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INSTITUTE ON GLOBALIZATION, CULTURE AND MOBILITY

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Vision

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) aims to become a pre-eminent research center focusing on globalization, culture and mobility through the lens of migration and media. It will engage in rigorous research in these areas, sharing knowledge and good practice with a broad range of groups, collectives and actors within and beyond the academy. Its commitments will be at local and global levels, whereby it will seek to bridge gaps in discourses and practices, so as to work towards the goals of the United Nations with regard to development, global partnership, sustainability and justice.

Mission

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) aims to contribute to good governance, cultural diversity, democracy and human rights through a better understanding of cultural mobility and diversity in the context of globalization. It focuses on the major cultural and social phenomena of migration and media as hallmarks of the era of globalization. The institute fosters cutting-edge research in these areas at global and local levels through the lens of key cultural concepts, such as borders, gender and transnational connections. UNU-GCM aims thereby also to support the priorities of the United Nations with regard to its Member States, in particular those of gender equality, dignity and security for migrants and the notion of development as global partnership.
Message from the Chair of the Advisory Board

I would like to begin by going beyond the information that you will find in these pages and conveying the admiration shared by those of us who have witnessed the establishment of this institute, in a short period of time, as a centre of reference for matters relating to culture, mobility and globalization, focusing on the migrations and mobility of the men and women who make up our world.

Mobility and migratory movements are constitutive elements of our reality that penetrate and transform the latter. This has always been so, but the context of globalization adds a new intensity, and its impact is more visible than ever. The term migration echoes ever louder in our social and cultural relations and our political life. Understanding and correctly assessing these echoes, the reality that we deal with, is essential if we are to generate public policies and multilevel actions capable of triggering a more inclusive dynamic, to define a world more capable of inter-relationships, to establish mechanisms of governance that can lessen the problems and suffering that accompany mobility, and to maximise the potential that has emerged from migrations and exchanges throughout our shared history.

Today we can say that the establishment of the institute and its location in Barcelona, a Euro-Mediterranean city where we are still only grappling with the responses to the challenges that the institute studies and interprets, has been a wise decision of the UNU. The links between the UNU and the Barcelona City Council and the Spanish and Catalan governments, and its potential to link with the European institutions, have been key to its consolidation. The collaborations with institutions and organizations that are hosted in the city, especially the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, offer a frame of opportunities that the institute has wisely availed of. I am sure that, from the unique location of Sant Pau, the Director and team of UNU-GCM will continue to project their work, with modest means, but with the same ambition and rigour as to date, and so shed light on an area of study that is especially relevant to our milieu, to the work of governments, international organizations and the United Nations family, and without doubt, to the men and women of our century.

Anna Terrón Cusí
Chair, Advisory Board
Rector’s Message

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) is the youngest to date of UNU Institutes, having been inaugurated in September 2013. With the generous support of the Kingdom of Spain, in particular the Ministry of External Affairs and Communication, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and the Generalitat of Catalonia, it has the privilege of carrying out its work in the unique and very beautiful location of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site in Barcelona.

In its first year of life, UNU-GCM has prioritized creating a research profile that meets UNU’s overarching goals of addressing the formation of policy as well as contributing to academic research of a cutting-edge quality. Research is channeled in both directions in ways that are mutually complementary. The institute’s focus on global issues relating to mobility and migration lends itself well to this double aim, in that UNU-GCM engages closely with knowledge transfer across institutional boundaries. The team at UNU-GCM is small but dedicated. Their efforts, together with the institute’s role as coordinator of the UNU Migration Network, have meant that UNU-GCM has gained a place early on for UNU in the Global Migration Group, a high level forum that focuses specifically on this topic within the United Nations and in collaboration with the International Organization of Migration and the World Bank. Work is currently underway on migration in the Post-2015 agenda. As such, this institute is making good headway in directions that harness it to the work and research needs of the United Nations system.

UNU-GCM is also engaged in close collaborations with academic entities and think tanks in Spain and elsewhere. Its location in Barcelona, a capital city of the Mediterranean, lends itself extremely well to the study of culture and migration in light of the Mediterranean’s own long history of mobility and diversity. With excellent support from its hosts, and in the ideal setting of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, UNU-GCM is set on a path for growth.

David M. Malone
Rector, United Nations University;
Under-Secretary-General, United Nations
Director’s message

2014 has been a decisive year for UNU-GCM. Having embarked on our work in 2013, the year of our formal inauguration, our energies in 2014 have been focused on setting in place a strong foundation for this young institute. Our priorities have been guided by UNU’s strategic endeavor to harness evidence-based research to the formation of policy within the United Nations and its Member States. Our input here has been in the area of migration.

UNU-GCM’s focus on culture and mobility in the context of globalization addresses major global debates and issues surrounding migration. Our areas of research fall in line with key social and cultural issues across a variety of migratory contexts. In 2014, we completed work on our first research program on Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue and developed our second research program on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration. We have engaged in a series of collaborations with academic and other entities in Spain and elsewhere and have celebrated two major international conferences. In 2014, we also held the first of our Annual guest lectures.

We have in place a regular system and rhythm of publications, whereby we target readership and outreach in forums that are both scholarly and related to the formation of policy, as well as a wider international readership through UNU’s online magazine Our World. 2014 started with the launch of the UNU Migration Network’s website, with UNU-GCM serving as focal point. The UNU Migration Network has further enabled membership for UNU within the Global Migration Group, which was confirmed in 2014. This provides the ground from which to shape and develop policy-related collaborations at the highest level working on migration and development in the Post-2015 agenda.

On the home front, UNU-GCM has enjoyed the privilege of being part of a vibrant community of international organizations at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site. Barcelona’s status as a capital city of the Mediterranean provides UNU-GCM with a vantage location from which to study questions related to migration and development. With ongoing support from our hosts, we look forward to continuing our work and contributing in useful ways to the production and dissemination of cutting-edge knowledge on culture and mobility in Barcelona, Spain and more globally.

Parvati Nair
Director
About UNU-GCM

Our Hosts

UNU-GCM is hosted by the Kingdom of Spain. More precisely, in 2014, UNU-GCM was hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, the Ministry of External Affairs and Communication and the Generalitat of Catalonia. In 2014, UNU-GCM drew on funds granted to UNU by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport for developing its research. We are grateful to all our hosts for making our work possible.

Location

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) is located in the Sant Manuel Pavilion of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site. As the major Modernist Site in the world, designed by the architect Lluis Domènech i Montaner, it was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997. Constructed between 1902 and 1930, the 12 pavilions that form the Site housed the Santa Creu i Sant Pau Hospital for nearly a century, one of the most modern hospitals of its time. In 2009, the working hospital was shifted in order to facilitate the rehabilitation of the Historic Site. This constitutes one of Europe’s major projects for the restoration of heritage.

UNU-GCM is located in the Sant Manuel Pavilion, which was built in 1925 under the direction of Pere Domènech i Roura, the son of Lluis Domènech i Montaner, who took over the project following his father’s demise.
The Sant Manuel Pavilion, which once housed services in general and gastric surgery, has been rehabilitated to enable new forms of usage and also to recover its artistic and heritage value. Víctor Argentí, the architect in charge of the restoration, has put emphasis on the recovery of the original dimensions of this building with its surface area of 2,300 m². Thanks to this process, and with financial support from the European Fund for Regional Development (FEDER), the Sant Manuel Pavilion is now a functional building, reflecting its heritage value and also equipped with the utmost consideration for energy efficiency and sustainability.

About UNU

The United Nations University shall be an international community of scholars, engaged in research, postgraduate training and dissemination of knowledge in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. — UNU Charter, I.1

The United Nations University (UNU) is a global think tank and research/teaching organization, founded in 1975 as an autonomous organ of the United Nations General Assembly. Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, UNU operates as a global network of research and teaching institutes and programs, with a presence today in more than a dozen countries worldwide. The mission of UNU is to contribute — through collaborative research and postgraduate education, dissemination of knowledge and advisory services — to efforts to resolve the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare that are the concern of the United Nations, its Peoples and Member States. In its role as a think tank, UNU provides knowledge-based policy advice to the United Nations system and to UN Member States. For more information, visit unu.edu/about/unu.

UNU-GCM

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility focuses on the inter-related research areas of globalization, culture and mobility. Research programs focus on key aspects of these areas, with a specific focus on questions related to migration and media as twin facets of mobility in contemporary culture. UNU-GCM considers migration, understood as the movement of peoples and cultures, and media, understood as diverse and increased modes of communication via
technological and other means, to be two important social processes that are occurring globally. UNU-GCM aims to contribute towards a better understanding of these processes, so as to assist with the formation of policy at regional, national and international levels that promotes good governance, cultural diversity, democracy and human rights.

In order to achieve our aims, UNU-GCM calls upon interdisciplinary research approaches and methodologies. UNU-GCM also places emphasis on ensuring that its research outputs address diverse audiences, addressing academia, policy formation and a wider informed readership. Our work draws on lived experiences and is evidence-based. We further engage through events, activities and publications with civil society, NGOs and other officials working on issues relating to culture and mobility.

The team at UNU-GCM reflects our shared goals. Research Fellows come from diverse disciplinary backgrounds and have different areas of expertise, but work closely together on our selected lines of research. UNU-GCM also calls on the expertise of Visiting Researchers, who spend fixed periods of time in residency at UNU-GCM, and on that of associated researchers. UNU-GCM runs an internship program, thus offering valuable experience to young researchers. In addition, we welcome and actively seek out collaborations with academic and other entities engaged in areas of work that relate to our own.

Advisory Board

UNU-GCM’s Advisory Board is chaired by Mrs. Anna Terrón Cusí. Other Board members in 2014 were Professor Engin Isin (Open University, United Kingdom) and Professor Montserrat Guibernau (Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom). The Board meets annually and the Rector and Director are ex-officio members.

Financial Overview

In 2014, UNU-GCM relied on what remained of core funding received from the Ministry of Education, Madrid in 2011. The annual budget for this year was $962,000, of which just over half was spent on personnel. The remaining funds were spent on academic programs, operational costs and program development.
Research Programmes in 2014

In 2014, UNU-GCM completed its planned program of work on Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue, with the submission of a series of publications. This research project focused on a range of issues, both theoretical and practical, related to cultural diversity and difference. Through a focus on the role of media, this research project explored the extent to which the latter bridges cultural differences in contexts of migration and facilitates intercultural dialogue. Of interest too were the ways in which media can mobilize societies and cultures. Also relevant is the role of media in triggering migration, as well as in connecting migrants to their countries of origin.

2014 also saw the development of UNU-GCM’s second research program on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration. This research project has focused on a range of issues related to the wellbeing and recognition of people who traverse continents devoid of citizenship. Issues related to refugees remain crucially unanswered in debates and policies surrounding migration. In the wake of acknowledgement within the academy that it is not always possible to isolate refugees from migrants, this project analysed a range of contexts where dignity and human rights are compromised through the absence of legal and political recognition. By focusing on situations of extreme vulnerability and on lives lived on the borderline, this research project sought to articulate and address urgent needs with regard to the stateless migrants.
All research programs at UNU-GCM include a series of events and activities aimed at exploring and sharing knowledge on the topic or themes concerned. UNU-GCM also aims to include a wide variety of participants in its activities. As such, research activities at UNU-GCM in 2014 ranged from open forums, to seminars, to cultural collaborations, workshops, and a two-day international conference within each research line. In 2014, UNU-GCM also collaborated with the Tasneem Gallery in Barcelona. The research program on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration further included the creation of a website on statelessness: http://statelessness.tv/ini/

As with all our research programs, UNU-GCM focuses its energies on ensuring that its research is accessible to policy-makers, as well as to academics and a more general informed public. We aim for scholarly publications of a high standard. We also produce from each research line a series of policy reports and briefs that engage closely with issues relevant to the program and to ongoing debates within the United Nations system and among its Member States.

Summary of Research Findings in RP1 and RP2

The first research programme on Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue examined mobility in the context of cultural diversity and difference. The research conducted within this programme offered critical insights into current global intercultural dialogue initiatives. Based on research findings, its key recommendation is to view intercultural dialogue and exchange as fluid and dynamic, in contrast to concepts that examine ‘culture’ and ‘civilizations’ in divisive or static terms. Different forms of media were also analysed and findings indicated how the media offers new spaces for cultural representation and the potential to improve public perceptions of migration and cultural diversity.

The second research programme on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration focussed on situations of extreme vulnerability, migrant exploitation and on lives lived on the borderline. The research provided a critical examination of operating concepts in international policy arenas such as statelessness and human security, considering how specific understandings of these terms affect those who lack legal and political recognition. It also found that the involvement of private sector actors in border management accentuates the vulnerability of stateless persons. Other research findings indicated that a combination of institutional and civil society initiatives, operating at different scales, enable vulnerable migrants access to their rights and to basic services, and that new media might offer novel coping strategies.

Policy reports for both research programmes can be found on the UNU-GCM website: http://gcm.unu.edu/publications/policy-report
Visiting Researchers

The year began for UNU-GCM with the ongoing residency of Dr. Haruno Nakashiba of UNHCR, who had arrived in December 2013 for a period of three months. Dr. Nakashiba’s research focus was on refugees in Spain. Other visiting researchers in 2014 were Dr. Ayumi Takenaka of COMPAS, University of Oxford, an anthropologist researching food habits amongst migrants; Professor Yosefa Loshitzky, whose project examined the Mediterranean as a zone of contact and cross-overs between diverse religious and ethnic groups; Mr. Talha Jalal from Pakistan who worked on Syrian refugees in contemporary contexts and Dr. Knut Graw, whose research focus was on migratory strategies amongst Senegalese.

Internships

In 2014, UNU-GCM welcomed three interns from IBEI for a period of twelve weeks. Each intern was mentored by a Research Fellow and offered a structured program of work that offered them the opportunity to develop a good understanding of the United Nations, of UNU-GCM’s work on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration and of academic and policy-related debates in this area. The interns were also guided through a research process that led to published policy reports and online articles.

Collaborations

UNU Migration Network

UNU-GCM acts as the coordinating point of the UNU Migration Network (migration.unu.edu). The Network is a research platform across Institutes of the UNU that shares expertise on Migration. It has been formed from the premise that migration is a major phenomenon of the twenty-first century, with impact at local and global levels. The UNU Migration Network includes all those UNU Institutes working on the topic of migration with the aim of examining in depth the needs of people who find themselves in the particular situation of migrancy from different disciplinary and interdisciplinary
Migration can enrich societies, but it can also give rise to challenges for both individuals involved in the migration process and governments and non-governmental organizations with stakes in the process. The UNU Migration Network analyzes and informs on all these aspects.

As a collaborative initiative, the mission of the UNU Migration Network is to support the sharing of knowledge and research practices; to find links between supposedly different approaches to the study of migration, such as those between environmental causes for migration and economic consequences; to inform policy on matters related to human security; to promote comparative regional perspectives on migration; to consider patterns of internal migration; to jointly influence governments or regions; It also contributes to the Millenium Development Goals and to UNU’s role as a policy-influencing body. It further acts as a vehicle for good initiatives and local practice to be discussed more widely. It offers a forum for the development of new synergies between UNU’s Institutes in order to both create and spread cutting edge research.

Global Migration Group (GMG)

In 2014, UNU-GCM led UNU’s entry in to the Global Migration Group (GMG). GMG is an inter-agency group bringing together heads of agencies to promote the wider application of all relevant international and regional instruments and norms relating to migration, and to encourage the adoption of more coherent, comprehensive and better coordinated approaches to the issue of international migration. The GMG is particularly concerned with improving the overall effectiveness of its members and other stakeholders in capitalizing upon the opportunities and responding to the challenges presented by international migration.

The GMG was established by the United Nations Secretary-General in early 2006 in response to a recommendation of the Global Commission on International Migration for the establishment of a high-level inter-institutional group of agencies involved in migration-related activities. The GMG was created by building on an existing inter-agency group with a more limited membership, the Geneva Migration Group, which was established in April 2003. At present, the Group is comprised of 18 entities.

Apart from sustaining the inter-agency cooperation in the field of international migration, the Group also contributes to the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), an intergovernmental process that emerged after the General Assembly High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in September 2006.
External Collaborations

In 2014, UNU-GCM welcomed the opportunity for a series of rich collaborations with universities in Spain and elsewhere, with other agencies of the United Nations and with think tanks in Barcelona. Notable amongst these was collaboration with UNITAR that led to the authoring by UNU-GCM of a report for the first Global Mayoral Forum on Cities and Migration that was held in Barcelona on June 20th 2014. UNU-GCM also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI) that has led to an internship programme run at UNU-GCM. UNU-GCM also collaborated with the Institute for Mediterranean Studies (IEMED) to celebrate a two-day international conference on the Arab uprisings. Other collaborations that took place in 2014 included the University of Málaga, the University of Zaragoza and the Complutense University in Madrid. UNU-GCM was further honoured to co-organize the Disputatio 2014 with the Barcelona Knowledge Hub of the Academy of Europe.
UNU-GCM in the Press

UNU-GCM welcomed the chance to expand on its research in the mainstream media in 2014. Researchers at UNU-GCM wrote widely in the online magazine Our World. UNU-GCM also featured in the mainstream press via interviews with the Director (La Vanguardia, August 17th 2014 and Punt d’Avui, December 7th 2014), as well as with participants at the two-day international conference on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration held on July 24th and 25th 2014.
Annex 1. List of Policy Reports

2013 Policy Reports

Series 1: Migration Media and Intercultural Dialogue

01/01
A historical overview of the relationship between ‘intercultural dialogue’ and associated terminology in UN-level documents in the mid to late Twentieth Century

01/02
A historical overview of the relationship between ‘intercultural dialogue’ and associated terminology in UN-level documents in the Twenty-First Century

01/03

01/04
Culture, Religion and Civilization in Selected UN Documents on Cultural Dialogue

01/05
Analyzing the phrase ‘intercultural dialogue’ in the six UN official languages in the UNGA Resolution 62/90 and its relation to the ‘Dialogue Among Civilizations’

01/06
Intercultural Studies, Interculturalism and the practice of “Intercultural Dialogue”

01/07
An analysis of the UNAOC Media Program: the ‘Global Experts’ project and the ‘Multimedia Projects and Videos on cross-cultural issues’ initiative

01/08
Intercultural Dialogue or Intercultural Soliloquies?

01/09
Understanding global intercultural dialogue initiatives within the logic of state-based multiculturalism

01/10
Attitudes towards immigrants in European Societies. A comparison between the Perceived Group Threats Theory and the Intercultural Values Theory through a multi-level analysis
Series 2: Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration

02/01
Problematising the Conventions on Statelessness

02/03
Immigration detention and stateless persons

02/04
Extended Report: The use of private companies to enforce migration control measures and problems of democratic accountability

2014 Policy Reports

Series 2: Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration

02/02
Is the Discussion of ‘Statelessness’ in the UN Security Council a Question of Human Security or International Security?

02/05
Transnationalism and New Media: Transcontinental Migrants and Interconnectivity of Cultures

02/06
Ambiguities in the Categories of Migration

02/07
Extended report: Global Migration Governance Performance - A Decade of Change

02/08
Cities, Displacement and Stranded Migrants

Policy Briefs

Megha Amrith, ‘Building City Identities in Contexts of Diversity, Mayoral Forum for Mobility, Migration and Development’


Books (Edited) and Special Issues


Scholarly Articles


Amrith, Megha (submitted) ‘Between Hostility and Hospitality: Comparing Contemporary Experiences of Migration in Urban Brazil and India’, Comparative Migration Studies.


**Book Chapters**


Other Publications


Bloom, Tendayi (Feb 2014) ‘Are the Swiss Really Against EU Immigration Policy?’, in Our World 17 February 2014


Interns’ Publications


Annex 3. UNU-GCM Events in 2014

February 20th, 2014
Annual Guest Lecture: ‘Globalization, Lumpen Development and Stateless Migration’, by Professor Samir Amin
UNU-GCM had the privilege of welcoming Professor Samir Amin to the Institute on 20th February 2014. Professor Amin gave a stimulating public lecture on ‘Globalization, Lumpen Development and Stateless Migration’ to a large and diverse audience. Professor Amin also held a workshop with UNU-GCM research fellows during which he shared his critiques of development and his experiences as Director of the Third World Forum on connecting academic, policy and civil society circles.

May 15th, 2014
Film screening: Isabel Fernández’s Documentary ‘Long Distance Runners’
On May 15th 2014, UNU-GCM celebrated the International Day of Families by screening Isabel Fernández’s Documentary ‘Corredor de fons’. The documentary traces the lives of three minors who are immigrants to Spain. The screening was followed by a round table discussion with two of the subjects of the documentary present.

June 2nd - 3rd, 2014
Conference: ‘the Arab revolutions’
On June 2nd and 3rd 2014, UNU-GCM hosted a conference entitled: ‘Les revolutions arabes: état des lieux’ (‘The Arab revolutions: the current situation’) in collaboration with the SpringArab Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme. Composed of seven universities and research institutes, SpringArab is led by Université Paris VIII in France with Dr. Enric Olivé of Universitat Rovira i Virgili as the Spanish coordinator. Participants came from institutions in Algeria, France, Italy, Morocco, Poland, Spain and Tunisia.
June 9th, 2014

Conference:
‘Fronders en el Siglo xxi: ¿Obstáculos o Puentes?’
UNU-GCM collaborated on Monday June 9th 2014 with the Fundación Investigación Para la Paz, University of Zaragoza, on a memorial conference in honour of Prof. Ángel Chueca, an expert in immigration law. Professor Parvati Nair offered a paper on the border and questions of survival.

June 19th – 20th, 2014

Forum: ‘Mayoral Forum on Cities and Migration’
UNU-GCM contributed to the first Mayoral Forum on Cities and Migration with a brief entitled ‘Building City Identities in Contexts of Diversity.’ This brief was the result of a collaboration between UNU-GCM and UNITAR. The high level Mayoral Forum assembled fifty mayors from world cities and representatives from international organizations (the World Bank, the International Organization for Migration, UNITAR, KNO-MAD, UN-Habitat, and European Commission). It is a global initiative with the major goals of bringing to the fore the role of cities as managers of international mobility and of highlighting the value of mobility for development.

July 10th, 2014

Lecture: ‘Developing Global Intercultural Dialogue’
UNU-GCM Research Fellows were honoured to join Belén Alfaro Hernández, Spanish Ambassador at Large for the Alliance of Civilizations, as guests of Complutense University’s Masters Programme in Cultural Heritage Management in Casa de América in Madrid. They presented a lecture organized by the Universidad Complutense de Madrid on “Developing Global Intercultural Dialogue”.

July 16th – 18th, 2014

Conference: ‘Young Europe: realities, dilemmas and opportunities for the new generation’
On July 16th to July 18th 2014 the Barcelona Knowledge Hub hosted the 26th Annual Conference of the Academia Europaea. UNU-GCM contributed with a panel to this three-day event entitled ‘Young Europe: realities, dilemmas and opportunities for the new generation’, which explored key medical, social and environmental challenges that Europe will have to address in the coming years. The Conference featured 20 speakers who engaged with the audience in fruitful discussions and scientific interaction.
July 24th, 2014

Exhibition: ‘Portraits of Denial and Desire’ by John Halaka

‘Portraits of Denial & Desire’ is a multidisciplinary project on photographic narrative of Palestinian refugees by John Halaka. This exhibition, co-organized by UNU-GCM in collaboration with the Tasneem Gallery in Barcelona, coincided with the UNU-GCM Conference on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration. The exhibition was opened with a private reception and was shown from July 25th 2014 to August 19th 2014.

July 24th – 25th, 2014

Conference: Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration Conference

On July 24th and 25th 2014, UNU-GCM hosted a two-day international conference on Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration. The conference included a focus on statelessness, citizenship and noncitizenship, human security, transcontinental migration, urban vulnerabilities and decisions that trigger migration. Speakers at this conference came from over thirty different academic and non-academic institutions. The conference also included the launch of a website on statelessness (statelessness.tv), the European Premier Screening of ‘Documented’, the story of Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, José Antonio Vargas.
Modern-day Disputatio: ‘The Mediterranean, Bridge of Cultures’

UNU-GCM organized, in collaboration with the Barcelona Knowledge Hub of the Academia Europaea, a modern-day Disputatio which was focused on ‘The Mediterranean, bridge of cultures’. With the participation of Maria Paradiso, Full Professor of Geography and Planning at the University of Sannio, Italy, and Member of the Academia Europaea, and Enric Banda, Director of Science and Environment at the “la Caixa” Foundation and Member of the Academia Europaea.

Research Seminars by Visiting Researchers


‘Continuity and Rupture in the Memory of Migration’ by Knut Graw, Visiting Researcher.
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