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UN invites stakeholders to participate in Global Compact on Migration

Last year, UN Member States adopted the landmark New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, which included an agreement to hold intergovernmental discussions leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration at an intergovernmental conference to be held in 2018. Member states have requested multi-stakeholder participation in these discussions, including by academic institutions, and a special accreditation process has been launched to facilitate this participation. In addition to academic institutions, stakeholders include non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, diaspora organizations, migrant organizations, and private sector entities. The accreditation process is open until April 9 2017. Stakeholders that are *not* in consultative status with UN ECOSOC may apply for the special accreditation by completing this registration form. We encourage those of you undertaking work on international migration to complete the accreditation form and to follow developments at the following website: http://refugeesmigrants.un.org

New book by GCM Research Fellow: *Caring for Strangers*

A new book by UNU-GCM Research Fellow Megha Amrith *Caring for Strangers: Filipino Medical Workers in Asia* has recently been published by NIAS Press. The book explores the personal narratives, experiences and aspirations of Filipino medical workers living and working in a global Asian city. It locates their stories within wider debates on migration, labour, care, gender and citizenship, while contributing a new and distinctive perspective to the scholarship on labour migration in Asia. This monograph relates to UNU-GCM's work on the agency of migrants to challenge gendered stereotypes in the field of transnational care. It also examines, from an anthropological perspective, the dynamics of intercultural encounters in contexts of migration. Further details can be found on the publisher's website. Policy reports that relate to the themes of this book are also available on the GCM website.

Presenting research on migrant political empowerment

UNU-GCM Junior Research Fellow Janina Pescinski presented her research on migrant political empowerment as a strategy to access rights at the international symposium 'Crossing Boundaries: Youth, Migration and Development', held on March 2nd and 3rd 2017. This research has also been published as a policy report and as part of a UNU blog series on gender. The symposium was hosted by the Hillary Clinton Center for Women's Empowerment at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, with the support of Fondation Friedrich Naumann pour la Liberté – Maroc.

Vacancy Announcement: Research Associate

UNU-GCM is recruiting a Research Associate to draft an in-depth and globally relevant baseline report addressing xenophobia and representations of migrants in the media. This report will form a key output in support of UNU's current Chairmanship of the Global Migration Group (GMG) in 2017. The finalized report will be disseminated within the UN system and made available to Member States. It is also likely to serve as the basis for future engagement by UNU-GCM with the media to collaborate on addressing xenophobia. We seek expressions of interest from established professionals and graduates with proven experience of in-depth research on the nexus of migration and media. This is a four-month consultancy that allows for flexibility in terms of working hours and location. The application deadline is April 10 2017. Further details can be found on the UNU website.