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## UNU Rector David M. Malone is Chair of the Global Migration Group

On 1 January 2017, UNU Rector and UN Under-Secretary-General Dr. David M. Malone [assumed the role of Chair](#) of the Global Migration Group (GMG). The GMG is a forum of 21 agencies and entities from the United Nations system that promotes norms relating to international migration so as to work towards improved global governance of this issue. UN Member States will engage in broad consultations throughout 2017 to inform negotiations on a global compact on safe, regular, and orderly migration in 2018. As Chair, Rector Malone will ensure that the GMG collaborates closely with the UN Secretary-General's representatives and with the Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD), a comprehensive government-led process that focuses on the links between migration and development, and systematically with those Member States playing key leadership roles in the run-up to the negotiation of the global compact in 2018. UNU-GCM looks forward to supporting the Rector in his role as GMG Chair. GCM will also work with the UNU Centre for Policy Research to produce a report on xenophobia and the representation of migrants in the media, in support of UN efforts to counter xenophobia.

## Most Read Articles in 2016

Among the top three most read articles on the UNU website in 2016 were articles written by former GCM interns Inés Crosas Remón, writing on [Migrant Brides in the Matchmaking Industry: Blurring the Binaries](#), and Anoosh Soltani, with an article on [Confronting Prejudice Against Muslim Women in the West](#). We are pleased that the findings of their research conducted at GCM on issues of great topical relevance are reaching a broad and global audience.

## Migration and Crises: UNU-GCM Research Update

UNU-GCM begins 2017 by developing work within its current research programme on [Migration and Crises](#). Within this framework, GCM researchers are working on projects that examine prejudice and instabilities in different world regions; the criminalization of humanitarian aid to migrants and refugees arriving in Europe; humanitarian and grassroots support of displaced populations in urban Asia; and the role of hope as a strategy of orientation in the context of migration in the Mediterranean region. We look forward to sharing the findings of these research projects in the form of academic outputs, policy reports, and photographs in the coming months.

## Save the Date: Migration and Displacement in Contemporary Africa

On 30 May 2017, UNU-GCM will hold a symposium on Migration and Displacement in Contemporary Africa. The symposium will bring together scholars who examine this theme from different disciplinary and methodological perspectives, with the aim to foster a wide-ranging dialogue on the local, regional and global implications of these movements. We encourage you to join us for this symposium. Further details on speakers and presentations will be posted on the UNU-GCM website in due course.

## Profile: Christina McElwaine, Visiting Fellow

UNU-GCM is happy to introduce Christina McElwaine, who joins us as a Visiting Fellow to support the work of the Chair of the Global Migration Group and will be based at the UNU Office in New York. She is a former career diplomat with the Government of Ireland and served in the UK, former Yugoslavia and as Deputy Consul General in New York. More recently she has worked at the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations in New York, where she advised the Permanent Representative of Ireland as co-facilitator of three major UN intergovernmental processes – the MDG Special Event in 2013, the post-2015 development agenda culminating in the adoption of Agenda 2030 in 2015 and, most recently, in negotiations leading to the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in 2016.

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