



International Migration Institute: Understanding global migration dynamics

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Calls for papers:

IMI will hold its second [African Migrations workshop](#) in Rabat in November 2008. The workshop will focus on methods and methodologies in migration research in Africa.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **May 30th**
Click [here](#) to learn more about this call for papers

The third edition of the conference **“Migration, freedom of movement and development”** is being organised by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

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Director's Note

Since its establishment in 2006, the International Migration Institute (IMI) at the University of Oxford has been committed to developing a long-term and comprehensive perspective on global migration dynamics. Initially, the work of IMI has focused on African migrations and the linkages between migration and development in migrant sending countries.

IMI has recently expanded its work with two new research initiatives: the African Perspectives on Human Mobility programme, and the Transnational Migrant Organisations (TRAMO) project. Through these initiatives, IMI, in collaboration with other migration research centres in and outside Oxford, aims to add to the existing knowledge and enrich dialogues on mobility patterns, diaspora organisations and transnational linkages.

IMI is launching its e-newsletter with the aim of contributing to the migration dialogue by exploring specific migration themes and providing information on recent and upcoming events, scholarship opportunities, and new research projects initiated by IMI.

We hope you will find this e-newsletter of interest and that you will see it as an opportunity not only to keep updated on our research news, but to be part of a growing network of researchers on international and African migrations.

Stephen Castles, Director IMI

IMI's Current Research

- The **African Migrations Programme** aims to bridge the geographical, linguistic and cultural divisions between Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone academic traditions. Its objectives are to strengthen research capacity and to improve our knowledge of African migration by promoting workshops, online resources and new research initiatives...[read more](#)
- From its inception, IMI has been committed to studying the linkages between **migration and development from a comparative, southern perspective** through numerous publications, the organisation of and participation in workshops, international conferences and the establishment of a south-south dialogue on migration and development.
- The newly-launched **Transnational Migrant Organisations (TRAMO)** has developed an analytical framework to address both transnational organisations and the border-crossing contexts in which they exist. The project aims to provide a transnational analysis on current developments in international migration and the linkages of migrant organisations with their countries of origin...[read more](#)
- **African Perspectives on Human Mobility**, topic of this issue's **In-Focus** section.

Book Alert:

Migration and Development: Perspectives from the South edited by Stephen Castles and Raúl Delgado Wise and published by IOM will be available shortly.

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In-Focus:

African Perspectives on Human Mobility

International migration patterns are becoming increasingly complex as they connect people and societies over ever larger distances. This has stimulated an unprecedented growth in international migration research, but little of this has focused on migration from the perspective of developing countries. In particular, there is very little empirical understanding of migration patterns across large parts of Africa. This programme aims to help improve the understanding of mobility in the continent.

This programme, supported by a grant from the [John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation](#) as part of its Initiative on Global Migration and Human Mobility, aims to explore alternative conceptions of human mobility based on empirical research in [Nigeria](#), [Ghana](#), [Morocco](#) and the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#). The programme will carry out a series of studies designed and conducted in partnership with African researchers, which aim to generate new data, methodologies and conceptual frameworks. The programme is also designed to help develop the capacity of African institutions to undertake state-of-the-art migration research during and beyond the three-year programme.

The objectives of the African Perspectives on Human Mobility programme are:

1. To conduct empirical research on key aspects of African migration through comparative case studies in different African countries: initially Nigeria, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo and Morocco;
2. To map African migration networks and transnational linkages within Africa and beyond;
3. To strengthen the capacity for ongoing migration research within the African continent, including training young African researchers through workshops, academic exchanges and cooperative projects;
4. To develop new appropriate (and cost-effective) methodologies for migration research in Africa and elsewhere;
5. To review general migration theory and concepts in the light of African perspectives and contribute to the development of new theoretical frameworks for global migration research.

For the work plan and additional information on the programme, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[IMISCOE Theory Conference](#)

18-20 April 2008, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

(Irregular) Transit Migration in the European space: Theory, Politics and Research Methodology

[Click here](#) for more information

IMISCOE Conference on Theories of Migration and Social Change

Oxford, July 1-3, 2008

Jointly organised by the ESRC Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) and IMI, this conference aims to make innovative and significant contributions to the theory and methodology of migration studies. The conference is by invitation only, but relevant information will be made available in the future through IMI's website.

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Stephen Castles. [Back to the Future? Can Europe meet its labour needs through temporary migration?](#)

Hein de Haas. [Turning the tide? Why 'development instead of migration' policies are bound to fail](#)

Hein de Haas. [Impact of international migration on social and economic development in Moroccan sending regions: a review of empirical literature](#)

Steven Vertovec. [Circular Migration: the way forward in global policy?](#)

Oliver Bakewell. [The Meaning and Use of Identity Papers: handheld and heartfelt nationality in the borderlands of North West Zambia](#)

Hein de Haas. [North African migration systems: evolution, transformations and development linkages](#)

Stephen Castles. [Comparing the Experience of Five Major Emigration Countries](#)

Oliver Bakewell. [Keeping them in their place: the ambivalent relationship between migration and development in Africa](#)

Hein de Haas. [Migration and Development: A Theoretical perspective](#)

REPORTS

Hein de Haas. [The myth of invasion: Irregular migration from West Africa to the Maghreb and the European Union](#)

IMI's African Migrations Workshop 2007, Ghana. [Understanding Migration Dynamics in the Continent](#)

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