

Call For Papers

African Migration and Gender in Eastern Africa II: Setting the Agenda

An International Conference by invitation at the

*Mbarara University of Technology & Science, Uganda
5 – 6 July 2010*

Background

Eastern Africa is strongly affected by internal displacements and forced migration. The region experienced various forms of migration, flight and refuge, historically as well as contemporary, including permanent, internal and external, documented and un-documented, conflict-induced and labour transitory migration.

Still – and although global interest in migration processes is rising – African migration processes are under-represented in migration research and in the global migration discourse. Migration, despite its critical relevance to Africa's development, is often hardly recognised in academic contexts. Theorising migration and challenging predominant images of the migrant from African perspectives, by African scholars, is not yet prevalent.

Besides, apart from the humanitarian concern for women being the main victims of forced migration related to armed conflicts and natural disasters, the gender dimension of the issue is still unaccounted for. Gender relations and women's rights are contested areas in contemporary societies and they are at the core of discourses on modernity and tradition. On an international and national level, the state of gender equality is closely linked to development and increasingly considered one of its key indicators.

Objective

The conference should contribute to setting the agenda for research and capacity building in the field of African migration research and gender studies as intersecting areas. We especially welcome papers that focus on:

- the development of theoretical approaches to African migration, including the gender dimension,
- the review of prevalent research paradigms and research methods
- innovative research methods
- the synthesis of existing, but disparate knowledge on African migration processes
- networking migration research: within academia and beyond, within Eastern Africa and beyond

We are pleased to announce our Call for Papers, any original research on migration in sub-Saharan Africa will be considered, preference is given to contributions on Eastern Africa and contributions addressing gender issues.

This is the second in a series of three conferences on African Migration and Gender, organized by the EDULINK partnership IMMIS. The final conference will take place in Omdurman, Sudan, in early 2011. For more information on the project, please visit www.immis.org. We specifically encourage young and/or international academics to apply. Accommodation and meals will be covered for. Conference organizers try to subsidise travel costs.

Abstracts measuring 300 - 500 words should be in English and accompanied by a short CV including contact details. Please send your files to abstracts@immis.org until 8 March 2010. Full papers are due 31 May 2010.

Please note

Conference participants flying in are expected to arrive Entebbe Airport on 3 July or early 4 July (no later than 10 a.m). On this basis, transfer from Entebbe to Mbarara will be provided by conference organisers with arrival in Mbarara before sunset.

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