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The Rise of Nationalist Politics and Policy Implications for Migration

On 20 April 2017, UNU-GCM Research Fellow Valeria Bello spoke on a panel on 'The Rise of Nationalist Politics and Policy Implications for Migration', at UN Headquarters in New York. She was joined on the panel by Nasar Meer, Belachew Gebrewold and Gavaza Maluleke. Drawing on different academic perspectives, panellists addressed the main reasons behind a recent increase in anti-migrant violence in certain contexts, what we can learn from historical examples, how policies at the sub-national, national, regional and global levels address xenophobia and how groups seeking greater inclusivity might redress divisive politics. This event was the first in the UNU Panel Series on Academic Thinking on Migration, convened by the UNU Migration Network with the support of the UNU Office in New York. The series is held against the backdrop of thematic consultations feeding into negotiations towards a Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Upcoming panel details are on the [UNU Migration Network](#) website.

New Book by Valeria Bello launched at the UN bookshop in New York

Congratulations to Research Fellow Valeria Bello on the publication of her book *International Migration and International Security: Why Prejudice is a Global Security Threat*, with Routledge. The book was launched on 21 April 2017 at the United Nations Bookshop in New York in a 'Meet the Author' session, which featured a discussion with co-panellist Nasar Meer. Through an interdisciplinary analytic lens that combines debates in the fields of international relations, political science and sociology, the book reveals how transnational dynamics have increased extremism, prejudiced attitudes towards others and international xenophobia. *International Migration and International Security* provides a unique crosscutting angle from which to analyze the current socio-political crisis connected to the theme of international migration that the world is currently witnessing. Further details on the book can be found on the [UNU-GCM](#) and [Routledge](#) websites.

'Interculturalism in Times of Crisis' Special Section

GCM is pleased to announce the publication of '[Interculturalism in Times of Crisis](#)', a Special Section in the refereed journal *International Migration*, edited by Valeria Bello, Tendayi Bloom and Megha Amrith. The articles in the section address interculturalism and intercultural dialogue as new ways of framing dynamic inter-ethnic and broader community relations, considering how perceived and real crisis affects both state and societal understandings of ethnicity, culture and diversity. It brings together articles focussed on sub-state, state and regional levels, by scholars situated in different disciplines.

GCM welcomes Francisco Cos-Montiel as Senior Research Officer

Francisco Cos-Montiel joins UNU-GCM as Senior Research Officer. Francisco will support the Director in maintaining the Institute's leadership in offering evidence-based policy advice on globalization, culture and mobility through the lens of migration and media. Before joining UNU, Francisco was UN Women's Economic Advisor for the Asia Pacific Regional Office. His expertise includes the fields of macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis and the socio-cultural constraints to human agency. His latest research interest revolves around technology and its impact on human mobility, production and reproduction. Recently, Francisco authored the Asia Pacific report on 'Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work'. He also oversaw UN Women's migration portfolio in Asia Pacific and contributed to UN Women's chairing of the Global Migration Group in 2016. Before joining UN Women, he had a distinguished public service career in both Mexico and Canada. Francisco holds a PhD (Gender Studies) and an MSc (Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries) from the London School of Economics.

Register for 'Migration and Displacement in Contemporary Africa'

We will soon be opening registration for a conference on 'Migration and Displacement in Contemporary Africa', to be held on 30 May 2017 at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site. Check on our website: gcm.unu.edu for updates on how to register and the conference programme.

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