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Editorial

Population and migration have become one of the major issues of concern in the world. The accelerated impact of international migration on countries of origin, transit and destination is a phenomenon foreseen to continue: international migration is likely to further develop itself as a part of the global transformations affecting the current world's structure. Migration can be a chance to foster development and increase intercultural relationships.

However, migration is often understood as a problem. And indeed, the increased population flows across borders of individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds give rise to a number of challenges in both host States and States of origin. It is becoming increasingly clear that unilateral approaches will not be sufficient to address these challenges and that the international community must collectively find ways of acting together in respect of migrations.

At present the population and migrations matters represent central issues on the Euro-Mediterranean political debate. New regulatory and legislative frameworks have been requested in order to manage on one hand the third country nationals living in Europe with problems of integration and social cohesion; and on the other hand the illegal migrations flows and the economic and social pressures arising from south and east neighbouring countries. Individuals, societies and decision makers differently perceive migration issues: individuals feel migration from their personal point of view which matches with their project of life; social groups perceive migrations according to their different life status; and decision makers often design and provide general migration policies.

The establishment of the Unesco Chair on "Population, Migrations and Development" at Sapienza University of Rome, the largest University in Europe with a long history and tradition of academic cooperation, appears very useful in order to spread the debate on different countries as potential recipient for the creation of further centres of excellence specialised in developing studies; and to build capacity in teaching and researching with the aim to promote a multidisciplinary scientific approach in the field of development, population and migrations as a basic premise for human rights.

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Seminars and conferences

Paris 4 May, 2010 A meeting between Rome and Paris Chapter of Unesco Chair was organised by prof. Catherine de Wenden: on 4th May Elena Ambrosetti delivered a seminar on **"The demographic issue on the Italian Migration Policies "** to PhD students at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris (Institut d' Etudes Politiques).

Havana 19-21 May 2010 The 22nd meeting of REVES was held in Havana, Cuba. Cristina Giudici, Maria Felice Arezzo and Nicolas Brouard presented a research paper on **Estimating health expectancy in presence of missing data: an application using HID survey**. http://reves.site.ined.fr/en/REVES_meetings/previous_meetings/2010_havana_cuba/

Roma 18 June, 2010 The Unesco Chair takes part to the International Conference on **"Fostering Dialogue among Stakeholders in European Research Conference on the Gender and Migration policy"** organized by the Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE). <http://www.apre.it/Eventi/giornata.asp?id=937>

Geneva 21-24 June, 2010 - The AIDELF 16th General Conference on "Intergenerational Relations: Demographic Issues" takes place in Geneva. Elena Ambrosetti, Eralba Cela and Ilir Gedeshi will present a research paper on **Migration and inter-generational relationships in Albania**. <http://cig.unige.ch/colloques/aidelf2010/aidelf-programme/aidelf-programme-20100510.pdf>.

Moscow 22-25 June, 2010 - **Benedetta Cassani**, Secretary General of the Unesco Chair in Population, Migrations and Development was invited to attend the International Seminar about **"The Right to Education for Everybody - Moscow School Practice and International Approaches"** organised by the Unesco Chair in International Education and Integration of Migrants' Children.

Vienna 1-4 September, 2010 Scholars and researchers from the Unesco Chair's Rome and Paris chapter will attend the **European Population Conference 2010**. In the EPC 2010 session a special attention will be dedicated to the theme Population and Environment. On the occasion of the Conference, the Unesco Chair Scientific Committee meeting is also scheduled on the 3rd of September. On the Agenda the organization of the **General Conference 2011: Respect of borders, Respect at borders** that will be held at Sapienza University of Rome on May 2011.

Respect at borders, Respect of borders

Preparatory Seminars:

12 April 2010 - **Borders and Development** - Claudio Cecchi (Sapienza) and Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo (Unesco Chair)

15 April 2010 - **Borders, Geography and History** - Presentation of the book "Migration without borders: essays on the free movement of people" by Paul De Guchteneire (Unesco Paris), Donatella Strangio and Elena Ambrosetti (Sapienza)

28 April 2010 - Council Hall h.11.00-13 .00 - **Defence of borders: integration vs security** - Enrico Todisco (Sapienza), Sergio Sorbino (Istituto Alti Studi per la Difesa) and Carlo De Stefano (Comitato Analisi Strategica Antiterrorismo)

6 May 2010 - Council Hall h.11.00-13 .00 - **Borders, Citizenship and Human rights** Presentation of the book "Migration and Human Rights: The United Nations Conventions on Migrant Workers' Rights" by Antoine Pecoud (Unesco), Arianna Cascelli, Benedetta Cassani (Sapienza)

10 May 2010 - Room 6A h.11.00-13 .00 - **Borders, Political Science and International relations** Cristina Giudici (Sapienza) and Catherine de Wenden (CERI Sciences-Po,Paris)

12 May 2010 - Council Hall h.11.00-13 .00 - **Borders, Health and Social Economics** Maurizio Franzini (Sapienza), and Fabio Capani (UNIDAV Telematica)

21 October 2010 - **Borders and Languages** Ersilia Incelli, Chiara Prospero Porta and Escoubas, Marie Pierre (Sapienza)

25 October 2010 - **Borders, Population and Migrations** Stefano Baldi (Sapienza), Catherine de Wenden (CERI Sciences-Po,Paris) and Peter Schatzer (IOM, Geneva)

10 November 2010 - **Borders, Governance and Institutions** Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo (Unesco Chair) and Habib Achour (Ambassador of Tunisian Republic in Italy)

Research activities

Migration and inter-generational relationships in Albania

by Elena Ambrosetti (Sapienza), Eralba Cela (UNIVPM), Ilir Gedeshi (CESS)

Albania is nowadays one of the countries with the highest migratory rate in the world. In fact, about 25% of the Albanian population is currently living abroad. The most important destinations are Greece and Italy, which host together 95% of the total migrants, due to geographical, cultural, and linguistic proximity. During the migration process, the relationship between generations can change considerably. The contact of the younger generations of migrants with more egalitarian society, may in fact disrupt the equilibrium of patriarchal societies. The same can be said about gender relations, that may feel the effect of significant changes.

The goal of our study is to analyse in which way the relations between generations are changing as a result of migration. In particular we will focus on the support between generations and the methods/tools used to implement it, developed by the Albanian emigrants and we will use data from a series of surveys conducted between 2006 and 2009 by the Center for Economic and Social Studies (CESS) on a sample of 2200 Albanians both in the origin (Albania) and destination countries (Italy and Greece).

The new families: what happens when Italians meet "new" Italians? Analysis of the familiar and reproductive behaviours of mixed couples in Italy

by Marina Attili, Cinzia Castagnaro, Giancarlo Gualtieri, Antonella Guarneri, Sabrina Prati, *Istituto Nazionale di Statistica (ISTAT)*

The aim is to study the familiar and reproductive behaviours of mixed couples in Italy, in other words couples composed by Italian and foreign citizens. The idea is to observe the recent trends in order to analyse the evolution of the main characteristics of these couples. One of the most significant new aspects of the last decade is surely the increase in marriages in which one or both of the spouses are foreigner. A marriage with a foreign citizen represents one of the most important indicators regarding the stabilisation and integration process of the immigrant communities in Italy. In 2008, "mixed" marriages represent the largest share of marriages with at least one foreign spouse (36,918) and even totalled, in 2008, about 24,548 marriages, representing 10.0% of all the marriages. They are an example of the melting pot of cultures and of the non-complete sharing of the traditional values that these unions generate. As regards the mixed couples, the most frequent type is the one in which the husband is Italian and the wife foreigner (18,240). Italian women who chose a foreign partner account for a little (6,308). Data on births allow completing the context of the foreign origin family behaviours. Out of the more than 576 thousand births enlisted in the municipality registers in 2008, few less than 24 thousands children born from mixed couples. Considering these different characteristics and behaviours the analysis is carried out on the main citizenships present in Italy.

Buenos Aires, 23 April, 2010 - The Chair organised a seminar in Buenos Aires in collaboration with Consorzio Interuniversitario Italiano per l'Argentina CUIA. On that occasion the **Unesco Chair in Population, Migrations and Development**, represented by **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Benedetta Cassani**, and the **Unesco Chair in Human Rights** represented by **Silvia Contrafatto** presented their ongoing activities. The United Nations Convention on Migrant Workers' Rights edited by Ryszard Cholewinski, Paul de Gauchtereire and Antoine Pecoud was presented by Benedetta Cassani during the meeting. The event was held in cooperation with the Italian Consortium for Argentina (CUIA). Common future activities focusing on the respect of Human rights for immigrants were planned; a future joint seminar will be organised in April 2011.

Buenos Aires, 17-28 April, 2010 - A delegation of Unesco Chair took part at the "Italian days in Argentina" organised by the Italian Consortium for Argentina (CUIA). On the occasion, Unesco Chair has developed its network of international relations by setting up new strategic partnerships in the field of Demography. During the meetings, proposals to further implement and promote joint initiatives and actions were discussed. In order to encourage international cooperation two Executive Protocols were signed with The Faculties of Economics of **University of Salvador** and with the **National University of Luján**. These protocols will promote the implementation of joint research and scientific activities.

Unesco Chair also had the chance to meet prof. **Alicia Bernasconi**, researcher at **CEMLA (Centre on Latin-American Migration Studies)**. The meeting was a good opportunity not only to discuss recent reforms on Italian and Argentinean legislation on immigration but also to explore new possible joint activities.

Information

Exhibition

BORDERS, MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: an interesting exhibition by **Philippe Rekacewicz** (French geographer, cartographer, journalist) about maps and geography migration. Attention goes mainly on cartography, a scientific tool translated as an original way of telling a story: instead of the common and modern maps (nowadays created thanks to sophisticated computerized software) Rekacewicz prefers to use hand drawn charts in which political borders do not appear so clear and the only very visible elements are small and big coloured narrows going everywhere migration flow went, everywhere people decided to move and to walk following their itinerary; borders and nations represent just an opaque background, faded away in order to give an hope to necessity.

Hosted in Villa Celimontana, cartographies' exhibition wants to share a message: borders, which are often decided accordingly to political needs instead of their geographical and natural shape, are becoming a reason for foreigners' exclusion... they are usually seen as a threat, not just under the social perspective but most of all under the economical one. Next to every single element it is possible to read many information about migration aspects and dynamics. It is interesting to find less famous cases such as the western Sahel one, next to well-known topics like the israeli-palestinian conflict and the migration of different nomadic ethnic groups in Europe.

The message goes through four men: Daniel, Gabriel, Djewe and Marcus; different persons coming from different places. They have a common characteristic and that is their final destination, Austria. They have the necessity to leave their countries and to start their migration toward something new, toward new chances and hopes. Thanks to their personal stories, Rekacewicz's exhibition can be considered complete and gives the possibility to analyze the topic through different angles and points of view. **(Sara Baiocco)**



Network

UNESCO Chair in Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Local Development (2008), Università degli Studi di Ferrara

Parole Incrociate (Crossword)- Meeting, debates and seminars, open to the public and promoted by Università di Ferrara and Master Internazionale Eco-Polis, City of Ferrara, Parco del Delta del Po, ACER Ferrara, Fondazione dell'Ordine degli Architetti della Provincia di Ferrara (Foundation of the Architects' Order of Ferrara). 14 May 2010 - Seminar on **From the brand to the management plan. How to manage the Cultural heritage development.** (<http://www.masterecopolis.it>)

UNESCO Chair in Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants: Urban Policies and Practice (2008)

SSIM Unesco Chair, in collaboration with Iuav PhD School presents the lecture: **NEW URBAN FRONTIERS Periurbanization and (Re) territorialization in Southeast Asia** by **Prof. Michael Leaf** School of Community and Regional Planning (SCARP) University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, Canada. <http://www.unescochair-iuav.it/?lang=en>

UNESCO Chair in Memory, Cultures and Interculturality Une journée d'études sur la diversité culturelle «**Les minorités : signes visibles et expressions de la diversité culturelle**» Le vendredi 15 octobre 2010 de 9 h à 18 h Lieu : Amphi D301. <http://chaireunesco.univ-catholyon.fr/journee-d-etudes-chaire-unesco-54004.kjsp?RH=1234170875795>

Flash

From april until July the senior year student **Marianna Costanza** (UnescoChair, Sapienza, University of Rome), will follow a training at the International Migration Institute (IMI) under the patronage of Oxford University. Directed by mr, **Thomas Lacroix**, researcher at IMI, Marianna **Costanza** will take part to the project: Transnational Migrant Organisations (TRAMO).

Unesco Chair is a partner of the Research Program: **Mediterranean population's issues: demography and potentials** promoted by professor **Isabelle Widmer**, at the Université de Provence. Many universities from the mediterranean area will collaborate to the project, such as the University of Thessaly (Volos, Greece), the University Computense of Madrid (Spain) and the University of Zadar (Croatia). The first meeting will be in Aix-en-Provence (France) on the 1st of July. **Elena Ambrosetti** will represent the Unesco Chair.

An Agreement regulating scientific cooperation between the **Unesco Chair** and the **Millenium Project Italian Node** (President Enrico Todisco) was signed. The agreement, stipulated by prof. **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** and prof. **Fabio Capani** during the seminar "Borders, Health and Social Economics", wants to foster education and research activities in the field of population and cooperation policies.

