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Chef de Cabinet of the United Nations, Mrs. Susana Malcorra, visits UNU-GCM

UNU-GCM had the privilege of welcoming Mrs. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet of the United Nations, to the Institute on June 19th 2014. During her visit, Mrs. Malcorra attended a presentation by the UNU-GCM team, and she spoke on the growing importance of the topic of migration for the United Nations and as a global issue in the coming years, and the need for collaborative and applied research that is relevant to global policymakers. Mrs. Malcorra also met UNU-GCM's stakeholders at an evening reception held in her honour at the Sant Pau Art Nouveau site.

UNU-GCM hosts conference on 'the Arab revolutions'

On the 2nd and 3rd of June 2014, UNU-GCM hosted a conference entitled: 'Les revolutions arabes: état des lieux' ('The Arab revolutions: the current situation') in collaboration with the SpringArab Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme. Composed of seven universities and research institutes, SpringArab is led by Université Paris VIII in France with Dr. Enric Olivé of Universitat Rovira i Virgili as the Spanish coordinator. Participants came from institutions in Algeria, France, Italy, Morocco, Poland, Spain and Tunisia. The debate was interesting and wide-ranging.

UNU-GCM contributes to the Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development

UNU-GCM contributed to the first Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development by offering a policy brief entitled 'Building City Identities in Contexts of Diversity'. This policy brief is the result of a collaboration between UNU-GCM and UNITAR. The Director of UNU-GCM, Parvati Nair, participated in the Forum, which took place in Barcelona on the 19th and 20th of June 2014. It brought together mayors and political representatives from cities across the world, alongside representatives of international organizations, to discuss municipal governance in relation to migration and development.

Director of UNU-GCM presents at a University of Zaragoza memorial conference

On Monday 9th June 2014, UNU-GCM collaborated with the Fundación Seminario de Investigación para la Paz, University of Zaragoza, on a conference entitled: 'Fronteras en el Siglo XXI: ¿obstáculos o puentes?' ('Borders in the 21st Century: Barriers or bridges?'). The memorial conference was held in honour of the late Professor Ángel Chueca, an expert in immigration law. Professor Parvati Nair offered a paper on the border and questions of survival.

'Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration': UNU-GCM's Second Conference

UNU-GCM is organizing its second conference on 'Statelessness and Transcontinental Migration', on 24th and 25th July 2014. It will include five sections addressing issues of: citizenship, human security, urban vulnerabilities, non-state actors in migration management and sub-Saharan migration to the Mediterranean. Alongside the academic discussions, non-academic events will address statelessness through artistic production and activities. The conference's keynote speakers are: Khadija Elmadmad, Director of the UNESCO Centre in Rabat and Eduard Sagarra i Trias, University of Barcelona.

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