



## Ten Policy Reports on Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue Published Online



This month has seen the finalization of UNU-GCM's first Policy Reports Series, which is now available for download from the Institute's website. The ten reports present the results of the first phase of work in the Institute's first research line, 'Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue'. They cover a range of topics relating to intercultural dialogue and its relationship to the themes of migration and media on both international and local levels. It is hoped that their publication will contribute to fulfilling the Institute's aim to provide high quality interdisciplinary work on human mobility that contributes to good governance, cultural diversity and human rights.

To read the reports, please visit:

<http://gcm.unu.edu/index.php/publications/policy-reports>

## Learning from a comparison of UK experiences of free movement from the EU and the Commonwealth



This study, published this month in the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies and co-authored by Tendayi Bloom, Research Fellow at UNU-GCM and Katherine Tonkiss, Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham's School of Government and Society, examines the response in the UK to historical Commonwealth immigration, and uses this to inform an analysis of contemporary reactions in the UK and elsewhere to the EU free movement regime. Between 1948 and 1962, approximately 600 million Commonwealth citizens had the right to enter the UK. This paper posits that a failure of mainstream politics to take into account genuine local concerns about service-provision contributed to a racialization of the rhetoric and the creation of far right parties that still exist today. It argues that a similar trend can be observed today in the UK and elsewhere in Europe in response to contemporary fears about EU migration. It argues that mainstream politics needs to respond directly to local concerns about service-provision, rather than leaving it to more extreme groups to set the terms of the debate.

## Valeria Bello, Research Fellow at UNU-GCM, presents research findings at major Spanish Sociological Congress



On July 10 and 11, 2013, Valeria Bello, Research fellow at UNU-GCM presented a paper at the "XI Congreso Español de Sociología" of FES, the Spanish Association of Sociology. This conference takes place every three years and, on this occasion, it was held at the Complutense University in Madrid, and was entitled "Crisis y Cambio. Propuestas de la Sociología" (Crisis and Change. Suggestions from Sociology). Valeria presented her research results on "Actitudes hacia la inmigración en periodos de crisis. Una comparación entre las teorías del conflicto de grupo y las teorías de los valores interculturales a través de un análisis multinivel" (Attitudes towards immigrants in crisis time. A comparison between the Group Threats Theory and the Intercultural Values Theory) in the session "Sociology of Migrations", which was composed of more than 80 scholars from across Spanish Universities. Being one of the first three biggest workshops of the Conference itself, this session signalled the key role of the topic in this field.

## The first video in the Dialogue series on Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue is now available on the website of UNU-GCM



The first in the Dialogues series of videos, entitled 'Key Concepts', focusing on Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue is now available on the website of UNU-GCM. This short film foregrounds the main points of discussion at a dialogue organized at UNU-GCM between Ms. Yolanda Onghena, Senior Researcher at CIDOB, and Dr. Enrique Santamaría, Professor of Sociology at UAB, to consider questions around globalization, culture and mobility, cultural difference; the role of mainstream and new media in the construction of discourses on migration; and intercultural dynamics.

To access the video, please visit:

<http://gcm.unu.edu/index.php/events/videos>

## Monthly profile: Regina Salanova, Programme Manager at UNU-GCM



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