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## From the Director



One of the great strengths of IMI is that we can mobilise willing and able colleagues who can offer advice to outside bodies. In May 2010 I received a request from Richard Bourne, who runs the Ramphal Centre in London. The Centre is an independent intellectual hub on

policy issues for the Commonwealth and the wider world, set up by Sonny Ramphal, the former Commonwealth Secretary-General. They asked for our help in supporting a Commonwealth-wide commission on migration and development.

With some help from other Oxford colleagues and one London-based academic we offered eight presentations, a rapporteur and someone to guide the report of the commission. This report and its recommendations will be presented to the next Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Perth. QEH staff all pulled together to help provide a welcome as the former Jamaican prime minister, Cypriot president and Bangladesh foreign secretary arrived. The meeting went very smoothly and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone concerned.

This Director's note also provides a moment to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to Carlos Vargas Silva, who is moving to our sister unit, COMPAS, in Oxford, and also to give a hearty welcome to our new staff members (see the back page).

Robin Cohen

## News in brief

- In June there was a very successful workshop in the Hague for all stakeholders in our **Global Migration Futures** project. It was attended by 25 people from ministries, government agencies, international organisations, academia, the business sector, migrant associations and other civil society organisations. The workshop selected scenarios to develop and identified research questions. A full report and further outputs will follow later this year.
- Alan Gamlen, IMI's ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellow, has been shortlisted for **IMISCOE's Maria Ioannis Baganha Award** for the best dissertation in the field of migration, integration and social cohesion in Europe.
- Great interest has been expressed in the symposium that IMI will be convening at the next conference of the **African Studies Association of the UK (ASAUK)**. The symposium will be on 'Mobility and Migration in Africa'. The conference will be held in Oxford on 16–19 September 2010. See [www.asauk.net/conferences/asauk10.html](http://www.asauk.net/conferences/asauk10.html)
- IMI Research Assistant Agnieszka Kubal has been elected as a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford.
- IMI Research Officer Mathias Czaika has been awarded an Erasmus-Mundus grant for conducting research on migration in India. This grant enables him to spend six months at the Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai.

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# Project Updates

## EUMAGINE

EUMAGINE is a collaborative European research project in which IMI is a partner. The aim is to investigate the impact of perceptions of human rights and democracy on migration aspirations and decisions.

On 11–12 March 2010 the EUMAGINE launch meeting took place in Antwerp. Teams from all eight consortium partners were present, as well as two members of the scientific advisory board.

After an initial introduction of all team members, discussions focused on the theoretical framework of the project and on project planning and management.

The second project meeting will take place in Istanbul in July. Here the country reports, sampling strategy and questionnaire design will be discussed.

## African Perspectives on Human Mobility

This three-year programme, starting in January 2008 and funded by the MacArthur Foundation, aims to explore alternative conceptions of human mobility based on empirical research in Nigeria, Ghana, Morocco and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In May 2010, the four research teams from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Morocco, Ghana, and Nigeria, together with IMI staff, gathered at a writing workshop in Elmina, Ghana (see photo below).

The workshop was intended to help the teams write up their final research reports, based on the fieldwork they carried out in their respective countries during 2009 and the spring of 2010. It was also an occasion for discussing the overall synthesis of the four projects, which will tie together the findings and elaborate on the conceptual aspects that the studies raise.

The participants discussed how to disseminate research findings, in the form of presentations and publications. The



first opportunity for partners to present their findings will be at the ASAUK (African Studies Association) conference in September 2010 in Oxford, where IMI will convene a symposium on 'Mobility and Migration in Africa'.

[www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research/african-perspectives-on-human-mobility-1/african-perspectives-on-human-mobility](http://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research/african-perspectives-on-human-mobility-1/african-perspectives-on-human-mobility)

## African Migrations Workshops

This workshop series aims to strengthen migration research within Africa by bringing together scholars from across the continent.

The 2010 African Migrations Workshop 'The Contribution of African Research to Migration Theory' is being organised in partnership with L'Institut fondamental d'Afrique noire, Cheikh Anta Diop University. It will take place in Dakar, Senegal on 16–19 November 2010.

African migration dynamics have not been reflected in the evolution of mainstream migration theory. This workshop aims to develop theory grounded in African migration experiences and to critique migration theory from African perspectives. Presentations will challenge current analytical frameworks while making connections with wider social theory.

The event will be a unique opportunity for participants from Africa and elsewhere to strengthen their scientific networks within and outside the continent, across the boundaries of linguistic and scholarly traditions.

[www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research/african-migrations-programme-1/african-migrations-workshop-november-2010-senegal](http://www.imi.ox.ac.uk/research/african-migrations-programme-1/african-migrations-workshop-november-2010-senegal)

## Theorizing the Evolution of European Migration Systems (THEMIS)

This four-year project funded by NORFACE and led by IMI began in January 2010. Our research partners are the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning at the University of Lisbon, and the International Peace Research Institute (PRIO). The aim is to refine the concept of a migration system by investigating the conditions under which the initial moves by pioneer migrants to Europe result in rapidly expanding network migration, and also the conditions under which this does not happen.

We held our first international project meeting in Oxford in March 2010. At the meeting we selected six potential study countries: Egypt, Morocco, Brazil, Ukraine, India and Bangladesh. Migrants from these countries settle in all four THEMIS receiving countries: Great Britain, the Netherlands, Norway and Portugal.

All THEMIS partners are carrying out scoping studies, including detailed reviews of migration data sets and interviews with key migrant organizations for the six sending countries.

Also in March, IMI's THEMIS team attended the NORFACE Migration Programme workshop.

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## Transatlantic Dialogues on Migration and Development Issues

This project compares Mexico–US and Morocco–EU migration and development experiences.



On 22–26 March 2010, IMI convened a second study tour, in the region of Ouarzazate, Morocco. Participants from research, policy and civil society sectors visited development and entrepreneurial projects initiated by migrants and their associations. The project aimed to spark debate by confronting the 26 migration experts with concrete experiences in the field. The study tour highlighted striking similarities and differences between Mexico and Morocco. IMI and its partners aim to develop a research project based on these study tours that will systematically compare migration and development experiences in specific regions.

### IMI Visitor researches ‘community’



Gabriele Tomei, from the Department of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Pisa, has been visiting IMI during the past few months.

He is interested in the connection between social theory and migration theory.

His research looks in particular at the notion of community, and how migrants’ actions are influenced by their idea of community.

At IMI Gabriele conducted a literature review and participated in two IMI reading groups: one on migration determinants organised by Hein de Haas, and one about social theory organised by Oliver Bakewell. He then wrote the first draft of his paper and presented it to the team.

IMI researchers discussed the paper with Gabriele – a process which he has found very useful when completing his second draft. It is hoped that this is the first step in a more long-term intellectual co-operation between IMI and the University of Pisa.

## In Focus

### The Determinants of International Migration (DEMIG)

A theoretical and empirical assessment of policy, origin, and destination effects

DEMIG is a five-year project (2010-2014) core-funded by the European Research Council (ERC) through a Starting Grant awarded to Hein de Haas, Senior Research Officer at IMI. The project looks at how the migration policies of receiving and sending states affect the size, direction and nature of international migration.

The effectiveness of migration policies has been widely contested in the face of their frequent failure to steer immigration. However, most evidence has remained largely descriptive and inconclusive. Although there is consensus that macro-contextual factors in sending and receiving countries and internal dynamics such as networks and policies all play ‘some’ role, there is no agreement on their relative weight and mutual interaction.

The DEMIG project aims to generate new insights into the way states and policies shape migration processes in their interaction with other receiving and sending country migration determinants. The systematic empirical analysis of policy effects will be embedded into a new, comprehensive theoretical framework of the macro- and meso-level forces driving international migration.

This is achieved by bridging migration theories focusing on either sending or receiving countries and integrating them with theories on the internal dynamics of migration processes. An analysis of receiving and sending country migration policies will provide an improved conceptualisation and operationalisation of key policy variables. Subsequently, this framework will be subjected to quantitative empirical tests drawing on gross and bilateral (country-to-country) migration flow data.

The project will also compile new migration and policy databases and provide empirical tests for general migration theory by exploring the complex links between human development and migration.

The DEMIG team consists of Hein de Haas, Mathias Czaika, Simona Vezzoli and a data processing assistant. In addition, **IMI will award two fully funded DEMIG DPhil studentships commencing in October 2011.** These studentships will be advertised on the IMI website in July 2010.

For more information on DEMIG and the DEMIG DPhil studentships, see [www.migrationdeterminants.eu](http://www.migrationdeterminants.eu) and [www.imi.ox.uk/research/demig](http://www.imi.ox.uk/research/demig)

## New staff at IMI

IMI has grown a great deal in the last year or so, and there are seven new members of staff to welcome to the institute.



**Mathias Czaika**  
Research Officer

Mathias comes to IMI from the University of Freiburg and GTZ. He is interested in the political economy of migration and the role of migration policies in shaping international migration flows.



**Evelyn Ersanilli**  
Research Officer

Evelyn recently completed her thesis on the effects of different integration policy models on the socio-cultural integration of immigrants. Before this she worked at the Social Science Research Centre in Berlin.



**Alan Gamlen**  
ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellow

Alan works on working on migration, diasporas and transnationalism, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific and sending contexts more broadly. He is a Senior Member at St Antony's College Oxford.



**Agnieszka Kubal**  
Research Assistant (THEMIS)

Agnieszka is completing her thesis 'Socio-Legal Integration of Polish post-2004 EU Enlargement Migrants in the United Kingdom'. Her research interests lie broadly at the intersection of migration and legal studies.



**Emanuela Paoletti**  
Research Assistant

Emanuela's academic background combines international relations and development studies. She completed her doctorate at the Refugee Studies Centre, where she also worked on the project 'Deportation and Citizenship'.



**Jacqueline Smith**  
Communications & Outreach Officer

Jackie has a background in academic publishing and has also worked as an editor for Oxfam and as Publishing Manager for INTRAC (The International NGO Training and Research Centre).

### **Kate Prudden**

Project Coordinator (THEMIS)

Kate has worked within the Oxford Department of International Development since 2002, initially at the Refugee Studies Centre.

## Have you read?

Anaïk Pian, who has recently written a working paper for IMI, has published a book: *Aux nouvelles frontières de l'Europe : l'aventure incertaine des Sénégalais au Maroc*, Paris: Dispute (2009). In it, she looks at the motivations of Senegalese migrants and the way in which Morocco becomes a destination rather than a place of transit.

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