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UNU Migration Network launch announced

Responding to the need of policymakers and scholars to understand and cope with migration-related issues in an interdisciplinary way, the new network — led by the UNU Institute on Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM) — integrates UNU system research on migration in six different areas: (i) forced migration, (ii) migration and culture, (iii) migration and development, (iv) migration and environment, (v) migration governance and policy, and (vi) migration and health. The UNU Network on Migration seeks to contribute to evidence-based policymaking by presenting information on current events and activities of the global UNU system relating to migration. At launch, the portal encompasses information about 37 research projects and provides access to more than 200 publications (reports, policy briefs, books, articles and working papers). The UNU Migration Network currently covers the work of five UNU institutes, with more than 50 UNU researchers involved in its activities.

Professor Samir Amin speaks on Globalization, Lumpen Development and Stateless Migration

UNU-GCM had the privilege of welcoming Professor Samir Amin to the institute on 20th February 2014. Professor Amin held a workshop with UNU-GCM researchers during which he shared his critiques of development as currently practiced in the capitalist world order and offered his ideas on humanistic alternatives to this model of development. He also shared his experiences as Director of the Third World Forum on connecting academic, policy and civil society circles. In the evening, Professor Amin gave an engaging and stimulating public lecture on 'Globalization, Lumpen Development and Stateless Migration' to a large and diverse audience. Professor Amin highlighted how migration offers an important way through which to critically analyze actually existing capitalism and globalization.

UNU-GCM represents UNU and UNU Migration Network at 12th Coordination Meeting on International Migration

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs hosts annual coordination meetings for the international agencies involved in migration. The twelfth such meeting took place on the 20th and 21st February 2014 and UNU-GCM was pleased to present the work of the UNU and the UNU Migration Network to those assembled. The main focus of this meeting was on the follow-up to the United Nations High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, which UNU-GCM attended in October 2013, and on the incorporation of migration into the post-2015 Development Agenda. Interventions were made by all members of the Global Migration Group, and there were also contributions from academics that have been involved in the discussion, as well as key civil society players. UNU-GCM's summary document for the event, entitled 'Making Migration Research Work for Migrants' is available at: http://www.un.org/esa/population/meetings/twelfthcoord2014/documents/papers/03_UNU.pdf and a more detailed discussion of the event will be available from the UNU-GCM website in due course.

Profile: Dr Megha Amrith

Megha Amrith joined UNU-GCM in January 2014. She holds a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Cambridge and has thematic interests in migration and multiculturalism, cultural diversity, citizenship, global cities and civil society movements. She has conducted ethnographic fieldwork with migrants in a range of urban contexts in Asia and South America. She is interested in interdisciplinary and transregional approaches to the study of global migration and is keen to develop connections between academic researchers, policy-makers and civil society organizations. She is also interested in how migrants' everyday concerns are expressed or represented in digital and visual media.

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