Welcome to this sixth newsletter of the Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty. The last six months have been busy, with activities ranging from the publication of results of ethnographic field research, through to policy advice to governments and the United Nations in the run up to the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. Our Global Migrant Origin Database has continued to arouse considerable interest from researchers, and through our collaboration with the Migration Policy Institute in Washington DC, it is now available in an easy-to-use format alongside other migration data on the Migration Information Source (www.migrationinformation.org).

If any of the research or policy activities described in this newsletter interests you, please do get in touch. We are committed to making sure that our research has an impact on policy, and on the lives of poor people - and open to collaboration to make sure that happens.

Richard Black

**DRC HIGHLIGHTS**

**New World Migration Map Data Tool**

The Migration Information Source recently launched their new World Migration Map Data Tool (see http://www.migrationinformation.org/wmm/), which uses data from our Global Migrant Origin Database, and allows you to see the origins and destinations of migrants to and from nearly every country in the world. The Migration Information Source launched with data on South America and has since added North America; other regions of the world will be added in the coming months.

**High-Level Dialogue**

Richard Black participated in a Task Force for the President of the General Assembly that selected speakers and set the agenda for the civil society hearings in advance of the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development on 12 July 2006. He also participated in a briefing session on the High Level Dialogue for the Canadian Ministry of the Interior and CIDA organised by MPI in Washington.

Ron Skeldon was one of four rapporteurs for the Symposium on International Migration, organized by the United Nations over 28 June to 4 July in Turin, Italy. The meeting outlined key issues and contributed to a report presented at the High-Level Dialogue itself, which took place in New York in September.

Saskia Gent and Meera Warrier attended a meeting organised by Connections for Development (CFD) at which Baroness Royal, UK government representative at the High-Level Dialogue, reported back on the discussions in New York, together with Caroline Pritchard (FCO) and Lisa Phillips (DFID). Several civil society organisations also reported back on their sessions, including Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (African Foundation for Development), Parvin Ali, Nana Amamoo and Jim Baker (all CFD board members).

**Marginalised Migrant Workers and Social Protection**

**RMMRU Workshop**

RMMRU organised a three-day workshop on ‘Marginalised Migrant Workers and Social Protection’ over 7-9 October 2006 in Dhaka, showcasing emerging findings from DRC research currently under way. The workshop, attended by academics, civil society activists including migrant support groups and concerned government and development partner agencies in Bangladesh and India, featured presentations from a number of DRC researchers, including Ann Whitehead, Ben Rogaly, Katy Gardner (Sussex), Janet Seeley (UEA), Ray Jureidini (FMRS), Zahir Ahmed (Jahangirnagar University) and together with Caroline Pritchard (FCO) and Lisa Phillips (DFID). Several civil society organisations also reported back on their sessions, including Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (African Foundation for Development), Parvin Ali, Nana Amamoo and Jim Baker (all CFD board members).

Chowdhury Abrar (RMMRU), Ann Whitehead and Ben Rogaly (Sussex) at the RMMRU-organised workshop on migrant workers and social protection.
and Abdur Rafique (India), as well as Sussex DPhil candidates, Deeptima Massey and Rozana Rashid. Papers addressed issues around the kinds of informal measures migrants take to secure social protection and their effectiveness; the nature and scale of social protection vulnerable migrant workers and their families left behind receive from formal sources; the feasibility of integrating formal and informal social protection mechanisms; the role of various actors, including the state; and the role of a rights discourse in relation to migration and social protection. A full report on the workshop will be available shortly at www.migrationdrc.org/news/drc_reports.html.

Papers from the workshop are to be put together in an edited volume entitled Social Protection and Livelihoods: The Marginalised Migrants of South Asia, to be published by UPL Press, Dhaka, in collaboration with a publisher in India, in summer next year. The volume will be edited by C R Abrar (RMMRU) and Janet Seeley (UEA).

Leiden Conference
Deeptima Massey, Migration DRC DPhil candidate, presented a paper entitled, ‘Seeking Informal Social Protection: Women in Work Migrant Households in Rural West Bengal, India’ at the 19th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies which was held over 27-30 June 2006 in Leiden, the Netherlands. Based on initial findings from her research, Deeptima reported on the hardships and insecurities experienced by women and children staying behind when the male members of the family migrated in search of work. The paper highlighted the critical role of informal social relations and kinship networks that members staying behind drew on to reduce and overcome their hardships and insecurities.

Social Protection Research in Bangladesh
Syeda Rozana Rashid, Migration DRC DPhil candidate, returned to Sussex after spending over a year researching in the villages of Jhautoli and Mohonthon, in the Comilla district, south-west of Dhaka, one of the most migration-affected areas in the country. Her study seeks to explore under what circumstances and economic conditions marginalized households use international migration as a means to diversify household earning strategies to improve their capacity and flexibility to respond to risks.

Forced Migration
Edited Volume on Rights, Policies and Forced Migration
Building on the finalized research reports from all DRC researchers involved in the forced migration sub-theme, as well as inviting other experts in the field, FMRS organized a four-day write-shop in Ain Sukhna, Egypt in April 2006 in preparation for an edited collection on rights, policies and forced migration, to be published by Palgrave, with studies from the Middle-East (Sudan, Egypt, Lebanon), India, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Ghana.

The Migration DRC has published four research reports emerging from the research on forced migration and policy in the Middle East, which are available to download from www.migrationdrc.org/research/projects/project6b.html:
- ‘Marginalised Community: The Case of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon’ by Jaber Suleiman.

Participation in IASFM Conference
The Migration DRC organised two panels at the 10th Biannual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) in Toronto, Canada (18-22 June 2006). Papers on the panels, both entitled ‘Rights Across Borders: Policies and Implications’, addressed policies on forced migration, particularly the inadequacies of current top-down, almost socially engineered approaches, which often result in the further impoverishment and disenfranchisement of forced migrants. The panels explored the challenges of moving away from these frameworks towards rights-based and bottom-up approaches. Each panel had a mix of papers representing different geographies, and covering issues of different categories of forced migrants to create a cross-disciplinary debate on refugees, IDPs and development oustees, using rights as a departure point.

Migration and Skills
Ron Skeldon gave the keynote speech on ‘Immigration Futures: Geography Matters’ at the international forum at the Monash University Prato Centre organized by the Institute for the Study of Global Movements, the Australian Multicultural Foundation and Metropolis (17-19 May). The main themes of the forum were the patterns of skilled migration flows; the selection of skilled immigrants; permanent versus temporary programmes; the ethics of cherry picking: out-migration and its impact on sending countries; and circular migration. Leading academics and policy makers from Australasia, North America and Europe participated in the panel discussions.

Meera Warrier presented a paper on the temporary guest worker schemes to the US focusing on the movement of skilled IT workers at the COMPAS Annual Conference entitled ‘International Labour Migration: In Whose Interests?’, held at Oxford over 5-6 July 2006. Earlier, in April, she presented a paper entitled ‘Changing Synergies Across Borders: Transnational Networks and the Indian Software Industry’ at the ESRC-funded workshop on networks and trade at the University of East Anglia.

Richard Black, Ayman Zohry (Egypt) and Ilir Gadeshi (CESS, Albania) are all collaborating in a new survey on the relationship between migration and skills being conducted by the European Training Foundation in Albania, Egypt, Tunisia and Moldova. Results of the study are expected to be published next year.

Migration and Development
The Migration DRC, together with IMISCOE, hosted a workshop on ‘Poverty, Vulnerability and Migration Choice’ (18-19 May 2006) at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies in Geneva. The workshop had six panels covering topics including migration choice and migration culture; migration as a livelihood/coping strategy; migration status
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organized by MIGRINTER at the University of Poitiers over 2005: 20 Years of Research on International Migration’, Ron presented a summary of the latest developments in migration and development at the international conference entitled ‘1985-2005: 20 Years of Research on International Migration’, organized by MIGRINTER at the University of Poitiers over 7-9 July 2006.

Richard Black and Ron Skeldon participated in an IPPR/GDN workshop on measuring and optimising the economic and social impacts of migration in London in September 2006.

Richard Black, Ron Skeldon and Rachel Sabates-Wheeler are leading a new desk study for DFID on migration issues and policies in Europe and Central Asia. The study includes regional overviews, as well as case studies of Moldova, Kosovo and Tajikistan. Zana Vathi, Cristina Pantiru, Larissa Jones and Maggie Osbody Katz are working as RAs on the project, which is due to be completed in November.

Diaspora and Development

Ilir Gadeshi (CESS, Albania) participated in the 3d Stockholm Workshop on the Global Migration Regime. His presentation was entitled, ‘From Brain Drain to Brain Gain: Mobilizing Albania’s Skilled Diaspora’. Ilir also took part in a conference in September 2006 entitled Brain Gain: Diaspora’s Contribution in the Development of Albania, organized by the Albanian government in co-operation with UNDP. CESS and Sussex have collaborated to produce a background paper that informed a new project on ‘Brain Gain’ which was launched at the conference.

Ron Skeldon gave the keynote speech at the workshop on Contributions of Diasporas, organized at the United Nations headquarters by UNITAR/UNFPA/IOM in May. About 60-70 people were present, largely UN staff and staff from official missions to the UN. Ron also chaired the final session of the impact of diaspora contributions.

Richard Black presented a keynote lecture on ‘Mobilising the Diaspora’ at the 11th International Metropolis Conference, Paths and Crossroads: Moving People, Moving Places in Lisbon (2-6 October 2006). Together with Maria Josefina Perez Espino (Sussex) and Dimitria Clayton, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration (MGFFI, Germany), he also organised a panel session on ‘co-development’ at the conference.

Ayman Zohry presented a paper entitled ‘Developmentalizing the Diaspora: African Refugees in Cairo’ at the Fourth International Workshop on Diaspora, Development and Conflict: The Impacts of Transnational Activities, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Bornholm, 7-9 May 2006. This constituted part of Ayman’s three-month visiting fellowship at DIIS.

Migration DRC Website

We are delighted that the new IDS publication, A Good Place to Start: The IDS Knowledge Services Guide to Finding Development Information Online, lists the DRC website as one of the key five sources of information on migration: www.ids.ac.uk/ids/info/docs/Good%20Place%20to%20Find%20Information%20Online.pdf . Please do visit our website at www.migrationdrc.org.

DRC PEOPLE

After three years as Director of the FMRS programme, Fateh Azzam left in June 2006 for the position of Arab Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, based in Beirut, Lebanon. Dr Ray Jureidini, Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Egyptology (SAPE) took over the position of FMRS Acting Director pending the recruitment of a new director. Ray is also the principal investigator on a project entitled ‘A Social Profile and Analysis of Migrant Domestic Employees in Cairo’ funded by the Migration DRC.

In April 2006, Prof Barbara Harell-Bond took over coordination of Migration DRC activities at FMRS from Kasia Grabska, who has joined IDS to do a DPhil on Sudanese refugees, including a short study for the Migration DRC. Kasia secured a small research grant for her research from the Allan Sorensen Memorial Fund. She is currently engaged in fieldwork in refugee camps in Kenya and Sudan.

Come December, Vegard Iversen, who has been contributing to the Migration DRC programme of work on autonomous child migration with his project in South India, is moving from the University of East Anglia, where he is a lecturer, to take up a position with the International Food Policy Research Institute in New Delhi, India.

Interns

Siobhan McPhee extended her internship at RMMRU to work with Tasneem Siddiqui on a study of ‘Dual Citizenship’ for Dilip Ratha at the World Bank. Meanwhile, Penelope Anthias returned to the UK after completing her internship.
with RMMRU, and Victoria Redcliff joined as the new RMMRU intern in October this year.

At Sussex, Youkang Chin has started a three-month internship after completing her Master’s in Development Studies at the University of East Anglia. Prior to coming to the UK, she worked as a journalist in South Korea.

Zana Vathi, who was intern at Sussex over the summer, worked on two projects. In one, she created a global database to look at expatriates’ voting rights, providing information on emigrants’ rights and modes of voting in their country of origin, number of emigrants, and countries’ indicators on political rights and civil liberties. Zana also reviewed and summarised the literature on migration and its impact on poverty reduction in the Western Balkans and Kosovo as part of Sussex work for DFID on migration in Europe and Central Asia. Zana will now move on to Brussels where she has been awarded full funding to do a PhD. Of her time in Sussex she says:

I found both projects very rewarding, which apart from being innovative also helped me gain a much more focused approach towards migration issues. Other comments, feedback or even casual discussions with many of the faculty and researchers have been very useful. I wanted to have a good background in migration issues and SCMR is the right place to do this.

Reeda Khader Elburai is doing the fall internship at FMRS. She is currently auditing courses for the FMRS diploma and assisting Prof Harrell-Bond in different outreach projects.

Meanwhile, Alexandra Espinoza, who joined as an intern at ISSER in Ghana has left after only a few weeks as she got an offer she could not refuse for a job in Spain. She will be succeeded by Bethan Lewis, who will start her internship at ISSER in January 2007.

Nicolina Lamhauge completed an internship at ISSER this summer, and here is what she has to say about her experience there:

During my internship I was primarily involved with a project on social protection for migrant workers in the pineapple sector, managed jointly by John K. Anarfi (ISSER) and Stephanie Ware-Barrientos (IDS). Since the project was just starting up as I arrived, I was involved in key informant interviews, creation of the questionnaire to be used for the fieldwork, training of the fieldworkers, the actual fieldwork, and part of the cleaning of the data after returning from the field.

I really enjoyed my time in Ghana. The work was very interesting and I felt that I learned a lot about how research is carried out. Since this was my first experience of being involved in a research project, I do feel that I learned some valuable lessons. On many occasions I had to work independently, while still being member of a larger team. Effectively managing the two was at times challenging. But both will certainly prove to be useful lessons in the future.

RMMRU, Bangladesh

Apart from organising the workshop on marginalised migrant workers and social protection earlier this month (see above), RMMRU have been leading on a number of activities these last six months. These include:

Organisation of a consultation programme entitled ‘Rehabilitation of the Camp-Based Urdu-Speaking Community in Bangladesh: The Role of Civil Society’ at the Bangladesh Press Institute on 29 April 2006. Speakers sought the development of appropriate rehabilitation schemes for this minority group, called the Bihari community. C R Abrar of RMMRU stressed the need for a multi-agency approach to poverty alleviation, ensuring community empowerment and the delivery of socio-physical services to support the rehabilitation of this group.

In May 2006, RMMRU presented its findings on a project with the British High Commission called ‘Migration to the UK from Bangladesh: Opportunities and Constraints’. Two Migration DRC interns assigned to work on the project presented their findings -- Siobhan McPhee on labour migration, and Penelope Anthias on student migration.

The Young Researcher’s Forum of RMMRU, under the aegis of the Migration DRC, held a two-day symposium on ‘Learning from the Marginalised’ over 19-20 July 2006. Amongst the eight papers presented were those by RMMRU-DRC research fellows Rakib Hossain on in-migration in a metropolitan city in Bangladesh and Partha Pratim Ghosh on migration and adaptation in West Bengal, India. Jess Skinner, who had earlier done her internship at RMMRU, presented a paper on the internal displacement of indigenous communities in the Chittagong hill tracts. And Syeda Rozana Rashid, a Migration DRC DPhil candidate at Sussex, presented her preliminary findings on livelihood and social protection in international labour migration in the context of Bangladesh.

FMRS, Egypt

FMRS has been host to both a workshop on forced migration and the Migration DRC annual partnership and CARG meetings over April 7-10 this year. The two and a half day partnership meeting included presentations of work-in-progress, discussions around the DRC’s key themes of research and administrative issues. The two mid-term reviewers of the Migration DRC appointed by DFID, Juliet Pierce, an independent consultant, and Kathleen Newland of the Migration Policy Institute, were also present through the proceedings. It was not all work, however. The hosts had organised several fun activities including dinner on a faluca on the Nile, an expedition to the pyramids and shopping at Khan Khalili.

Other staff news from FMRS: Mireia Cano has been appointed as Course Manager in July 2006 for the upcoming DRC short course on Refugees and Development scheduled to take place in January 2007. And Ahmed Mostafa was selected for the fall fellowship offered under a DRC/FMRS collaboration.

ISSER and RIPS, Ghana

Our partners in Ghana have been busy with setting up and finding funding for the newly established interdisciplinary Centre for Migration Research at the University of Ghana, the first of its kind in West Africa. The Centre is due to become operational later this year under the directorship of Migration DRC partner, Prof John Anarfi.

Meanwhile, research has been going apace, with research having been initiated on social protection of workers in global agriculture, focusing on the pineapple sector in Ghana, following an earlier pilot study. This Migration DRC project is a collaborative venture between ISSER and Prof Stephanie Barrientos at IDS.

Several research papers from ISSER following the first phase of Migration DRC research are in the process of being finalised. These include ‘Joining the Bandwagon: Emigration Expectation Among Trainee Health Personnel in Ghana’, ‘Coping Strategies of Independent Child Migrants from Northern Ghana to Southern Cities’ and ‘Independent North-South Child Migration In Ghana: The Decision Making Process’, following from research done by ISSER on the migration of health professionals and children’s autonomous migration.


**UPCOMING DRC EVENTS**

**Research-in-Progress**

17 November 2006, University of Sussex

The DRC has been hosting informal research-in-progress half-days to hear from researchers recently returned from the field. In this, the third of such meetings, we will hear from Stephanie Barrientos (IDS) on social protection of migrant workers in the pineapple sector in Ghana; Syeda Rozana Rashid on livelihood and social protection of families and dependents of international migrants from Bangladesh; Rachel Sabates-Wheeler on portability, access and reciprocity in social protection for migrants, exploring the case of Ghanaians in Nigeria and in the UK (the Nigerian leg of the fieldwork is still to be completed), and Deeptima Massey on informal support networks used by families and dependents left behind by migrants when confronted with health problems.

**Human Resources for Health and Migration: Mobility, Training and the Global Supply of Health Workers**

16-17 May 2007, Bramber House, University of Sussex

The purpose of this workshop is to foreground cutting edge thinking on the training and migration of health professionals for a mixed audience of academics and practitioners. It will examine both levels and locations of training and education of health workers in origins and destinations, look at the movement of health professionals and, ultimately, identify the most fruitful directions for policy and future research. As such, it will examine where health professionals in and from developing countries are trained, how this training is funded, the tensions between local need and global supply, the role for paramedical training, and the role of regional centres in the provision of medical services.

Please see http://www.migrationdrc.org/news/drc_events.html for details on other upcoming events.

**DRC TRAINING EVENTS**

Meera Warrier provided training on migration and development on the Global Development Course offered by Ethical Events Ltd in London on 3 April, 17 May and 27 September 2006. The course was attended by 20 participants in April, 16 in May, and about the same number again in September, including early career professionals in the voluntary sector and media, and students.

Ron Skeldon was a faculty member at the Fourth Annual Summer Institute on International Migration where he led a workshop on the role of international organizations in the management of migration and development over 19-24 June 2006 in San Diego, California.

Meera Warrier took the migration module for IMA International's Issues in Development course for government officials and people working in bilateral and multilateral donor organisations on 6 September 2006.

Meera Warrier and Mike Collyer were trainers for a COPRET/SDC-funded two-day course on migration and development for the Swiss Development Corporation at Bern over September 21-22. Migration, inequality and development was also the theme of a training session for visiting Government of India officials at the Institute of Development Studies on 12 October 2006, which also Meera delivered.

**Upcoming Training Events**

**Migration and Development: Policy and Practice**

7 November 2006, Portland Place, London

This one-day workshop has been designed to bring together individuals from across Whitehall and the voluntary sector
for briefings from researchers and advisors working on cutting edge migration and development issues. In a year of unprecedented interest in migration and development, the workshop builds on the conclusions of the UN High Level Dialogue and considers policy options for the immediate future. Speakers include Richard Black (Sussex) on key issues on the international agenda and where next; Heaven Crawley on establishing a progressive migration agenda; Danny Sriskandarajah (IPPR) on the UK government’s migration management strategies and its effects on countries of origin; Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (AFFORD) on remittances and beyond and Ron Skeldon (Sussex) on cutting edge approaches to skilled international migration.

Wilton Park Conference: Global Migration: Facing the Challenges
30 November - 2 December 2006, Wilton Park
Richard Black will be addressing the opening session of the Wilton Park conference on ‘Global Migration: Facing the Challenges’. The conference discusses some key challenges facing the global community with respect to migration, including balancing needs of origin and destination countries, the capacity of states to manage migration, the security underpinnings of increased mobility, the impact of forced migration on these debates, and the most effective ways of maximising the potential of global migration. Richard’s session is entitled ‘Global Migration Trends: A Demographic Overview’

Refugees and Migrants: Rights-based Approach to Development
8–17 January 2007, FMRS, AUC, Egypt
This ten-day advanced course is designed for practitioners from government, inter-governmental and non-governmental agencies, donors and community representatives in the Middle East and Africa with institutional responsibilities in the field of refugees and migration. Participants will explore the practical implications and challenges of applying the much-touted human rights approach to policy making in real situations. The course will be both theoretical and practical, drawing on the wealth of lessons arising from trial and error, to determine the best-possible development outcomes for hosts, refugees, and migrants. Participants will learn new skills and techniques to apply in their own context. Course tutors include Barbara Harrell-Bond (FMRS, AUC) and Dr Abrar Chowdhury (RMMRU).

RECENT DRC PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers

WP-T16 ‘The Positives and Negatives of Children’s Migration: An Assessment of the Evidence from Ghana and the Debates’ by Iman Hashim

WP-T17 ‘Migration for Hard Work: A Reluctant Livelihood Strategy for Poor Households in West Bengal, India’ by Abdur Rafique, Deeptima Massey and Ben Rogaly.

Coming soon will be WP-T18 ‘Degrees of Separation: Social Protection, Relatedness and Migration in Biswanath, Bangladesh’ by Katy Gardner and Zahir Ahmed.

All our working papers are available to download as PDF files from www.migrationdrc.org/publications/working_papers.html

Other Publications by DRC Members


