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Guadeloupean dancers in rural France show the complex fusions of European and African traditions, an example of cultural mixture arising from migration addressed in our work on creolization. Photo by Robin Cohen, July 2009.

'America? A disease in people's minds!'

On November 10th, IMI and the Instituto Camoes Centre organised a seminar with the Portuguese documentary film maker Jacinto Godinho. The seminar examined migration policies and state propaganda from an historical perspective, and included the screening of a specially made 1 hour documentary, "'America? A disease in people's minds!' Portugal and the propaganda of emigration". Jacinto Godinho is the director of an award winning documentary series – 'Ei-los Que Partem – A Historia da Emigração Portuguesa' – on the history of Portuguese migration for the Portuguese national broadcaster RTP. He teaches at the New University of Lisbon and is a journalist at RTP, the Portuguese National Television Network.

Director's Note

It's been a great pleasure to join such a lively research institute. My first couple of months has presented a whirl of constant activity arising from the start-up of new projects (described elsewhere in the letter) and a new MSc (Migration Studies) programme, which will commence in October 2010. This note also provides a moment for me to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Stephen Castles in establishing IMI and putting us on the international map so successfully. He remains as Associate Director and will be with us in Oxford for a couple of months each year. I'd like to thank him and other colleagues for their warm welcome. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Sally Winiarski, who has been with IMI since its inception, but is looking for new challenges. We wish her well.

Robin Cohen, Director IMI

IMI awarded matched funding grant by the James Martin 21st Century School



We are pleased to announce that the IMI has been awarded a major matched funding grant by the [James Martin 21st Century School](#). The grant will enable IMI to consolidate its new research

programme **Global Migration in the 21st Century**. The core aim of this programme is to develop a long term, comprehensive perspective on global migration processes, and to explore the forces driving global migration and the new challenges they pose for global governance. The four components of the new **Global Migration in the 21st Century** programme are:

- **The determinants of international migration: A theoretical and empirical assessment of policy, origin and destination effects (DEMIG).** This project seeks to answer the question: how do migration policies of origin and destination states affect the size, direction and nature of international migration flows? This will be achieved by embedding the systematic empirical analysis of policy effects into a comprehensive theoretical framework of the forces driving international migration. The project is funded by a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC). For more information [click here](#).
- **Theorizing the Evolution of European Migration Systems (THEMIS).** By investigating migration dynamics and migrants' agency in their continuous interplay with structural conditions in origin and destination contexts, this project will achieve an improved understanding of the evolution and decline of migration systems. Working with three partners IMI will undertake comparative and longitudinal research in origin and destination countries. THEMIS is funded by the NORFACE Research Programme on Migration in Europe - Social, Economic, Cultural and Policy Dynamics. For more information [click here](#).
- **Imagining Europe from the Outside (EUMAGINE).** This collaborative project will analyse the impact of perceptions of human rights and democracy on international migration aspirations and decisions. For more information see the In-Focus section below or [click here](#).

IMI is part of Oxford University's [HDepartment of International Development \(ODID\)H](#), and the [HJames Martin 21st Century SchoolH](#).

HAVE YOU READ...

IMI regularly publishes papers and reports in the [Publications](#) section of its website. IMI encourages researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and all others to freely download copies of its reports and working papers. Below is a list of recent publications:

Hein de Haas.

[Intra household tensions and conflicts of interest in migration decision making: A case study of the Todgha valley, Morocco](#)

Carlos Vargas-Silva.

[The Crisis and Migrants' Remittances: A Look at Hispanics in the US](#)

Hein de Haas.

[Migration System Formation and Decline. A theoretical inquiry into the self-perpetuating and self-undermining dynamics of migration processes](#)

Other Publications

Vargas-Silva, C. and Ruiz, I. "Another Consequence of the Economic Crisis: A Decrease in Migrants' Remittances." Special Issue on the Global Financial Crisis in Applied Financial Economics, Forthcoming.
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1457135

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http://www.taylorandfrancis.com/shopping_cart/products/product_detail.asp?curTab=DESCRIPTION&id=&parent_id=&sku=&isbn=9780415576956&pc=/shopping_cart/search/search.asp?search=santos-paulino

Global Migration in the 21st Century, continued from p.1:

- **Global Migration Futures: Towards a Comprehensive Perspective (GMF).** The short-term focus and receiving-countries bias in policy and research result in lack of insights into how future social, economic, political, demographic and environmental change is likely to affect future migration. To fill these gaps, this project will develop long-term scenarios of future global migration trends and show how these are likely to affect societies and economies in the 21st century. IMI has been awarded a grant from the Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship Programme to begin work on the project. For more information [click here](#).

The funded components of the **Global Migration in the 21st Century** programme have a high level of potential synergy in their common focus on the multi-level drivers of migration *processes*. While DEMIG focuses on the macro-level determinants including policy impacts, THEMIS concentrates on the meso-level 'internal dynamics' of migration processes. EUMAGINE zooms in on the micro-level by studying how individual migrants' perceptions of destination countries impact upon migration decision making.

This grant from the James Martin matched funding scheme will play a vital role in enabling IMI to maximize the benefits of this research programme. It will increase our capacity to develop a robust synthesis of the insights generated by the first three empirical components (DEMIG, THEMIS, EUMAGINE). This will greatly advance our understanding of the forces driving migration processes. The resulting theoretical framework will inform and enhance the Global Migration Futures (GMF) project. This new grant will also enable IMI to generate new migration data and to forge exciting new links with other institutes of the James Martin 21st Century School such as the [Environmental Change Institute](#), the [Oxford Institute of Ageing](#), the [Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict](#) and the Oxford [Institute for Science, Innovation and Society](#). The resulting cross-fertilization of ideas will help build knowledge and understanding of the links between migration and broader processes of global change.

In-Focus:

EUMAGINE: Imagining Europe from the Outside

EUMAGINE is a collaborative European research project in which IMI is a partner. The central aim of the project is to investigate the impact of perceptions of human rights and democracy on migrants' aspirations and decisions. To achieve this, the project systematically analyzes migration aspirations and decisions, using a multidisciplinary, mixed-method approach in four major 'source' and 'transit' countries. Special attention is given to how perceptions of human rights and democracy affect these aspirations.

The core idea of the project is that macro- and meso-level discourses on human rights and democracy influence micro level perceptions on these themes in countries of origin and transit, which in turn influence migratory aspirations and decisions. By adopting a case study approach and comparing several emigration countries, various types of regions within these countries, several modes of migration, various types of influential discourses, and different profiles of potential migrants, the project aspires to make analytical generalizations about how perceptions, aspirations and decisions are formed. The four countries under study are Morocco, Turkey, Senegal and Ukraine. Fieldwork will combine quantitative surveys and semi-structured interviews.

The empirical research is undertaken by 'geographical duo teams' consisting of one European and one non-European partner. While concentrating on the fieldwork in Morocco in collaboration with the Université Mohamed V, IMI is also responsible for coordinating the project-wide implementation of the survey and data analysis.

EUMAGINE is funded by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Programme and undertaken by a consortium of European institutions, including IMI, where the work will be led by Dr Hein de Haas. For more information on the project, [click here](#).

Seminar: New trends in Moroccan migration - views from the South



The High Atlas mountains

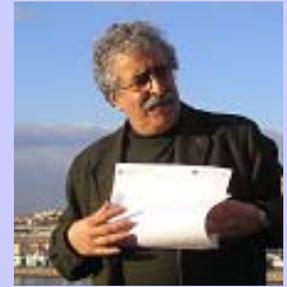
On Friday November 27th, Prof. Mohamed Berriane presented a seminar at the Oxford Department of International Development, entitled, "New Trends in Moroccan migration – views from the South".

With over 3 million migrants living abroad, Morocco is commonly known as an emigration country. However, Moroccan migration has undergone fundamental transformations, and is now characterised by a simultaneous existence of emigration as well as immigration from the South (sub-Saharan Africa) and the North (Europe).

Based on recent empirical research, Professor Berriane gave an overview of these new migratory trends to and from Morocco, their functional relations and their implications for research and policy.

Visiting Fellow at IMI : Prof. Mohamed Berriane

During Michaelmas term Mohamed Berriane, Professor at Université Mohammed V – Agdal (Morocco) has been a visitor at the IMI. IMI has an active partnership with Berriane's Moroccan research team, the E3R, and during his stay, Berriane has worked on various tasks related to this partnership, including:

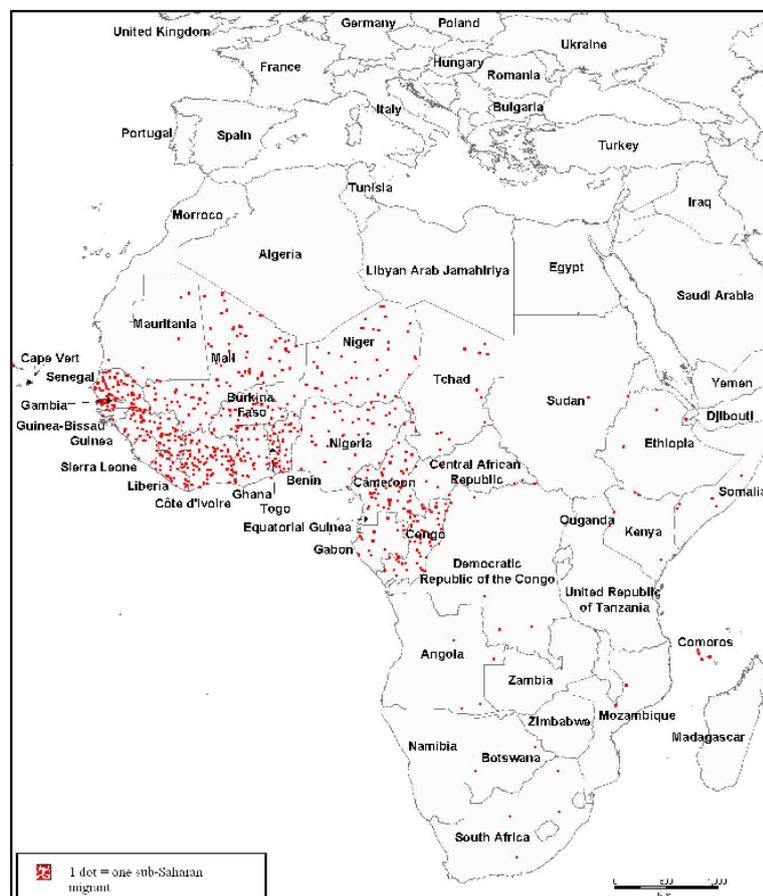


- Preparing the publication of the proceedings from the international workshop co-organised in Rabat in November 2008 by IMI and E3R;
- Preparation of the second workshop of the project Transatlantic Dialogues, which will take place in Ouarzazate (Morocco) in March 2010 ;
- Progress on the MacArthur project, especially the research project on the city of Fes.
- Progress on the study commissioned by the GTZ on the possibilities of introducing the Mexican tres-por-uno model in Morocco.
- Preliminary discussions regarding the launch of the Moroccan part of the EUMAGINE project.

UPDATES:

MacArthur Programme 'African Perspectives on Human Mobility': Preliminary Research Findings

The four African teams are currently carrying out fieldwork and reports on preliminary research findings will soon be available on the IMI website. The Moroccan team is studying three international migration flows into the city of Fes, including sub-Saharanans, Europeans and Moroccans from elsewhere. The following map presents the first results of a survey amongst the sub-Saharan population in Fes. The map indicates the African countries of origin of these migrants. Preliminary findings suggest working on the hypothesis that this population, presented as being in transit, is settling down in Fes over time. For more information on the MacArthur Programme [click here](#).



New Briefings page on IMI website – contributions welcome!

The aim of the new Briefings page is to:

- Make information and research on migration more visible and more accessible
- Provide a platform to publish research output and other literature, with no formal restrictions or requirements on the format, style and length of the material, and the possibility to place the material on-line relatively quickly.

For more information see: <http://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/publications/briefings>. To submit a paper to the Briefings page, please contact: gunvor.jonsson@qeh.ox.ac.uk

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Global Migration Futures

The Global Migration Futures research team has interviewed about half the expert stakeholders selected to participate in interviews. The goal of the interviews is to collect the views of migration leaders, scholars, civil society representatives, entrepreneurs and policy-makers on the most important issues and uncertainties in international migration. The researchers are planning future presentations offering an overview of their methodological approach. The GMF team has also confirmed the dates of 19-20 April 2010 for a stakeholders' workshop in The Hague. All these events will lead to the creation of long term migration scenarios. For more information on GMF [click here](#).

Transnational Migrant Organisations (TRAMO)

Investigations with the Polish catholic mission are yet to be undertaken before closing the fieldwork phase of the research. A meeting in Bochum last October gave us the opportunity to present our preliminary findings. It highlighted the need to elaborate a comparative framework to move beyond the juxtaposition of national case-studies. So far, the research has pointed out the importance of the long term structural/historical context of the creation of the migration organisations. The types and forms of cross border activities still bear the mark of this historical context, even several decades after the creation of the organisations themselves. Conversely, local-based activities are far more sensitive to short term political and social factors. For more information on TRAMO [click here](#).

MSc (Migration Studies) degree commencing October 2010

IMI is pleased to announce that it will be one of the partners in an Oxford-wide degree in Migration Studies. IMI will join its sister research units (the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) and the Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) and their parent teaching departments (International Development and Anthropology).

The establishment of the MSc in Migration Studies represents a landmark in the development of migration studies at Oxford. The programme allows students to explore human mobility in a historical and global perspective, and to address the complex relations between global political economy, migratory experiences, and government and social responses.

The degree consists of four components and a dissertation: international migration in the social sciences; key themes in international migration, including development and globalization; thematic and regional options; and quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Teaching on the degree combines lectures, small tutorial groups, and discussion seminars. Students have individual dissertation supervision. Teaching is problem-focused and aims to give students critical analytical skills.

The course introduces students to key concepts, research and analysis in the economics, politics, sociology and anthropology of migration. It enables students to understand the nature of both internal and international migration and its role in global social and economic change.

The MSc in Migration Studies prepares students to work in an expanding area of international and policy concern. It will also prepare students in an area of social science training that will facilitate progression to doctoral studies in the University of Oxford and elsewhere. **For further details and application deadlines, please see:** http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/index.html

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