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First Conference of the UNU Migration Network

UNU-GCM was very pleased to host the first conference of the UNU Migration Network, which took place on January 28th 2016 in Barcelona. The theme 'International Migration and Current Challenges: Transforming the Debate on Human Mobility' is a crucial contemporary topic, connected to key concerns of our world, including human security, sustainable development and gender issues. The keynote speaker, GCM Director, Parvati Nair, spoke on the importance of language in debates about migration and its powerful role in shaping our understandings of human mobility. Conference panellists in the thematic sections provided an interdisciplinary and multifaceted analysis of current migration issues and presented a rich body of research that is being conducted across the different UNU Institutes. There was lively discussion with the audience on how to better address the pressing challenges of human mobility. UNU-GCM thanks all those who contributed to making this conference a great success.

UNU Migration Network: 7th Meeting of Focal Points

The 7th Meeting of Focal Points of the UNU Migration Network was held on January 29th 2016 at UNU-GCM in Barcelona. The meeting participants shared updates on each of the Institute's collaborations within the Network, as well as external collaborations with agencies of the United Nations and other stakeholders. The group constructed a plan of work for the year ahead, with a view to ensure that Network activities are in dialogue with key, policy-relevant concerns about migration and displacement, particularly those relating to the international agenda on migration in 2016. For further information on the UNU Migration Network, please visit migration.unu.edu

'Women of the World' Library Exhibit

In conjunction with the 'Women of the World: Home and Work in Barcelona' research project at GCM, a photographic exhibition will be travelling to ten public libraries in the Barcelona region over the course of 2016. The travelling exhibition features photographs and stories of sixteen immigrant women living and working in Barcelona. Led by GCM Director, Parvati Nair, with oral interviews and photography by Tatiana Diniz, the project combines oral history with documentary photography. 'Women of the World' explores the overlaps and contrasts between home, work and the city for first generation female immigrants. Please visit the GCM [website](#) for more details on the exhibition schedule.

'Understanding Migrant Decisions' available for order

The book 'Understanding Migrant Decisions from Sub-Saharan Africa to the Mediterranean', edited by Belachew Gebrewold and Tendayi Bloom is a new must-read collection of contributions from various international migration scholars. Considering how changing conditions across the Mediterranean have affected the migration decisions of those from Sub-Saharan Africa to or through that region, this book represents an important and overdue contribution to international policy-making and academic discourse. The book is available for order on the [Ashgate website](#).

New Research Interns

UNU-GCM is pleased to welcome two new research interns, Irina Arsova and Beatriz Lopez-Fanjul, to the Institute for the period of January to April 2016. The interns will be working within GCM's current research programme on 'Migration and Crises' and contributing to the research and administrative activities of the Institute.

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