

Presenters' bios (alphabetically)

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Theophilus Kwabena Abutima is a PhD candidate at the Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana. He holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work and an M.Phil. Degree in Migration Studies from the same University. His research interests include migration, family livelihood, child education and welfare. He teaches Gender Studies on voluntary basis at the Centre for Gender Studies and Advocacy, University of Ghana.

Alaluusua, Sanna

I hold an MA degree in Latin American Studies. I am a PhD Candidate in Gender Studies at the University of Turku in Finland. My research interests include Latin America, Peru, paid domestic work and urban informality. My ongoing PhD dissertation research explores domestic workers' empowerment in Lima, Peru

Angulo-Pasel, Carla

Carla Angulo-Pasel critically examines border security and its effects on 'unauthorized' migration. Specifically, she focuses on how borders, in their many manifestations, impact the journeys of Central American women who are attempting to migrate to the United States through Mexico.

Awumbila, Mariama

Mariama Awumbila is with the Department of Geography and Resource Development, and also the Centre for Migration Studies, both at the University of Ghana. She is also the Partner Director of the Migrating Out of Poverty Research programme consortium in Ghana. Her research interests include migration, livelihoods and development, intra-regional labour migration in West Africa, gender and development in Africa, and land and natural resource tenure and management among others.

Bamberg, Katharina

Katharina Bamberg is Research and Communications Assistant for the Odysseus Academic Network at the Université libre Bruxelles, researching on the Asylum Legislative Package and the nexus between asylum and development. She studied for an MSc in Global Migration at University College London (UCL). While at UCL, she organised the Migration Research Unit's annual student conference that offered comparative perspectives on refuge in an international setting. Katharina's Master thesis focused on refugee women's decision-making and agency in the context of their flight to Germany. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree in European Studies from Maastricht University.

Bendra, Imane

Imane Bendra is a recent Africa and international development masters graduate of Edinburgh University. Her background is in international relations and international development. She is interested in researching the livelihood of migrants and refugees and their potential integration in developing countries. She recently joined, as Morocco's program

advisor, an organisation, Xchange perspectives, specialised in Media for peace in East and West African Countries.

Clewett, Paul

Paul is Seefar's Migration Analyst. He specialises in qualitative research methods and policy analysis in the fields of irregular migration, the smuggling of migrants, modern slavery, and migration and development. He previously worked at Migration Policy Institute Europe, where he published regularly on irregular migration and refugee issues, and at the National University of Singapore, where he worked on the UK-funded Migrating out of Poverty programme.

de Gruchy, Thea

Thea de Gruchy is a researcher and doctoral candidate at the African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS), University of the Witwatersrand. Her PhD and research, which is supervised by Jo Vearey, is funded by the Wellcome Trust and forms part of the Migration and Health Project (maHp) at ACMS. The project centres on questions of policy process and asks how policy is made and influenced in South Africa, focusing specifically on policy which has affected the lives of migrant farm workers in Vhembe District, South Africa.

de Regt, Marina

Marina de Regt is Assistant Professor at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Her specializations are gender, labour and migration in and between Yemen and Ethiopia. She is the author of "Pioneers or Pawns? Women Health Workers and the Politics of Development in Yemen" (Syracuse UP 2007) and co-editor of "Migrant Domestic Workers in the Middle East: The Home and the World" (Palgrave Macmillan 2014). She was one of the principal researchers of "Time to Look at Girls: Adolescent Girls Migration and Development".

Del Franco, Nicoletta

Nicoletta Del Franco (*PhD Development Studies, University of Sussex*) is a researcher and development consultant with extensive experience of qualitative research in South Asia (rural and urban Bangladesh in particular) with a focus on class and gender relations; young people and adolescence, child protection; the transition to adulthood; education and life aspirations; internal and overseas migration. She managed a range of development projects for international NGOs funded by EuropeAid and other donors in Bangladesh and conducted consultancy work. Nicoletta has a long-term track record in teaching at high-school and University level both in Italy and the UK and in conducting gender trainings. She is currently a contract Lecturer at the University of Parma, Italy.

Estifanos, Yordanos

Mr. Yordanos Estifanos is a graduate with MA in European Masters in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) at the University of Oldenburg, Germany and MSc. in Population Studies from Addis Ababa University. He has also earned BA degree in Economics from Jimma University. Mr. Estifanos has previously worked for national &

international organizations and has published two monographs and research articles. He also wrote a book on Ethiopian irregular migrants into South Africa in Amharic language titled "Mengedegna." His research interest focuses on Demographic Transition in Africa, The Political Economy of Irregular Migration, Youth and the nexus among Population, Environment and Development.

Fernandez, Bina

Dr Bina Fernandez is a Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at the University of Melbourne and an Australian Research Council Decra Fellow (2015-17). Her research is in the areas of gender, migration and social policy.

Giunti, Sara

Sara Giunti is a PhD. Candidate in Local Development and Global Dynamics at the University of Trento (Italy). She has been working on the implications of migrations for household left behind, with a particular focus on Latin American countries. She is currently working as research assistant at the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

Göken, Michaela

With a graduate degree in pedagogy Michaela Göken focused on disadvantaged groups in Germany and worked in a counseling for migrants and refugees. Studying the research-based migration master EMMIR in Germany, Norway and Sudan raised her interest in the often forgotten topic of nomadism in the field of migration studies. Additional areas of interest of her are human trafficking, sedentarization and cross-border migration. For the research Michaela Göken spent nine months in Sudan in affiliation with UNHCR and UNICEF while studying at the Ahfad University for Women in Omdurman.

Grabska, Katarzyna

Katarzyna (Kasia) Grabska is Senior Research Fellow at the Global Migration Centre of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. Her research focuses on gender, generation, youth, displacement, refugees, return, and identities. She has been researching issues related to gender relations transformation in the context of displacement in Egypt, Sudan, South Sudan, and recently completed a three year long research analyzing adolescent girls' migration and displacement in Sudan.

Hagen-Zanker, Jessica

Dr Jessica Hagen-Zanker is Migration Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute, where she leads the migration research. Her research has focused on understanding how migration and other policies affect migrant decision-making, impacts of migration on migrants and their families, the interlinkages between migration and social protection, and remittances, covering a diverse range of countries, including Albania, Ethiopia and Nepal. Jessica also has extensive experience in the design and analysis of household surveys, conducting systematic literature reviews and the analysis of social protection programmes and policies. She holds a PhD in Public Policy from Maastricht University.

Harkins, Benjamin

Benjamin Harkins is a migration specialist who has spent eight years working in Southeast Asia on labour migration, human trafficking and refugee issues for United Nations agencies, non-governmental organisations and research institutes. He is currently a Technical Officer with the International Labour Organization's TRIANGLE project in Bangkok, Thailand. In this role, his work has focused on enhancing the knowledge base for labour migration governance within the region, building the capacity of partners on results-based management and increasing the rigour of the organisation's monitoring and evaluation systems.

Jaji, Rose

Rose Jaji is a senior lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Zimbabwe. She holds a PhD in Anthropology from Bayreuth University, Germany. Her research areas of interest are migration/refugees, identity, belonging, citizenship and gender. She has published on migrant/refugee masculinities and femininities, refugee hosting, containment and identity as well as asylum seekers and border crossing.

Khoo, Choon Yen

KHOO Choon Yen is a Research Assistant at the Asia Research Institute, and a Masters Candidate in the Department of Geography, National University of Singapore. Her research interests include gender, migration and youth aspirations in the Southeast Asian context. She has also co-produced a short film, *Small Town, Big Dreams*, which interrogates the impact of parent migration on young people's aspirations in Indonesia.

Lopega, Diosdado

Diosdado B. Lopega is affiliated with the Division of Political Science, Department of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Banos. He finished his Master's degree from Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea. After graduation, he worked with the Migrant Workers Concern Desk (MWCD), an international NGO in Taiwan, assisting migrant workers of all nationalities in that country. His research interests include Filipino Diaspora, Politics of Migration, International Relations of China and Spratly Islands Dispute.

Mak, Joelle

Joelle Mak is a mixed methods social science researcher. She is part of the Study of Work in Freedom Transnational Evaluation team at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine which evaluates an ILO intervention aimed at reducing vulnerability to labour trafficking in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. Joelle is the lead researcher for the SWiFT research programme in Nepal. Prior to joining the Swift team, she worked on a number of research projects on HIV and sexual health in a variety of African settings. Joelle's research interests are HIV, sexual health, interpersonal violence and migration, including human trafficking and forced labour.

Marchand, Katrin

Katrin Marchand is a Ph.D. Research Fellow at UNU-MERIT/Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. Katrin's main research interests are in migration and development, specifically

labour migration, migrants' occupational choices and the interlinkages of migration and private sector development.

McGregor, Elaine

Elaine McGregor is a researcher at the United Nations University-MERIT and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance at Maastricht University in the Netherlands where she manages several research projects, is the assistant coordinator of the UNU Migration Network and a member of the GFMD Civil Society Programme Committee. Her main research interest lies in the area of migration and development, with a particular focus on migration governance. Elaine is also a part-time PhD Fellow. Her PhD focuses on the role of international organisations in the governance of migration.

Rashid, Rozana

Syeda Rozana Rashid is Associate Professor in International Relations at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. She is also associated with RMMRU as Senior Research Fellow. She was educated in Dhaka, Oxford and Sussex. Over the last fifteen years, she has carried out a number of studies on migration, which were published as books, book chapters and journal articles at home and abroad. Forced and voluntary migration, poverty, gender, social protection and livelihoods are among her areas of research interest.

Sugden, Fraser

Fraser Sugden is a development geographer by training, specializing in the political economy of agriculture, water management and migration. He is the country representative for IWMI Nepal, and the Gender, Youth and Inclusion theme leader for the CGIAR program on Water, Land and Ecosystems. His research interests are in rural class and gender relations and their role in mediating access to water and other land resources – particularly in the context of out-migration and climate stress. He has worked extensively in the eastern Gangetic plains for a decade, with a focus on Nepal, Bihar, and West Bengal, although has also has extensive fieldwork and research experience from the Eastern Himalayas, as well as China, Vietnam and Bangladesh. He is presently leading participatory action research with farmers in North India and Nepal on farmer collectives. Fraser is also the convener of IWMI's emerging research programme on migration and agrarian change.

Supriyanto, Akuat

Akuat Supriyanto is student of the PhD Programme in Business Management at the University of Porto, Portugal. He also serves as junior research staff at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia. The paper submitted to this conference is part of his on-going PhD Project titled "Career of Indonesian Return Migrant Workers".

Suthendran, Sudev

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Theodore, Nik

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Tuckfield, Hugh and Nellie Le Beau

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Vanyoro, Kuda

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Watson, Samantha

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Weatherburn, Amy

Amy has been enrolled at VUB since January 2015 as a PhD Candidate conducting research on trafficking in human beings for the purposes labour exploitation, analysing the effectiveness of the implementation of the European legal framework and the handling of labour exploitation in law. Since January 2017, Amy has been coordinating and involved in the EU Funded research project [DESIRE](#) (Demand for Sexual Exploitation in Europe) that aims to better understand the impact of sex work legislation on the prevalence of trafficking in human beings. From 2012-2014, Amy was Research Assistant at the Human Rights Law Centre at

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