

African Migration and Gender: Focus on Eastern Africa

An International Conference by Invitation at the
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The conference is hosted by the EDULINK Project IMMIS (African Migration and Gender in Global Context – Implementing Migration Studies) – a joint project by Ahfad University for Women (Sudan), Humboldt University Berlin (Germany), Makerere University (Uganda), Mbarara University of Science and Technology (Uganda), Oldenburg University (Germany) and Stavanger University (Norway).

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09:00 h Opening & Welcome;
Jan Kühnemund (Oldenburg University, Germany): Introducing the EDULINK project IMMIS

09:45 h **Panel I: Mapping Migration in Eastern Africa**

Moderator: Parto Teherani-Krönner (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany)

- a) Deborah Mulumba (Makerere University, Uganda), Wendo Olema (Mbarara University, Uganda): Mapping migration in Uganda
- b) Awadalla Saeed (Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan): Mapping migration in Sudan

11:00 h *Coffee break*

11:30 h **Keynote**

Jane Freedman (Centre de Recherches Politiques de la Sorbonne, Paris, France): Taking gender seriously in forced migration in Africa: Continuing obstacles to understanding and action

12:30 h **Lunch**

14:00 h **Panel II: Gender Violence & Forced Migration**

Moderator: Pamela Mbabazi (Mbarara University, Uganda)

- a) Seema Shekhawat (University of Mumbai, India): Post-election violence in Kenya 2007: Mapping multiple experiences of Internally Displaced Women
- b) Renu Modi (University of Mumbai, India): Internal displacement in the aftermath of the December 2007 post electoral violence in Kenya: A gendered perspective
- c) Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, Switzerland): The legal and institutional framework of addressing female displaced persons' needs in Eastern Africa

Panel commentator: Gudrun Lachenmann (University of Bielefeld, Germany)

16:00 h *Coffee break*

16:30 h **Panel III: African Diaspora**

Moderator: Awadalla Saeed (Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan)

- a) Annalisa Butticci (University of Padua, Italy): Women in motion: The gendered space of African Christian immigration in Italy
- b) Kefa M. Otiso (Bowling Green State University, Ohio, US): Comparative analysis of Eastern African immigrants in the US

Panel commentator: Jane Freedman (Centre de Recherches Politiques de la Sorbonne, Paris, France)

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09:00 h

Panel IV: Internally Displaced Persons in Uganda

Moderator: Anika Walke (University of Oldenburg, Germany/ UC Santa Cruz, USA)

- a) Deborah Mulumba (Makerere University, Uganda): Populations in conflict and post conflict situations: Impact on Gender and Development
- b) Ronald Kalyango (Makerere University, Uganda): Returning home: Gender and choice among internally displaced persons in Gulu District, Northern Uganda
- c) Moses Chrispus Okello (Refugee Law Project, Uganda): Masculinities, forced migration and violence: A time for reflection?
- d) David Olema (Mbarara University, Uganda): Potentially traumatic experiences that confront armed conflict displaced populations in Gulu District, Northern Uganda.

Panel commentator: Awadalla Saeed (Ahfad University for Women, Omdurman, Sudan)

11:00 h

Coffee break

11:30 h

Panel V: Migration and Women's Employment in Sudan

Moderator: Parto Teherani-Krönner (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany)

- a) Awatif Ata Elmannan Elageed (Humboldt University Berlin, Germany): Weaving the social networks of women migrants in the Gezira Scheme: Getting work opportunities
- b) Salah Mahdi (Riyadh Chamber of Commerce, Saudi Arabia): Migrant women in the informal sector: The case of Khartoum, Sudan

Panel commentator: Deborah Mulumba (Makerere University, Uganda)

12:30 h

Lunch/Snack

13:30 h

Panel VI: West African Discourses

Moderator: tba

- a) Abiodun Elijah Obayelu (University of Ibadan, Nigeria): Child slavery and its effects on social and economic security in Africa: A case study of selected countries in West Africa
- b) Marie Rodet (University of Vienna, Austria): Missing migrants: The absence of women in the history of migrations from Mali to Senegal

Panel commentator: Moses Chrispus Okello (Refugee Law Project, Uganda)

14:30 h

Closing Session: – Summary and Outlook – Outline for Follow up conference (incl. statements by IMMIS partner delegations)

End 15:30 h
