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## Launch of the Model International Mobility Convention

To mark International Migrants Day, on December 18 UNU-GCM hosted a roundtable discussion for the launch of the Model International Mobility Convention, in collaboration with the Global Policy Initiative at Columbia University.

The event was formally opened by Mr. Isidre Sala, Director General for Multilateral and European Affairs of the Generalitat of Catalonia. Professor Michael Doyle, Director of the Columbia Global Policy Initiative presented the objectives of the Model International Mobility Convention and reflections were offered by Prof. Dr. Parvati Nair, Director of UNU-GCM. The roundtable discussion commenced with a video speech by Mr. Thomas Gass, Under Secretary General of the United Nations at UNDESA and Member of UNU's Council. Ms. Anna Terrón i Cusi, Chair of UNU-GCM's Advisory Board, H.E.Mr Arturo Cabrera, Ambassador Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the UN in Geneva, and Professor Binod Khadria, Professor of Economics and Education at Jawaharlal Nehru University also shared their reflections.

The event provided a valuable discussion on alternative frameworks for governing mobility at the international level in a way that offers a flexible legal framework encompassing multiple scenarios of mobility, with rights and obligations on states and persons alike. On this occasion we were also pleased to welcome members of the UNU-GCM advisory board: Dr. Sally Khalifa Isaac, Dr. Salam Kawakibi, and Prof. Francisco Aldecoa Luzárraga.

To address gaps in international law on human mobility, and the growing gaps in protection and responsibility that are leaving people vulnerable, the Model International Mobility Convention proposes a framework for mobility with the goals of reaffirming the existing rights afforded to mobile people (and the corresponding rights and responsibilities of states) as well as expanding those basic rights where warranted.

The eight chapters of the Model International Mobility Convention were developed by a multidisciplinary Commission of eminent academic and policy experts in the fields on migration, human rights, national security, labor economics and refugee law. The Commission came together to debate and develop the Convention in workshops conducted regularly from spring 2015 until it was finalized in June 2017. It was led by Professor Michael Doyle, Global Policy Initiative, Columbia University.

The Columbia Global Policy Initiative invites you to sign your name to the Model International Mobility Convention. After nearly two years of study and debate, the Model International Mobility Convention represents a shared framework among over 40 international academics. It serves the ambitious goal of creating a holistic, rights-respecting governance regime for all aspects of international migration, filling in the gaps in the existing international legal regime and expanding protections where needed.

You can contribute your feedback and sign in support of the final Convention at [globalpolicy.columbia.edu/mobility-convention](http://globalpolicy.columbia.edu/mobility-convention) and we encourage you to promote it within your networks.

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## Valeria Bello presents her research at Sciences Po

On December 7 and 8, Research Fellow Valeria Bello joined an international workshop organised by Science Po, Paris, on "The Framing of Crises in Europe". She presented her recent research "The rise of prejudice in Europe. A migration crisis or a crisis of the EU and its values?", in a section on migration and crisis chaired by Virginie Giraudon.

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## Launch of Sustainable Development Explorer

UNU has launched the Sustainable Development Explorer, a platform that highlights research done at UNU in the context of the Sustainable Development agenda. UNU's work spans the full breadth of the SDGs. Our global network of highly-specialised research institutes collaborates to better address these complex, multifaceted challenges. Explore here: <https://unu.edu/explore>

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**UNU-GCM wishes you a happy holiday season and best wishes for 2018!**

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