

Workshop

Migration and Sustainable Development

If people should be able to live well in the coming century, in spite of fast climate changes, we must affirm migration as a basic human condition. Maybe then we can start to realise the transformative and even revolutionary possibilities which migration implies.

Marco Armiero, Andrew Baldwin, 2015

BACKGROUND

We live in an era of human mobility that is markedly urban. Migrants, internal and international, move to cities and urban areas; they bring diversity and connect localities within and across borders. In the view of this development, the World Migration Report 2015, *Migrants and Cities*, had focus on how migration and migrants are shaping cities, and how the life of migrants in turn is shaped by cities, their people, organizations and rules. A key message of the report is that urban partnerships among migrant groups, local governments, civil society and the private sector are central to addressing the challenges and optimizing the opportunities presented by the growing trend of migration towards cities.

This calls for new approaches to urban governance and migration policies. The city offers opportunities and challenges for migrants, as do migration and migrants for the city. In this workshop, we will lean towards the quote above, and rather than seeing migration in the light of temporary ‘crisis’, or temporary conditions, we will address migration as a ‘normal state’, where both international and internal migration are regarded as an inevitable part of ongoing processes of globalization, urbanization and transformed relationships between the rural and urban. A general purpose of the workshop is to promote dialogue and identify certain strategic questions, practical solutions and political dilemmas that arise as a consequence of internal and international migration to and from cities. These questions, solutions and dilemmas are to be identified and elaborated upon in the workshop. The workshop will have a particular focus on, but not be limited to, the Cape Town, Gothenburg/Stockholm/Malmö, Kisumu and Manchester/Sheffield areas.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The workshop is expected to contribute to the comparative project Migration and Sustainable Urban Development. While the overarching aim of this project is to contribute with knowledge about the dynamics between migration and sustainable urban development, the aim of the workshop is to

identify themes of relevance for practitioners and researchers at the intersection of migration and urban development across the geographical areas of comparison.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Approx time	Structure of discussion
08:30–09:30	Introduction followed by short presentations on migration and urban development providing input to group discussions
09:30–10:30	Group discussions building on the presentations and the experiences of the participants, about differences and similarities between the different geographical contexts as regards internal and international migration in the light of sustainable urban development
	BREAK
11:00–11:45	Short summaries of the discussion in each group
11:45–12:30	Joint discussion with the aim to identify cross-cutting themes and how a common frame-work for a comparative project can be built
12:30–13:00	Wrapping-up by representatives from the different local platforms summarising and reflecting upon the how the comparative project can be framed and realised, and identifying relevant milestones until end of 2019

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

The workshop is the start of the comparative project on Migration and Urban Development across the Mistra Urban Future platforms. Participants engaged in research related to migration and urban development are welcome to present their research (bring a presentation of no more than ten minutes). Participants interested in the topic are welcome to actively contribute to the discussions and identifying cross-cutting themes. During the wrapping-up participants with responsibility for the proposal and decisions taken in the workshop, reflect upon possible ways of realising the comparative project.

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