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UNU-GCM holds its Opening Ceremony



The United Nations University Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) held its official opening on September 17th 2013. The event took place in the Administration Pavilion of the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site in the city of Barcelona, where UNU-GCM's premises are located, in the presence of the Rector of UNU, Dr. David Malone; the President of the Generalitat of Catalunya, the Right Honourable Mr. Artur Mas; the Mayor of Barcelona, Mr. Xavier Trias; and the Secretary General of Universities, D. Federico Morán-Abad. The Founding Director of UNU-GCM, Prof. Dr. Parvati Nair, said 'the mission of UNU-GCM is to contribute to good governance, democracy and human rights through a better understanding of culture and mobility in the context of globalization.'

Professor David Abulafia, a historian of the Mediterranean from the University of Cambridge, gave an Inaugural Lecture on Migration and Culture in the Mediterranean. The musician Eduardo Paniagua and his group offered a concert entitled Three Cultures; Muslims, Jews and Christians in Medieval Spain. The event was followed by a Reception and an exhibition of photographs of contemporary Barcelona by Samuel Aranda, photographer and winner of the World Press Photo Award in 2012.

UNU-GCM hosts a workshop on 'Non-citizen'ship in Manchester, UK



In September 2013, UNU-GCM hosted a workshop on 'Non-citizen'ship at MANCEPT, an important international forum for the development of new areas in Political Theory research. Alongside a series of interesting and engaging papers, there was intense debate. The group have agreed to continue to work together to develop this emerging area in Political Theory. Citizenship has long been a crucial core concept in the development of political theory, with work being done to explore the nature of the status from a variety of angles, and in a variety of forms. Non-citizenship in its various forms is usually examined merely as the deprivation of citizenship. However, as was agreed in the workshop, the status of the 'non-citizen' needs to be understood as more than the negation of citizenship.

Ricard Morén joins UNU-GCM as Visiting Researcher



Dr. Ricard Morén-Alegret started his residency as Visiting Researcher at UNU-GCM in August 2013. Most of his research stay at UNU-GCM is focused on co-writing a paper based on a geographical research project on contemporary foreign immigration in a culturally diverse Mediterranean small town. Concretely, the main focus is Roses, a small town placed in Alt Empordà, North Eastern Catalonia, Spain, with a recorded immigration history that goes back to the ancient Greeks

Dr. Morén holds a PhD in Ethnic Relations (University of Warwick, UK) and a MA in Human Geography (UAB, Spain). Dr. Morén is currently Tenured Assistant Professor at the Geography Department of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UAB, where he is also Coordinator of the Migration Research Group, GRM. Dr. Morén has carried out research on migration, organizations geography and integration processes at local, regional, national and international scale.

Monthly profile: Dr. David Malone, Rector of UNU



Dr. David M. Malone joined the UNU on 1 March 2013 as its sixth Rector. In that role, he holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. A Canadian national, Rector Malone holds a BAA from l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales (Montreal); an Arabic Language Diploma from the American University (Cairo); an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and a DPhil in International Relations from Oxford University. Prior to joining the United Nations University Dr. Malone served (2008-2013) as President of Canada's International Development Research Centre, a funding agency that supports policy-relevant research in the developing world. Previously, he served as Canada's Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council and as Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations (1990-1994); as Director General of the Policy, International Organizations and Global Issues Bureaus within Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT, 1994-1998); as President of the International Peace Academy (now International Peace Institute), a New York-based independent research and policy development institution (1998-2004); as DFAIT Assistant Deputy Minister for Global Issues (2004-2006); and as Canada's High Commissioner to India, and non-resident Ambassador to Bhutan and Nepal (2006–2008). Dr. Malone also has held research posts at the Economic Studies Program, Brookings Institution; Massey College, University of Toronto; and Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University. He has been a Guest Scholar and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University, and an Adjunct Professor at the New York University School of Law. Dr. Malone has published extensively on peace and security issues.

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