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New Publication by Director Parvati Nair

The Columbia Journal of Transnational Law published a special issue that includes an [article](#) by GCM's Director, Parvati Nair entitled 'Beyond Mapped Horizons: Reflections on the Model International Mobility Convention.' The article considers the model convention in light of the ongoing processes for global compacts on migration and on shared responsibility for refugees, as well as of lived realities for migrants and refugees. The global compacts are seen as important stepping-stones in a longer route ahead for policy-making on human mobility that takes into account the fact that mobility is an intrinsic aspect of human existence.

Valeria Bello delivers keynote at event on Environmental Migrants

On 21 March, Senior Research Fellow Valeria Bello participated as keynote speaker at a public event on "*Refugiados Climáticos en un Planeta con Fronteras*" (*Environmental Forced Migrants in a Bordered World*) at the San Telmo Museum in San Sebastián/Donostia. The [event](#) was aimed at raising awareness of those persons who are displaced and forced to move across borders due to environmental degradation caused by climate change or human made disasters – or both. These displaced persons often find themselves at major risk due to the consequences of environmental phenomena caused by transnational activities. These phenomena ignore borders, but they occur in a world that, for human beings, is still very much a bordered one.

Visit from Professor Hiro Ueki

On 20 March, UNU-GCM was honoured to welcome Professor Hiro Ueki, a former senior UN colleague and one of the leading academic voices on the UN in Japan. His interest in GCM and its research projects was prompted by the recent establishment of a new working group on human security and peace building at Sophia University. The meeting involved a research presentation by UNU-GCM experts and an interesting discussion of migration and statelessness.

Valeria Bello begins course on International Migration at IBEI

As for the past three years, this March Valeria Bello has started teaching [International Migration](#) at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI). This course is part of UNU-GCM's ongoing efforts to collaborate on academic activities in Spain, by providing postgraduate training in the field of mobility with a crosscutting angle that strives to contribute to reducing inequalities.

International Women's Day and Achieving Gender Equality 2030

The UNU-GCM team recognized International Women's Day with an article that [identified](#) many ways in which gender equality can be achieved by 2030. The team was also keen to participate in UNU's [social media](#) campaign for International Women's Day, taking advantage of the occasion to reflect more carefully on Sustainable Development Goal 5: gender equality.

Publication of New Policy Reports

Two new policy reports have been published in UNU-GCM's series *Migration and Crises*. Tricia Magalotti's report, "The Ethics of Mental Healthcare for Asylum Seekers in European Reception Centers", assesses the obligations that states have in regards to the mental health of asylum seekers and refugees, and emphasises the need to remove legal and practical barriers to healthcare. Bavo Stevens' report, "*The Involuntary Immobility of Bangkok's Urban Refugees*", describes the way that the reluctant immobility of urban refugees affects their rights, agency and access to urban spaces. All reports from this series are available on the UNU-GCM [website](#).

Save the Date: Roundtable on Globalization and Mobility

On May 22, UNU-GCM will host a roundtable entitled "Globalization and Mobility, a dialogue between Latin America and the Mediterranean", in collaboration with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). The event will take place ahead of the Latin America Studies Association (LASA) Conference that takes place in Barcelona in May. It will serve as a networking space that allows researchers who participate in LASA 2018 to exchange experiences and reflections on how to face current human mobility challenges. Stay tuned for more information.

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