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Background

Over the last ten years, the International Network of Migration and Development (RIMD, for its initials in Spanish) has become a space for the convergence of researchers and immigrant organizations and their communities, as well as government officials and NGOs that specialize in migration issues.



The Network has facilitated and supported dialogue, the confrontation of ideas, the design of common research agendas, the development of comparative studies, and the training of specialists in this field within an interdisciplinary framework. Currently, the network has participants from all five continents and aspires to consolidate a dialogue among investigators and activists from the South and the North at a global scale.

In collaboration with several institutions, the first, second, and third International Symposia on Migration and Development were held in 2003 and 2006 in Mexico and 2008 in Costa Rica, respectively. The goal of these events was to engage the debate on migration from perspectives from the South, presenting critical views on the relationship between migration and development beginning with the analysis of different migration experiences and combining visions from both destiny and origin.

In previous editions, the International Symposia have questioned the role of remittances on poverty reduction and its contribution to development. Transnational processes and their impact on the localities of origin have also been analyzed. Citizenship and its articulation with dimensions of inclusion / exclusion have been crucial foci of discussion in various symposia. The main intention has been to contribute to the construction of critical tools of analysis to re-think development and citizenship among people in mobility.

The IV Symposium of the International Network on Migration and Development to be held in Quito in May, 2011, will draw upon previous processes, seeking to consolidate this critical line of thought and also to articulate two global events that took place in 2010: the World Social Forum on Migration in Quito and the Global Forum on Migration and Development in Mexico. We intend our discussions and debates to address the proposals and initiatives that emerged from those two events and that the global civil society will share these with their states and with society in general.

Above all, the IV Symposium of the INMD will focus on the global crisis and its impact on the lives of people in mobility.

The scenario of the global crisis of capitalism has exacerbated several processes of social inequality and the vulnerability of migrants in a globalized world, affecting, in diverse ways, their every day reproduction, their mobilization patterns, and their rights.

On the one hand, high unemployment rates have led to even more precarious working conditions for migrants in destination countries, with severe consequences with respect to their survival, quality of life, their organizational skills, and their citizenship. On the other hand, little is known about the response of societies and states of

destination in this scenario and the ways in which the crisis might affect policies and processes of social integration / exclusion of migrants.

Also needed are further discussions of the impact of this crisis in the communities of origin in Latin America, Africa, Asia, or some Eastern European countries, as well as the state responses at different levels – national, local, and regional.

Finally, it will be necessary to discuss the response of migrant organizations and, in general, organized civil society in this context.

By hosting the event in Ecuador, the Network wishes to ensure that the debate on international migration covers both the diverse realities of flows from South to North- United States and Canada, Europe, and Asia as well as those of intra-regional and trans-border migrations in the Andean region, South American, and Central America. We also seek to develop a comparative perspective among the migratory systems operating in other regions of the world, such as those of Asia and Africa. We seek to ground academic and political debates historically by contrasting old and new migratory flows and their consequences in order to better understand the nature of social inequality, citizenship, and human rights in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas.

The Network seeks to contribute to the formulation of public policies that respond to the challenges that globalization brings for people in mobility, their families, and their communities.

The organizing institutions of this IV International Symposium on Migration and Development invite the community interested in processes linked to migration and development in various regions of the world to submit paper proposals (unpublished works) related to the themes contained in the following agenda.

Main issues:

I: Global Crisis and Development

- a. Precarious work and survival strategies.
- b. Strategic indicators of development, human rights, and migration.
- c. Remittances, crisis, and local economies.
- d. Development policies and migration policies.
- e. Migration systems and development models.
- f. Skilled migration and development.
- g. Climate change, environmental degradation, and migration processes.
- h. Differential impact of crisis on migrant men and women.

II. The Transnational Dimensions of the Crisis

- a. Changes on migration routes and flows: locations, migrant social status, and new social expressions.
- b. Return migration: forms of integration and social exclusion.
- c. Social networks, social solidarity, and mutual support strategies among migrants.
- d. Global care chains and the crisis of social reproduction.
- e. Structures, dynamics, and family strategies during the crisis.
- f. Trafficking and smuggling networks.
- g. Relations between internal migration and international traffic.

III. Policies, States, and Global System

- a. Geopolitics surrounding international migration: Regional integration, trade blocs, and free mobility policies.
- b. Citizenship and transnational state policies.
- c. The internationalization of immigration policy: Regional/global forums and international agencies.
- d. Tension between security policies and human rights policies in the international migration agenda.
- e. Security, forced migration, and human rights.
- f. Border and immigration control: Mechanisms and processes of security and militarization.
- g. State production of illegality and migration regularization programs.
- h. Comparative analysis of migratory systems: Africa, Asia, and Latin America

IV. Actors, subjects, and Citizenship in International Migration

- a. Organization strategies, action, and political advocacy of migrants in the political processes in countries of origin and destination.
- b. Mobilization and political participation of migrants: Migrant organizations and protection of economic, social, political, and cultural rights.
- c. Ethnicity; "ethnicization" of international migration.
- d. Alliances between movements of migrants, labor unions, and peasants.
- e. Participation and advocacy organizations, movements, and networks of migrants.
- f. Feminization of migration and the construction of new political subjects.
- g. Media discourses on migration: Media, public space, and citizenship.

V. Culture, Identity, Religion, and International Migration

- a. Dimensions of social subjectivity in international migration.
- b. Transnational religious practices and migrant communities.
- c. Cultural forms of transnational life and its expressions in migrant communities.
- d. Cultural dimensions of economic and political practices of individuals and migrant communities.
- e. Culture, the nostalgia market, and "tourism nostalgia".
- f. Culture, identity, and citizenship in migration.
- g. Migration and national and ethnic identifications.

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Important Dates:

- **January 15, 2011:** Deadline for submission of abstracts.
- **February 15:** Selection and communication of accepted papers.
- **April 15:** Deadline for submission of final papers.
- **May 18, 19, 20, 2011:** Congress.

Abstract requirements

Those interested in participating should submit an abstract with the title of the paper and the selected section. The abstract should comprise between 1,500 and 2,000 words (5 pages), in Times New Roman 12 point, with double spacing. Abstracts will be received in English, Spanish, and French. The proposal must be accompanied by basic information about the author: Full name, email, work or study, position or career, exact address, telephone, and a brief biographical sketch of no more than 250 words.

Conditions for Participating

The organizing institutions are seeking funds to cover partial expenses for a limited number of participants. However, due to limited resources, the organizing committee recommends that those interested seek their own resources.

Other Information

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FLACSO Ecuador is located in the city of Quito at 2,800 meters above sea level; has a population of 1,399,000 and a 5 hour time difference with respect to London (GMT). Temperatures in Quito range from 12 °C to 18 °C.

Other relevant information for attending this Symposium: airlines, hotels and rates, etc., will be available on the website of the IV Symposium and of the website of the International Network on Migration and Development www.migracionydesarrollo.org