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UNU-Barcelona moves to its permanent premises



On February 20th 2013, the United Nations University Institute in Barcelona moved to its permanent offices in the Sant Manuel Pavilion of the Sant Pau Historic Site in Barcelona. Built in the early twentieth century, the Sant Pau Historic Site is a World Heritage Site that houses the most important complex of Modernist architecture. Following extensive restoration work, the Sant Manuel Pavilion has been transformed from a working hospital ward to a distinctive space that combines attention to sustainability with respect for the detail and aesthetic of Modernist architecture.

For UNU-Barcelona, the move signals the start in earnest of its research programmes and related projects. It is hoped that this unique location will inspire creative thinking and cutting edge research in the areas of globalization, culture and mobility.

UNU-Barcelona holds its first workshop on migration issues



On 26 and 27 February 2013, eleven early-career researchers took part in the First Interdisciplinary Workshop on Migration Issues in Catalonia. The workshop was held at the Institute's permanent premises within the Sant Manuel Pavilion of the Sant Pau Historic Site.

The aim of the workshop was to explore the ways by which interdisciplinary approaches to migration studies can contribute to further advances in this field of research. Researchers were invited to share and discuss their research results. Diverse disciplines were represented, including political theory, law, sociology, social anthropology, political science, international relations and psychology.

Researchers came from different Catalan Institutes and Universities, including Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Universitat de Barcelona, Universitat de Tarragona Rovira i Virgili, and the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals.

A second meeting to develop further research activities will follow next summer.

Monthly profile: Prof. Dr. Parvati Nair, Director of UNU-Barcelona



Prof. Dr. Parvati Nair joined the UNU on 17 September 2012 as the founding Director of the UNU Institute in Barcelona. She has taught and published in the fields of Cultural Studies and Hispanic Studies. Her particular areas of focus are on questions of gender, ethnicity and cultural identity in contexts of mobility and displacement. She also writes on the representations of migration in cultural media, especially photography. She is the Principal Editor of the refereed journal *Crossings: Journal of Migration and Culture*. Prof. Nair is a UK national, born in Oslo to Indian parents.

UNU-Barcelona launches its website



We are very pleased to announce that UNU-Barcelona's website has been launched.

We welcome you to visit it at <http://barcelona.unu.edu>.

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