Maxine Elliot Professor in the Department of Rhetoric and Comparative Literature at the University of California, Berkeley. On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Butler delivered a lecture entitled [Bodies That Still Matter](#) focusing on the concepts of gender performativity, precarity and migration. The UNU-GCM team also had the privilege to participate in an academic seminar with Butler on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015. GCM Director, Parvati Nair, offered a paper engaging with Butler's work on mobility and grievability, and Butler addressed several migration-related topics in the discussion. UNU-GCM was pleased to collaborate with the *Centre de Cultura Contemporànea de Barcelona* (CCCB) in co-organising both events.

## GCM Contributes to Mayoral Forum in Quito

Following the First Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development held in Barcelona in June 2014, UNU-GCM was pleased to collaborate once again with UNITAR for the [Second Mayoral Forum](#) which took place on 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the city of Quito. GCM contributed to the Forum with a policy brief entitled ['Practicing Diversity'](#).

## Migrant Women in Catalonia: Seminar at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site

On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, members of the UNU-GCM team - Director Parvati Nair and Research Fellows Valeria Bello and Megha Amrith - presented their work in a seminar on 'Migrant Women in Catalonia: Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls'. This seminar took place as part of a conference entitled 'Connecting Actors for Sustainable Development in the Context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda', which took place at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site in Barcelona.

## Roundtable on Immigrant Political Participation with Casa Asia

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, UNU-GCM organised a roundtable event in collaboration with *Casa Asia* on the topic of immigrant political participation in Barcelona. Several representatives and members of Asian communities in Barcelona participated in this lively roundtable and discussion, sharing their wide-ranging experiences of political participation and activism.

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

In line with our research programme on Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-cultural Change, UNU-GCM is participating in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence with a social media campaign drawing attention to various topics related to gender-based violence. The 16 Days of Activism is an international campaign that runs from 25<sup>th</sup> November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10<sup>th</sup> December, Human Rights Day, to symbolically link the two. Take a look at our contributions on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter!](#)

## Profile: Cecilia Gordano, Visiting Researcher

Cecilia Gordano joined UNU-GCM as a Visiting Researcher in November 2015. She previously worked as a Research Assistant at the Migration and Network Society Program, Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (UOC), where she got a PhD in Information and Knowledge Society in 2013. She also holds a European MA in Gender and Women's Studies (GEMMA, Utrecht University and Universidad de Granada). Her research interests include postcolonial and transnational feminisms, cultural studies, critical discourse studies, migration studies and digital media studies, as well as feminist methodologies, women's rights, social change and innovation. At GCM, she will develop work on feminism among Latin American migrant women in Barcelona.

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