

THE CONCEPT OF MIXED MIGRATION: REFLECTING ON TODAY'S MIGRATORY POLICIES, MOVEMENTS AND PARADIGMS SHIFTS

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THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2010:

09.00- 09.20: Opening plenary session

Introduction: *Prof. Jussi Hanhimäki*, Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute, Geneva
Opening address: *Ms. Janice Lyn Marshall*, Deputy Director, Division of International Protection, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

09.20-12.00: Session 1 – The Notion of Mixed Migration

This session will explore the historical and institutional context in which the notion of ‘mixed migration’ has recently emerged, its various definitions and the global and local interpretations it encompasses.

- *Ms. Anja Klug*, Senior Legal Officer, Division for International Protection, UNHCR
“Refugee Protection in the Context of Mixed Movements – UNHCR’s Perspective”
- *Ms. Michele Klein Solomon*, Director, Migration Policy and Research, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
“Managing Migration: Addressing Mixed Flows”

Coffee Break

- *Mr. Thomas Linde*, Special Representative on Migration at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
“Mixed Migration – a Shared Humanitarian Responsibility”
- *Dr. Nicholas Van Hear*, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford
“In the Mix: The Growing Salience of Mixed Migration as an Analytical and Policy Concept, 1990-2010”

12.00-13.30: Lunch Break

13.30-15.30: Session 2 – The Phenomenon of Mixed Migration: Case Studies

In Session 2 and 3, two successive panels will examine selected case studies from different regions. Researchers will explore the complexification of migration dynamics which are increasingly diversified, circular, volatile and involve a wide variety of interrelated factors (social, economical, political, institutional). Researchers will also look at the consequences of recent migration and asylum policies on conditions of movements and highlight both the constraints (in terms of protection and human rights challenges) and coping strategies they entail (for instance in terms of mobilization of various legal categories).

Chair: *Dr. Marion Fresia*, Institut d’Ethnologie, Université de Neuchâtel

- *Ms. Denise Efnayyi* (Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies, Neuchâtel) and *Dr. Raffaele Poli* (University of Lausanne)
“Disentangling Mixed Motivations Behind Migration Intentions: The case of West African University Students”
- *Ms. Florianne Charrière* (Université de Neuchâtel)
“Refugee Determination in a Context of Mixed Migration: Who is Eligible for Refugee Status in Senegal?”
- *Ms. Elisa Fornalé* (Palermo College of Law, Italy, and Faculty of Law, Neuchâtel College of Law)
“The Protection of Migrants in Irregular Situation in the Transit Area: The Case of Morocco”

15.30-16.00: Coffee Break

16.00-18.00: Session 3 – The Phenomenon of Mixed Migration: Case Studies (Continued)

Chair: *Dr. Marion Fresia*, Institut d'Ethnologie, Université de Neuchâtel

- *Ms. Alice M. Nah* (National University of Singapore)
"Violence and Vulnerability: The Impact of Policies on Irregular Migrants on Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Stateless Persons from Burma in Thailand and Malaysia"
- *Prof. Deborah A. Boehm* (University of Nevada, Reno)
"Fears and Fences: US-Mexico Mixed Migration in an Age of Deportation"
- *Mr. Federico Martinez* (Regional Legal Unit UNHCR Office, San José, Costa Rica)
"Mixed Migration and Refugee Protection in the Americas: A Regional Overview"

18.00: Cocktail Reception

FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010:

09.00-12.00: Session 4 – Impact of Migration Policies

The past decade has witnessed a sharp increase of policies developed to address the specific challenges raised by mixed migration and new migration patterns. This session will reflect on these initiatives, explore their relevance as well as their concrete results and impact on migration dynamics and on human rights and refugee protection.

- *Dr. Jeff Crisp*, Head of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service, UNHCR
"Mixed Migrations in Eastern and Southern Africa: Patterns, Problems and Policy Issues"
- *Prof. Vincent Chetail*, Programme for the Study of Global Migration, Graduate Institute, Geneva
"The Legal Framework of Mixed Migration: A Public International Law Perspective"

Coffee Break

- *Prof. Elspeth Guild*, University of Nijmegen, Netherlands
"The EU's Legal and Institutional Context Regarding Mixed Migration Flows"
- *Dr. Alexander Betts*, Director, Global Migration Governance Project, University of Oxford
"Global Migration Governance and Mixed Migration"

12.00-13.30: Lunch Break

13.30-18.00: Session 5 – Concluding Remarks and Recommendations

During this last session, the Chairs of both Case Studies Panels will provide a summary of the discussions in their panel and highlight the major protection and policy challenges identified by participants. A Moderator will then propose a synthesis of the main scientific and policy issues identified during the conference. The conference organizers and representatives from various organizations will comment from their perspective on these recommendations. (A Coffee Break will be organized during this session)

Moderator: *Dr. Khalid Koser*, Associate Dean and Head of the New Issues in Security Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

Discussants: - *Dr. Jeff Crisp*, Head of the Policy Development and Evaluation Service, UNHCR
- *Prof. Vincent Chetail*, Programme for the Study of Global Migration
- *Ms. Michele Klein Solomon*, Director, Migration Policy and Research, IOM
- *Mr. John Bingham*, Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission
- *Mr. Thomas Linde*, Special Representative on Migration, IFRC
- *Dr. Marion Fresia* and *Ms. Denise Efonyi*

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