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Vision

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) aims to become a pre-eminent research centre 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

Migrations and human mobility have fully entered the realm of the international political agenda. The adoption of the New York Declaration in September 2016 by all 193 Member States of the United Nations at the September General Assembly marked the fact that the international community has recognised the need for a global commitment to protect migrants' and refugees' rights and respond to main challenges around human mobility.



Mobility and people's 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 terms migration and refugee echo 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. The work undertaken by the international community no doubt requires the practical commitment of men and women who engage in knowledge creation, so as to base their evidence on solid foundations. It is a great pleasure for me, and also a source of profound satisfaction, to be able to confirm that UNU-GCM engages with this moment with an intellectual zeal that is more than remarkable, and with renewed energies to contribute to the development of the role assigned to the United Nations family by the General Assembly. Despite still being in its early years, UNU-GCM has become a center of reference for matters relating to culture, mobility and globalization, able to broach the most acute problems that we are experiencing in the Mediterranean and other regions. It is notable that, following the work of UNU-GCM at the Global Migration Group since 2014, the Rector was elected as Chair for 2017.

The humanitarian crisis that is unfolding in the Euro-Mediterranean region and in Africa forces us to proceed with tenacity. We need immediate and determined action to deal with its effects on displaced people, refugees and migrants, and to sustain the momentum of the international community to establish an international response in the medium and long terms. In this sense, it is important to note the role of UNU and of UNU-GCM in the elaboration of the Global Compacts on migration and refugees that requires the engagement of all in achieving this objective. I reiterate my sincere acknowledgement of the valuable work carried out by the men and women who, under the direction of Professor Parvati Nair, are collaborating to endow our governments, regional and international organizations and the UN family with knowledge and scientific evidence, at such a crucial time for us all. I am confident that the institutions that make this possible will continue to contribute to the institute and to strengthen their commitment to it, so that it may continue to develop its worthy work from Barcelona, bringing to the latter a Mediterranean vision that guarantees a special contribution to the goal of improving the lives of men and women on the move, and thus our own and that of our planet.

Anna Terrón Cusí

Chair of the Advisory Board



Rector's Message

The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) was 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, the Generalitat of Catalonia, and the Barcelona City Council, it has the privilege of carrying out its work in the unique and very beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Modernist Site of Sant Pau in Barcelona.

In 2016, UNU-GCM has prioritized creating a research profile that meets the United Nations University's overarching goals of ad-

dressing the formation of policy as well as contributing to academic research of a cutting-edge quality. Research is channelled 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. UNU-GCM represents the UNU at the Global Migration Group (GMG), a high level forum that focuses specifically on this topic within the United Nations, in collaboration with the International Organization of Migration and the World Bank. The nomination in 2016 of the Rector of UNU as incoming Chair of the GMG in 2017 has meant that UNU-GCM has been closely engaged with shadowing the 2016 GMG Chair, UN Women as part of a troika.

The adoption of the New York Declaration in September 2016 has further clarified the road ahead for research on migration and human mobility. This landmark agreement is historic in that it marks the launch of a two-year process whereby member states negotiate and agree two global compacts by 2018, one on a responsibility framework for refugees and another on safe, orderly and regular migration. Research at UNU-GCM responds directly to many of the key elements highlighted in the New York Declaration as relevant to the shaping of the global compact on safe, orderly and regular migration. 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

Director's Message

As questions of migration and refuge reached unprecedented levels of global attention in 2016, as marked by the adoption of the New York Declaration by all Member States of the United Nations, the work of UNU-GCM gained greatly in relevance and timeliness. UNU-GCM's research focus on culture and mobility in the context of globalization addresses major global debates and issues surrounding migration. We are proud to note that our goals and focus pre-empt the priorities of the New York Declaration. In 2016, we continued our plan of work on Statelessness and Trans-continental Migration and on a multi-faceted research program on Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-Cultural Change, whilst also developing outputs on the topic of Migration and Crisis. Our many collaborations in the course of the year include entities and researchers in Spain and presentations at global forums, such as the annual Coordination Meeting on Migration held at the UN Secretariat. A definite highlight of the year was our Annual Guest Lecture, attended by an audience of nearly 1400, by Professor Noam Chomsky, followed by the academic seminar that he led.



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. UNU-GCM's role as working Level representative at the Global Migration Group bore fruit through the election of the Rector of UNU, Dr. David M. Malone as incumbent Chair of the Global Migration group in 2017. This meant the immediate inclusion of UNU in the troika of the Global Migration Group, with UNU-GCM engaged at working level.

On a more local front, UNU-GCM continues to enjoy the privilege of being part of a vibrant community of international organizations at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site. Barcelona 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 knowledge on culture and mobility in Barcelona, Spain and more globally.

Parvati Nair
Director



Sant Manuel Pavilion

About UNU-GCM

Our Hosts

UNU-GCM is hosted by the Kingdom of Spain. More precisely, in 2016, UNU-GCM was hosted by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, the Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation, the Generalitat of Catalonia and the City Council of Barcelona. In 2016, UNU-GCM drew on funds granted to UNU by these institutions for developing its research. We are grateful to all our hosts for making our work possible.

Location

UNU-GCM is located in the Sant Manuel Pavilion of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site. As a major modernist site in the world, designed by the architect Lluís 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 heritage restoration projects.

The Sant Manuel Pavilion was built in 1925 under the direction of Pere Domènech i Roura, the son of Lluís Domènech i Montaner, who took over the project following his father's death. This Pavilion 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

UNU-GCM 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 in-



The team at UNU-GCM

creased modes of communication via technological and other means, to be two important social processes that are occurring globally. UNU-GCM aims to contribute to 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, including 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 with different areas of expertise and 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 research consultants. UNU-GCM also 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.

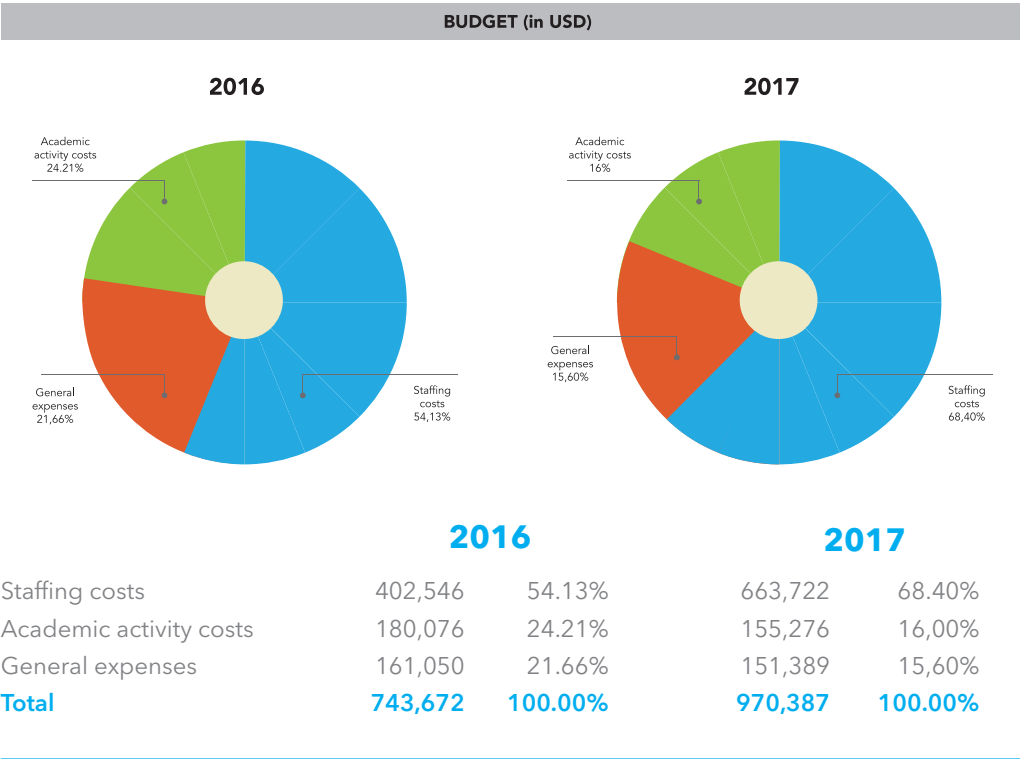
Advisory Board



Advisory Board members Sally Khalifa Isaac, Salam Kawakibi, Board Chair Anna Terrón Cusí, UNU Vice Rector Max Bond, and UNU-GCM Director Parvati Nair.

UNU-GCM's Advisory Board is chaired by Mrs. Anna Terrón Cusí. Other Board members in 2016 were Sally Khalifa Isaac (Cairo University, Egypt), Salam Kawakibi (Arab Reform Initiative), Francisco Aldecoa Luzárraga (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain) and Catherine Wihtol de Wenden (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France). The Board meets annually and the Rector and Director are exoficio members.

Financial Overview



Research Programmes

Research programmes at UNU-GCM have included Migration and Crises; Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-cultural Change; Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration; and Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue.

With all our research programmes, 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. From each research line we also produce 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.

All research programmes 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, activities at UNU-GCM in 2016 ranged from film screenings, to seminars, to cultural collaborations, and a two-day international conference.

Policy reports for all research programmes can be found on the UNU-GCM website: <http://gcm.unu.edu/publications/policy-reports>

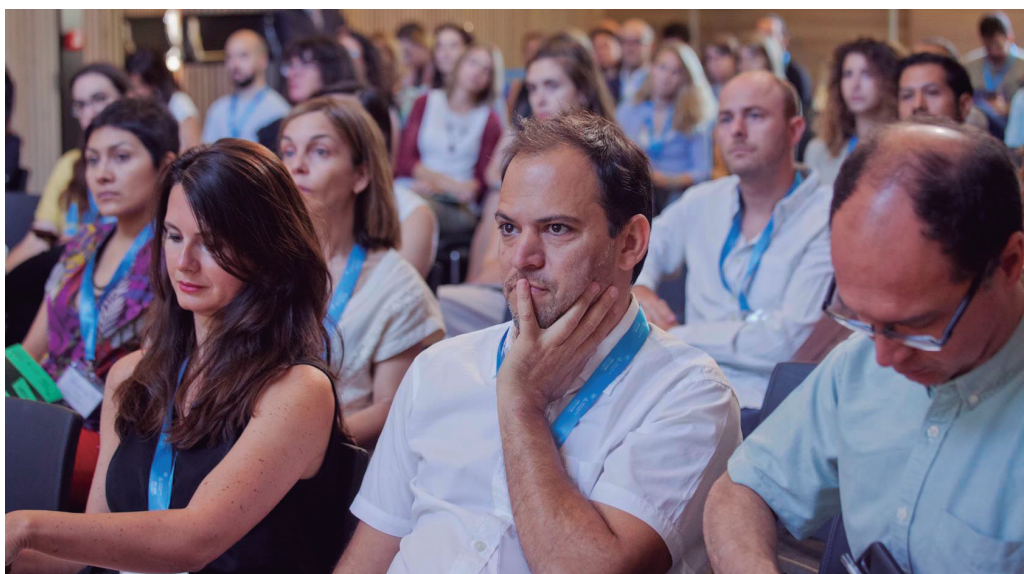


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Migration and Crises (2016- ongoing)

In 2016, UNU-GCM began a new research line on Migration and Crises. Projects in this research line examine the human costs of these crises that have forced people to move, and the new instabilities and vulnerabilities that are introduced, such as increasing prejudice and discrimination towards migrants and refugees. It also considers the management of these migratory crises and the role of states, as well as non-state actors, in the increasing securitisation of migration. At the same time, it takes into account the role of civil society movements, local governance, and grassroots and urban-based initiatives, in addressing the challenges faced by migrants and refugees, with a number of these actors playing a crucial role in providing humanitarian support and assistance, as well as solidarity, to those who have been displaced.

Outputs thus far have included academic publications, media articles, and participation in various international conferences. The research findings of this project will help to understand how policy-making can better prevent, deal with and manage migratory and refugee crises in the future.

Key Outputs

- International Conference: [Cities of Welcome, Cities of Transit](#), 14-15 July 2016, in collaboration with open Democracy and the School of Law, Queen Mary University of London
- "Crises of Immigration", Annual Guest Lecture by Noam Chomsky, 5 November 2016



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Selected Projects

HOPEFUL JOURNEYS | *Researcher Parvati Nair · Research assistant: Tatiana Diniz*

Hopeful Journeys is a multi-media project that examines the role of hope, on both personal and collective levels, as a strategy of survival and progress in the context of migration in the Mediterranean. The overarching objective of this project is to highlight hope as a vital social, psychological and strategic feature of human existence, bringing to light the centrality of human beings in reference to debates on migration. In turn, the focus on hope will foreground the urgency for a humanitarian approach to policy-making on migration.

The project covers the Mediterranean region with four symbolic locations: Melilla, Lampedusa, Athens and Beirut. Through interviews and photographic documentation, the matter of hope is traced at various levels.

CONFLICT AND INSTABILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND NORTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE CONSEQUENT SECURITIZATION OF MIGRATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN | *Researcher: Valeria Bello*

In the light of UN discussions and other high-level discussions on the current refugee crisis, this research activity has investigated the human cost of conflicts and instabilities in the Middle East, Central Asia and Northern Africa and the main actors who have played a role in these situations. Firstly, it has considered how the displacements and forced migration that has resulted from these conflicts has entailed further instabilities because of prejudice and discrimination towards immigrants and the additional vulnerabilities that people live when displaced. Secondly, it has considered which actors were involved in both the management of these migratory crises and the consequent securitization of migration and what strategies they have used to deal with this issue.

Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-cultural Change (2014-2016)

In 2016, UNU-GCM continued work on the research programme on Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-cultural Change, which began in 2014. The feminization of migration is one of the most significant social patterns to have emerged in the course of the last century. Too often, female migrants occupy vulnerable positions in their host societies, engaging in domestic work, sex work and other unregulated sectors. Despite being so vulnerable and despite established patterns of exploitation, the number of women who choose to migrate is rising. This research programme focused on this phenomenon, in order to better understand why and how migration may offer routes to empowerment to women.

This research programme highlighted the empowerment that women experience through migration, as well as the numerous contributions they make to the urban social fabric. These include building and reinforcing networks, acting as cultural mediators, bringing vision and entrepreneurship to their places of relocation, and personal and social enhancement through gaining new cultural perspectives and understandings. Female migrant workers continue to experience vulnerabilities and forms of exploitation in often-invisible sectors of the labour market, including domestic and care work. At the same time, migrant women are themselves active agents in the process of ensuring decent and dignified working conditions, through their collaboration with civil society movements, migrant associations and local government. Immigrant women's ability to integrate into the labour market in countries of residence appears to be a driving force of socio-cultural change in their families. Extremely strong and well-educated women can become leaders of female immigrants' associations, which can serve a forum for political participation and positively affect socio-cultural change within both immigrants groups and host societies. Migrant women play key roles in securing a sense of personal, familial and community wellbeing in the city, and as such, migration can be a transformative and empowering experience.

As part of this research programme, Dr. Lorenzo Gabrielli spent three months at the Institute as a Visiting Researcher. Dr. Gabrielli conducted research on how masculine representations of border crossings in Melilla conceal other kinds of crossings.

Key outputs:

- Series of [ten policy reports](#)
- Two-day [International Conference](#)
- Women of the World: Home and Work in Barcelona photo exhibit and online feature

Additional Research Themes

The 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.

Key outputs:

- Series of [ten policy reports](#)
- Two-day [international conference](#)
- Academic publications on interculturalism, media, transnational identities, cultural and religious plurality

The research programme on **Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration** focused 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.

Key outputs:

- Series of [nine policy reports](#)
- Two-day [international conference](#)
- Academic publications on statelessness, borders, non-state actors, undocumented migrants

Over the past three years, UNU-GCM has developed research on **cities and migration**, intersecting with its different research programmes. This work recognises how cities are where migrants of different backgrounds converge to seek work opportunities, engage with social networks and build new lives. From a more policy-oriented angle, our research has examined the crucial role of local government in developing inclusive policies for migration and diversity. We have collaborated with UNITAR for the Global Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development in writing policy briefs on the key challenges and opportunities relating to urban migration, as well as provided input into UNESCO's work in this area. We have also studied how different actors in cities - local authorities, non-governmental organisations, and urban citizens - are playing an increasingly humanitarian role, displaying an openness and supporting migrants and refugees in a context where state rhetoric and policy has largely focussed on closure and containment. Our academic research on migration and cities brings the fields of migration studies and urban studies into productive dialogue, and examines migrants' experiences of the cities to which they move, their social networks, processes of community formation in urban neighbourhoods, and how migrants create a sense of home and belonging.

Collaborations



Members of the UNU Migration Network present their research at the Network's first conference, hosted by UNU-GCM in January 2016. See more: migration.unu.edu

UNU Migration Network

In 2016 UNU-GCM continued to be centrally involved in the UNU Migration Network (migration.unu.edu) after handing over the coordination to UNU-MERIT. The UNU Migration 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 perspectives. 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; and to jointly influence governments or regions. It also contributes to the Sustainable 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)



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In 2016, UNU-GCM continued to represent UNU at working level within the Global Migration Group (GMG), after UNU's entry into the GMG in 2014. The 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. In 2016, UNU joined the Troika of the GMG in preparing for assuming Chairmanship in 2017, and UNU-GCM was involved at both working and support levels.

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 22 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 2016, 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. A continued collaboration with UNITAR led to UNU-GCM authoring a policy brief and attending the third Global Mayoral Forum on Cities and Migration that was held in Quezon City in September 2016. Other collaborations that took place in 2016 included a touring photographic exhibition in the public libraries of the Barcelona region.



"Mediterranean Journeys in Hope", a collaboration with the online media platform openDemocracy that began in April 2016, is a web platform where UNU-GCM researchers, policymakers and others have contributed their analysis of the migration situation in the Mediterranean region.



Research interns Maya Odeh and Austin Ruckstuhl from IBEI.

Internships

In 2016, UNU-GCM welcomed seven interns, including two research interns from our partnership with the Barcelona Institute for International Studies (IBEI), each for a period of twelve weeks. Each research intern was mentored by a Research Fellow and offered a structured program of work that gave them the opportunity to develop a good understanding of the United Nations, of UNU-GCM's work on Migration and Crises 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. Three administrative interns also contributed to the ongoing work of the Institute.

UNU-GCM in the Media

UNU-GCM welcomed the chance to expand on its research in the mainstream media in 2016. Researchers at UNU-GCM wrote widely in the online magazine Our World as well as for the online media platform openDemocracy. UNU-GCM was also featured in the media via interviews with the Director, as well as with speakers from the international conference on Cities of Welcome, Cities of Transit held in July 2016.

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Annex 2. Events

Conference: International Migration and Current Challenges: Transforming the Debate on Human Mobility

28 JANUARY 2016

UNU-GCM hosted the first conference of the [UNU Migration Network](#). The theme of “International Migration and Current Challenges: Transforming the Debate on Human Mobility” is a crucial contemporary topic, connected to key concerns of our world, including, among others, human and international security, sustainable development and gender issues. As a consequence, questions arising in the field of international migration provoke discussions among a variety of experts, stakeholders and citizens on how to better deal with human mobility. 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.

Film Screening: *Mediterranea*

13 APRIL 2016

UNU-GCM organised a screening of *Mediterranea* (2015), a film by Jonas Carpignano. The film tells the story of two best friends who journey from Burkina Faso across desert and sea in search of a better life and the tough challenges they face in their new lives in Southern Italy. The event included a commentary by Professor Yosefa Loshitzky, Professorial Research Associate at the Centre for Media and Film Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Both the film and the commentary afterwards led to a lively discussion with the audience on many relevant issues in the current migration debate, including smuggling, family, integration and racism.

Conference: *Cities of Welcome, Cities of Transit*

14-15 JULY 2016

UNU-GCM hosted a conference on ‘Cities of Welcome/Cities of Transit’ at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site in Barcelona, jointly organised with openDemocracy and the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London. It was a timely conference looking at the ways in which the arrival and transit of refugees is currently shaping urban environments across Europe, and generating various forms of solidarity and welcome, as

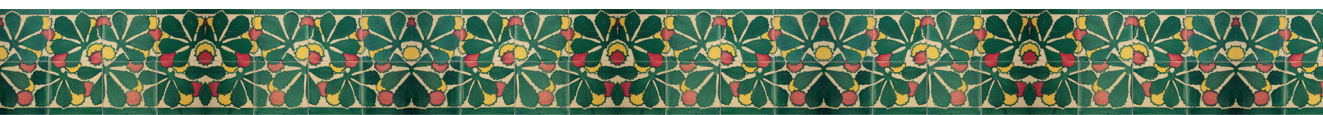




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well as tension and violence. The conference opened with framing addresses from the Barcelona City Council, highlighting some key initiatives that have been set up in the city for migrants and refugees. Subsequent panels in interactive formats then brought together a wide range of people and organisations - from civil society organisations, activists, legal scholars, academics in the humanities and social sciences, as well as local policy makers working closely with these issues from different perspectives. The conference enabled knowledge exchange and featured vibrant discussions. It also included a photo exhibition *Refuge in the City* by Tatiana Diniz, and a screening of *Welcome to Italy* by filmmaker Dagmawi Yimer.

Crises of Immigration: Annual Guest Lecture by Noam Chomsky

5 NOVEMBER 2016

UNU-GCM was delighted to host Professor Noam Chomsky in Barcelona for our Annual Guest Lecture. On 5th November, Professor Chomsky gave a lecture on 'Crises of Immigration' to an audience of over 1,400 people at the Palau de Congressos de Catalunya. Professor Chomsky provided a critical analysis of contemporary international challenges, particularly in relation to migration. He argued that such crises are in fact moral crises in wealthy Western states, while offering a rich analysis of historical examples of forced migration and displacement, and the painful and enduring legacies of colonialism, slavery and military intervention, which are at the very roots of the challenges that we face today. The full text of Professor Chomsky's lecture is available on the UNU-GCM website, together with a video interview.



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Graduate Masterclass with Noam Chomsky

7 NOVEMBER 2016

The Masterclass with Professor Chomsky on 7th November was held at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site for an audience of 200 participants, with reflections on his work by Professor Paula Casal, University Pompeu Fabra and Dr. Paul Bou-Habib, University of Essex. Professor Chomsky's visit provided a truly inspiring opportunity to exchange with one of the world's great intellectuals.

Workshop on Perceptions of Migration in the Mediterranean

29 NOVEMBER 2016

This workshop, jointly organized by UNU-GCM and the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), aims to contribute to analyzing and understanding both socio-political and visual mechanisms underpinning perceptions of migration and mobility in the Mediterranean and their policy implications. Speakers included UNU-GCM Director Parvati Nair, Research Fellow Valeria Bello and former visiting researcher Lorenzo Gabrielli.



Exhibition: "Women of the World: Home and Work in Barcelona" by Parvati Nair and Tatiana Diniz

THROUGHOUT 2016

Women of the World: Home and Work in Barcelona combines oral history with documentary photography to create a set of audiovisual representations for each subject. The project explores the overlaps and contrasts between home, work and the city for first generation female immigrants. This exhibition, co-organized by UNU-GCM in cooperation with the Barcelona Provincial Council Network of Municipal Libraries (led by the *Gerència de Serveis de Biblioteques de la Diputació de Barcelona*), moved between a number of libraries within the network, ensuring that Diniz's powerful portraits reached a wide public. The exhibition was initially hosted by the Sant Pau art Nouveau Site in Barcelona and was first launched in conjunction with UNU-GCM's conference on Female Agency, Mobility and Socio-cultural Change in June 2015.



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