Coordinating the Future of International Migration Policy

In a recent article in Our World, the online publication of the UNU, UNU-GCM gave some thoughts on the developments in the area of international migration policy debate. This was based on its own involvement in global processes, both governmental and civil society; and on a UNU-GCM Policy Report which is soon to be published within the Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration series. The full text of the Our World article is available online: http://ourworld.unu.edu/en/coordinating-the-future-of-international-migration-policy

UNU-GCM observes the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

On March 25th 2014, UNU-GCM observed the ‘Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination’ with an internal seminar. The week coincides with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21st. The day was established by the United Nations, in solidarity with the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, to remember and honour the victims of the 1960 Sharpeville Massacre, when police opened fire on a peaceful protest against South Africa’s apartheid pass laws. For UNU-GCM’s seminar, participants shared photographs, quotations, articles and reflections on the theme. Discussions focussed on the changing meanings of race and racism; the historical contingencies of categories; the overlaps between race and religion; and the importance of understanding questions of race, racial discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance in the study of global migration.

UNU Migration Network update

Last February the United Nations University launched online its Migration Network, coordinated by UNU-GCM and including more than 50 researchers in five different UNU Institutes. In only one month, the Network’s website has received more than 1000 visits from all the world’s continents. UNU-GCM considers a great success that 40% of the visitors returning to consult this online research portal. They are mainly international and global stakeholders with an interest in migration issues. The website of the Migration Network can be found at: migration.unu.edu

Profile: Yosefa Loshitzky, Visiting Researcher

Yosefa Loshitzky started as a Visiting Researcher at UNU-GCM in January and is working on a project provisionally titled ‘A Bridge over Troubled (?) Water: Cinematic Representations of the Mediterranean in Motion’. She comes to UNU-GCM from the Centre for Media and Film Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, where she is a Professorial Research Associate. Her many and wide-ranging publications include: Screening Strangers: Diaspora and Migration in Contemporary European Cinema (2010), and a Special Issue of Third Text on Fortress Europe: Migration, Culture, Representation (2006). She is currently writing a book entitled Just Jews? Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Contemporary Culture and Beyond. Her work has been translated into Arabic, Danish, French, German, Hebrew, Italian and Swedish. Yosefa will be with UNU-GCM until April 2014.

Vacancy Announcement: Visiting Researchers

UNU-GCM is seeking three Visiting Researchers to join the Institute for three months. Their proposed projects should contribute to the Research Programme, Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration. More information is available online: http://gcm.unu.edu/index.php/about-us/vacancies