



Dear Members of the Gender and Migration Virtual Community,

In this newsletter you will find community announcements and information shared by you, the members, in the first month of the community's existence. And what a wonderful first month it has been! We have 565 members from over 80 countries around the world. The site has new news items, calendar events, and opinion pieces everyday. Thank you to all to contributed – the community is a collective effort so we depend on you to submit content.

Laura Olsen

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Global Care Chains Virtual Discussion

In June UN-INSTRAW is hosting a virtual discussion about Global Care Chains in English and Spanish. Global care chains are created as a result of the so-called "care crisis" generated by the inadequate public response to the increasing number of women in developed countries entering the labour market. These women create a strong demand for domestic and care-giving labour - which is in large part met by migrant women from developing countries. In turn, these migrant women shift their own domestic and care responsibilities onto others in the country of origin - usually a female relative or hired worker. This shifting of reproductive labour from one person to another creates "global care chains" along gender, socio-economic and ethnic lines. The discussion will look at global care chains and their effect on migrant populations and on development.



### [New Map](#) shows Members Locations

A new map on the website shows the locations of the community's members. Because the map uses members' IP addresses to determine the whereabouts of each member the map is not exact. To improve the map's accuracy please fill in the new fields CITY and STATE in your user profile. (Login in, enter the forum, and click 'My Profile' then 'Contact Information'. Enter the new information and click SAVE.

### Human Development Report Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Human Development Report threads in the forum. All responses have been submitted to the Human Development Report Office. The Report is scheduled to be published in October of this year. For more information please

[click here](#).

## **FOCUS:**

Over the past month much of the Community's website content has focused on the financial crisis and its effect on migration, gender equality, remittances and development. Please check out the thread '[The Financial Crisis and Migration Myths](#)' in the forum to join the discussion!

## **In the News**

[Despite Economic Crisis, Ukrainians keep working abroad](#) in the Kyiv Post

[SOS Racismo denuncia que la crisis fomenta el rechazo "institucional" hacia los inmigrantes](#) in El Pais

[Unemployment rising fastest amongst migrants](#) in Times Online

[Trickle-down Economics](#) in the Economist

[Women Migrants Most at Risk](#) in Business Mirror

## **Opinions from our Members**

[The Financial Crisis and Migration Myths](#) by Alissa

[Gender, Remittances and Migration and the Financial Crisis](#) by Sandra Panopio

[Financial Crisis and Migration](#) by Laura Olsen

## **Publications/Resources**

[ILO, Global Employment Trends for Women Report, 2009](#)

[Summary of Expert Panel on Gender Perspectives of the Financial Crisis](#) held at the 53rd Session of the CSW

[Démarche soucieuse d'égalité entre les sexes dans la crise financière](#) 53eme Session de la CSW

[Gender Perspectives of the Financial Crisis](#) list of resources by Women Watch

## Focus: HAITIAN MIGRATION

[White House May Alter Haitian Immigration Policy](#) by Greg Allen at NPR

[Dominican Republic/Haiti: Border Market Embodies Inequalities](#) by Elizabeth Eames Roebling in IPS

[Fonkoze: Haitian Diaspora Unites Across the US](#) by Jim Luce in the Huffington Post

[Dualidades en las relaciones dominio-haitianas](#) by Tahira Vargas



[Laura Olsen Interviews Bridget Wooding](#), Research Associate at FLASCO

[Impoverished Haiti Slips Further as Remittances Dry Up](#) by Mary Beth Sheridan in the Washington Post

### Recommended Reading about Haitian Migration

[Inmigrantes haitianos y dominicanos de ascendencia haitiana en la República Dominicana](#) prepared for the Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (CID) y el Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados y Migrantes (SJR) by Bridget Wooding and Richard Moseley-Williams

[Situations des Droits Humains à la Frontière Nord entre la République Dominicaine et Haïti](#) prepared for Service Jésuite des Réfugiés et Migrants

## FROM THE CALENDAR

- June Gender and Migration Virtual Community Virtual Discussion on Global Care Chains
- June 2 [Migrants Rights Network Launch of Irregular Migrants: the urgent need for a new approach](#), London, UK
- June 4 - 5 IV [Encuentro Sobre Remesas y Desarrollo](#), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- June 4 [Los Migrantes de la Crisis: New Research on the Impact of Economic Crisis on Mexican Migration and Settlement Behaviour](#), UCSD, US

- June 5 Visualising Migration and Divided Societies Conference, Paris, France
- June 11-12 [Diasporas, Migration and Identities: Crossing Boundaries, New Directions](#) Surrey, UK
- June 25 - 26 [Alternativas Solidarias a la Crisis Económica](#), Madrid, Spain
- June 24 [6th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference](#), Washington DC, US
- July 2 - 4 [Conference: Multiculturalism and Democracy in the Muslim World, and Workshop on Migration and Cultural Diversity](#) Fès, Morocco
- July 13 - 14 [International Conference on Development for Development](#), Washington DC, US
- September 30 - October 2 [Conference Genre en mouvement: Conflits, négociations et recompositions](#) Paris, France
- October 22 - 23 [IFAD International Forum on Remittances](#) Tunis, Tunisia
- November 23 - 25 [African Diaspora and Remittances: A Pool for Financing Investments in Africa](#) Yaounde, Cameroon
- February 18 - 20, 2010 [Mothering and Migration: \(Trans\)nationalisms, Globalization, and Displacement](#), Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

### **CALL for PROPOSALS and INFORMATION**

Project Proposals: [Promoting Innovative Remittance Systems and Investment Channels for Migrants](#)

Papers: [African Diaspora and Remittances: A Pool for Financing Investments in Africa](#)

Information: Kate Lingley, a member of the community, is looking for information and stories about Environmental Migration. Please visit "[Environmental Migration](#)" thread in the forum for more information.

## FEATURED PUBLICATIONS



[Skilled Female Labour Migration Policy Brief](#) prepared by Eleonore Kofman and Parvati Rughuram for FocusMigration

This policy brief addresses why skilled female migration has thus far been ignored by most literature on the subject, which most often analyzes women's employment in sex work or domestic work. It shows that women form an important part of skilled migratory streams and looks at factors that influence female skilled migration. The brief concludes with suggestions for further research and for policy intervention.



[Promoting the Rights of Women Migrant Domestic Workers Issue Brief](#) ILO

This Issue Brief is part of a series that examines women's labour force participation in Arab States using a gender equality and workers' rights perspective. It looks at the increasing employment of women migrant domestic workers to fill the unmet needs in provision of social care services and examines women migrant domestic workers' lack of legal protection and resultant vulnerabilities. Based on work in Lebanon, it outlines lessons learned that can be applied throughout the region on mobilizing concerned actors and raising awareness for policy change and enforceable standards to protect women migrant domestic workers' rights.

**For more information about the community, to suggest an improvement for the newsletter or if you have something you would like to see in next month's edition please contact [Laura Olsen](#)**

The [Gender and Migration Virtual Community](#) is a space for those who share an interest in gender and migration to debate and reflect on issues in the field, share information and learn from each other. To find out more please visit [ABOUT THE COMMUNITY](#). To learn more about the members who make up the community please visit [WHO WE ARE](#). If you're interested in joining us please visit the [SIGN ME UP](#) page.

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