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UNU Migration Network Research Symposium
24 September 2024, UNU-MERIT, Maastricht
Final Programme

Tuesday 24 September

- 9.30-10.00 Arrival and coffee
location: UNU MERIT Conference Room (0.18)
- 10.00-10.15 Opening of the UNU MN Research Symposium
Welcome Note and Introductions.
- 10.15 – 11.45 Panel Session 1 – Migration, Climate and Environment
Chair: Kees van der Geest (EHS)
- Presentation 1:* *Nidhi Nagabhatla (CRIS), Belayneh Fentahun Shibesh (CRIS) and Sanae Okamoto (MERIT) - Climate Adaptation, Disaster Planning, and Mental Health: Shaping pathways of nexus resilience with focus on migrants*
- Presentation 2:* *Natalia Ruiz Morato (FLORES) - Internal displacement in biodiversity areas after the Colombian Peace Agreement: the opportunities for a Nexus Approach*
- Presentation 3:* *David Durand-Delacre (EHS) - Advocacy priorities for consent-based and well-supported climate relocations*
- Presentation 4:* *Bushra Ebadi (EGOV) - The Weaponization of Technology: Climate Justice, Displacement, and Digital Apartheid in Palestine*
- Q&A
- 11.45 – 12.00 Break
- 12.00 – 13.30 Thematic Session II – (Involuntary) Immobility
Chair: Ilse Ruyssen (CRIS)
- Presentation 1:* *Alix Debray (CRIS) - The Aspiration to Stay, Well-being and Irrigation amidst Drought*



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Presentation 2: Els Bekaert, Alix Debray and Ilse Ruysen (CRIS) - Retain factors and staying preferences in climate-vulnerable West Africa

Presentation 3: Nicolás Caso (CRIS) - Involuntary immobility and subjective well-being: Exploring the impact of unfulfilled migration aspirations among young adults in Asia and Africa

Presentation 4: Manisha Mukherjee (MERIT) - Climate Change, Female Migration, and Gender Inequality: Evidence from Rural India

Q&A

13.30 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 14.45 Workshop: Immobility
Further discussion of (the governance of) (involuntary) immobility (i.e. critical questions, research agenda and opportunities for further collaboration)
Moderator: Melissa Siegel (MERIT)

14.45 – 16.15 Thematic Session III – Migrant inclusion and development
Chair: Melissa Siegel (MERIT)

Presentation 1: Ashenafi Tizazu (CRIS) - From Strategy to Tantalising Challenge: Unrevealing the Interface between Forced Return and Households' Food (In)Security in Rural Ethiopia

Presentation 2: Tobias Hillenbrand (MERIT) - Reforms welcome? Investigating public attitudes towards the regularization of asylum immigration

Presentation 3: Lalaine Siruno (MERIT) – Human Development Trajectories of Regularised Filipino Migrant Domestic Workers in the Netherlands

Presentation 4: Ana Filipa Cândido (MERIT) – An Extensive Analysis of Migration Transitions in the European Union Countries

Q&A

16.15 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 18.00 Workshop: Methods and Next Steps
Moderators: Lalaine Siruno and Melissa Siegel (MERIT)



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*Presentation: Dan Orendain (CRIS) - Finding the [In]Visible - Field Work
Insights on Internally Displaced Indigenous Peoples in
Davao City (Philippines)*

Followed by informal “pitches” and discussion questions regarding methods and methodological innovations (e.g. mixed methods, mapping and modelling methodologies)

Key points, cross-cutting thematic discussion and closing remarks

18.30 – 20.30

Dinner at Pet Thai