

BIOGRAPHIES

FAMILIES ON THE MOVE

A conference on migration, gender and family relations



Dale Buscher (*Respondent, Panel 3*) is the Senior Director for Programs at the Women's Refugee Commission where he leads the organization's work on refugee livelihoods, youth, adolescent girls, gender, and disabilities and oversees the Commission's work on sexual and reproductive health and migrants' rights and justice. Buscher has been working in the refugee assistance field since 1988 in a variety of capacities including managing humanitarian programs in the Balkans, the Middle East, and South and Southeast Asia and working at the research and policy level in New York and Geneva. Buscher is also an adjunct professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs where he teaches a course of Gender and Livelihoods:

From Displacement to Post-Conflict Recovery. Buscher has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Utah and a Bachelor's of Science degree from Iowa State University. He lives in New York.



Sabine Damir-Geilsdorf (*Presenter, Panel 3*) is a Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Cologne in Germany. She is also the managing director of the Institute of Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian Studies, University of Cologne, the Vice chair of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO) and a board member of the Global South Study Center Cologne (GSSC). She obtained her PhD in Islamic studies from the University of Gießen in 2001 with a thesis on the Egyptian Islamist Sayyid Qutb and received her postdoctoral qualification degree (Habilitation) from University Bonn in 2008 with a study on Palestinian narratives of the Arab-Israeli war 1948. Her research focuses on political Islam, transformations of religious concepts in Muslim

societies, labour, popular culture in Middle Eastern Societies and Islam in Germany. Her current research projects are on Salafism in Germany and a project on Syrian refugees.



Mariana de Santibañes (*Respondent, Panel 1*) is a first year student at NYU-Wagner's doctoral program. She holds a BA in Philosophy from the University of Buenos Aires, and a Master's in Public Administration from NYU. Prior to joining Wagner, she worked as an Evaluation and Impact Manager at Grameen PrimaCare. Back in Buenos Aires, she worked as a RA at the Institute for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies (UBA), and as a Policy Advisor on gender issues for the Government of the City of Buenos Aires and the FAP party. Her research interests include migration, social policy, gender, and domestic and caring work with a particular focus on the Hispanic/Latinx population.



Donna Gabaccia (*Keynote Speaker*) is Professor of History at the University of Toronto and past Director of the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota. She is the author of 14 books and dozens of articles about the American immigrant class, gender and food studies, and about Italian migration worldwide. Her 2015 book *Gender and International Migration*, co-authored with sociologist and demographer Katharine Donato, was awarded an Honourable Mention from the American Sociological Association's Znaniecki Prize. Her book, *Foreign Relations* won the 2012 Theodore Saloutos Prize of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society. In 2008-2009, she was President of the Social Science History Association. She is currently Chair of the Executive Board of the Toronto Ward Museum.

She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in History and Women's Studies, focusing on migration, gender and diasporas in world history, digital history and gendered foodways.



Bina Fernandez (*Presenter, Panel 1*) is Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at the University of Melbourne, and currently an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow. Drawing on her professional experience in the development sector, her research focuses on gender, migration and social policy. Major research awards include an Australian Research Council award (2015-2017), a British Academy Small Grant in 2010, the UNDP Human Development Fellowship in 2005, and a Chevening Award in 2001-3. She is the author of *Transformative Policy for Poor Women: a new Feminist Framework* (Ashgate, 2012), and the co-editor of *Migrant Domestic Workers in the*

Middle East: the Home and the World (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014).



Lucy Fiske (*Presenter, Panel 3*) is a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Social and Political Sciences at the University of Technology Sydney. She researches in forced migration, human rights and gender and transitional justice. She has recently concluded a three-year study (with A/Prof Rita Shackel, Sydney Law School) on 'Making Transitional Justice Work for Women in the DRC, Kenya and northern Uganda' (funded by Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs). She is currently working with a community of refugees in transit in Indonesia.



Caitlin E. Fouratt (*Presenter, Panel 1*) is an Assistant Professor of International Studies at California State University, Long Beach. She completed her PhD in anthropology at the University of California, Irvine. Her work has been published in *International Migration Review*, *Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos*, and *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. Her research centers on migration within Central America. She is particularly interested in transnational kinship, immigration law and policy, and migrants' and refugees' encounters with state bureaucracy.



Anne Marie Goetz (*Chair, Panel 1*) joined NYU's Center for Global Affairs in January 2014, where she teaches International Relations and Comparative Politics. She is both an academic and a policy-maker. She was a Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex between 1991 and 2005, and she has also held a number of positions at the United Nations, most recently as UN Women's Chief Advisor on Peace and Security. In this role Dr. Goetz spearheaded initiatives to promote women's empowerment in the UN's peacebuilding work, women's participation in peace talks and post conflict elections, and protection of women from violence. Dr. Goetz was instrumental in supporting negotiations for important Security Council resolutions on women's participation in peacebuilding (resolution 1889), conflict-related sexual violence (resolution 1820) and women's leadership in conflict resolution (resolution 2122). Professor Goetz is the author of seven books on women's rights, democratization, and accountability institutions. She holds a BA from Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario); an MSc from the London School of Economics; a PhD from the University of Cambridge.



Vera Jelinek (*Opening remarks*) is Divisional Dean of the NYU School of Professional Studies (NYUSPS) Center for Global Affairs. Her mission to create a community of global citizens has spanned over three decades during which she oversaw the establishment and growth of innovative programs for NYUSPS. Vera established a new department which in 1999 became the Lillian Vernon Center for International Affairs, offering non-degree and public programs which brought together members of the public with world leaders, the UN community, journalists and international scholars. Under her direction, a Master of Science in Global Affairs program was then launched in 2004 under the new Center for Global Affairs. Vera has a PhD in modern European history from NYU, a Masters in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a BA in history from Queens College.



Eleonore Kofman (*Reflections and synthesis*) is Professor of Gender, Migration and Citizenship and co-Director of the Social Policy Research Centre at Middlesex University London. Her research interests are in family migration experiences, policies and strategies in Europe, the articulation between family and labour migrations, and in gendered migrations and global social reproduction. She is currently conducting research on the Mediterranean migration crisis with a particular interest in gendered mobilities and family separation. She has published extensively on family and international migration and co-authored *Gendered Migrations and Global Social Reproduction*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 and co-edited *Gender, Generations and the Family in International Migration*, University of Amsterdam Press, 2011. She is an international expert member of the SSHRC (Canada) *Managing Citizenship, Security and Right: regulating marriage migration in Europe and North America*, and a coordinator of the *Global Mobility and Familial and Intimate Relations*, IMISCOE Research Cluster 2015-2016.



Amina Maharjan (*Presenter, Panel 2*) works at the International center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) as a Livelihood specialist (Migration). She is an agricultural economist working in the field of migration and mobility and its linkage with the rural livelihoods. She has a PhD in Agriculture from University of Giessen, with a thesis on “Labour migration and its impact on farm households in mid hills of Nepal”. She started her career as a development practitioner in Nepal in 2002 and has gained experience in sustainable livelihood, gender equity and pro-poor development, socio-economic analysis, among others. Since 2006, she has been working in the field of migration, including leading the project on “Safer Migration,” supporting the protection of men and women migrants and helping the policy makers and other stakeholders in making migration safe and beneficial for migrant workers. She believes that migration can be a catalyst for sustainable development.



Ito Peng (*Respondent, Panel 2*) is a Professor of Sociology and Public Policy, and Canada Research Chair in Global Social Policy at the Department of Sociology, and the School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto. She has written extensively on family, gender and social policies in East Asia. She is currently leading a large international partnership research project entitled Gender, Migration, and the Work of Care funded by large Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The project brings together over 50 researchers and non-academic partners to examine how the reorganization of care influences the global migration of care workers, and how this in turn impacts family and gender relations, gender equality, government policies, and global governance.



Nicola Piper (*Presenter, Panel 1*) is Professor of International Migration at the University of Sydney where she also is Director of the Sydney Asia Pacific Migration Centre. Her current research interests focus on international labour migration and advocacy politics in relation to global and regional governance as well as the Asia-Pacific region. Her recent publications include the co-edited Special Issue on Forced Labour (Anti-Trafficking Review 2015); the edited volumes *New perspectives on gender and migration: livelihoods, rights, and entitlements* (2008), *South–South Migration: implications for social policy and development* (with Hujo, 2010) and the co-authored book *Critical Perspectives on Global Governance: rights and regulation in governing regimes* (with Grugel, 2007). She is co-founder and Vice-President of the Global Migration Policy Associates and external advisor on migration research to the United Nations Institute for Social Development in Geneva.



Shahra Razavi (*Chair, Opening Session*) is the Chief of the Research & Data Section at UN Women, where she is research director of UN Women's flagship report, *Progress of the World's Women*. She specializes in the gender dimensions of development, with a particular focus on work, social policy and care. Her recent publications include *Seen, Heard and Counted: Rethinking Care in a Development Context* (special issue of *Development and Change*, 2011), *Underpaid and Overworked: A Cross-national Perspective on Care Workers* (with Silke Staab, special issue of *International Labour Review*, 2010), and *The Gendered Impacts of Liberalization: Towards 'Embedded Liberalism'?* (2009, Routledge, New York). Prior to joining UN Women Shahra was a senior researcher at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), and Visiting Professor at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Gender Studies at Universities of Bern and Fribourg. Shahra received her Bachelors in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and her Masters and Doctorate (D.Phil.) in Agricultural Economics from Oxford University.



Leila Rodriguez (*Presenter, Panel 2*) is a cultural anthropologist and demographer who researches the relationship between socioeconomic inequalities and international migration, from the perspectives of both sending and receiving communities. She also studies the use of cultural expert witnesses in legal proceedings in the United States and Latin America as a mechanism for improving minority populations' access to justice. Ultimately, her goal is but a single one: to contribute, through sound empirical and ethnographic research, to a better understanding and management of international migration and cultural diversity.



Purna Sen (*Opening remarks*) is Director of Policy at UN Women where she is responsible for direction, leadership and management of the Policy Division as well as the UN Women Training Centre. She has over 30 years' experience in capacity building, service delivery and evaluation review, teaching, advocacy and research publishing. Her work has included research, publications and activism on violence against women, culture and human rights, trafficking, sexuality and sexual control, human rights, developments, civil society organizing against violence, and social development issues and race equality in the UK. She has consulted with organizations including Article 19 and the British Council, and been on the management and advisory groups of NGOs including the Refugee Women's Resource Project and Southall Black Sisters. Purna was previously a board member of the Kaleidoscope Trust (an LGBT rights charity), RISE (a domestic abuse charity) and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative. Prior to UN Women, Purna was Deputy Director of the Institute of Public Affairs at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) where she also taught gender and development. Previously she served as Head of Human Rights for the Commonwealth Secretariat and as Director for the Asia-Pacific Programme at Amnesty International. During the 2015 UK general election, Purna was a parliamentary candidate for the Brighton Pavilion constituency. She also has a PhD from Bristol University on the subject of Violence Against Women.



Silke Staab (*Chair, Panel 3*) joined UN Women's Research and Data Section in 2014. She is co-author of its flagship report *Progress of the World's Women 2015-2016: Transforming economies, realizing rights*. Prior to her appointment with UN Women, Silke worked as a researcher and consultant for different UN agencies and non-governmental organizations, including the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), and CARE International. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Manchester and has published widely on gender, care and social policy.



Natacha Stevanovic-Fenn (*Presenter, Panel 2*) is a sociologist, specializing in global social change and development with a focus on migration and gender at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). She brings 10 years of qualitative research methods expertise conducted in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Her current research explores how socioeconomic shifts in West Africa have affected gender norms and their linkages with changes in family formation and marriage practices. Stevanovic-Fenn also works on child marriage across regions, examining promising approaches and gaps in child marriage prevention efforts. In addition to her work at ICRW, she is a part-time faculty at George Washington University

where she teaches courses on the Migration and Development and on Global Gender Research and Practice. Stevanovic-Fenn has a PhD in Sociology from Columbia University. She holds a MA in Social Anthropology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France, and a BA in Cultural Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley. She is bilingual in French and English; fluent in Spanish and Serbian.



Laura Turquet (*Chair, Panel 2*) is the Manager of UN Women's flagship report, *Progress of the World's Women*. She has worked at UN Women (and its predecessor organization UNIFEM) for seven years, and was the lead author of the 2011 report *In Pursuit of Justice* and a co-author of the latest edition, *Transforming Economies, Realizing Rights*. Before that, she has worked for various NGOs, women's organizations and research institutes on different aspects of women's rights. In 2013, Laura co-edited a book (with Rosalind Eyben) called *Feminists in Development Organizations: Change from the margins*.



Halliki Voolma (*Presenter, Panel 2*) is passionate about achieving gender equality and guaranteeing migrants' human rights internationally. Halliki defended her PhD as a Gates Cambridge Scholar at the University of Cambridge in 2015. Her comparative study of domestic violence against migrant women in the UK and Sweden involved 87 qualitative interviews with survivors and professional stakeholders and multi-scalar policy analysis within a human rights theoretical framework. Halliki has worked as an intern and consultant with the UN Women peace and security team in NYC, as a research advisor for the European Commission 7th framework programme Public Engagement in Research and Research Engagement with Society, and as a case worker for the Estonian Refugee Council. Halliki

is a co-founder of behaviour change consultancy Consilience and directs an Estonian social entrepreneurship initiative "Action-Metre".



Ncumisa Willie (*Presenter, Panel 3*) is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa. She has worked at the UCT Refugee Rights Clinic since 2014 in the Clinic's strategic/rights litigation section, as a practicing attorney. In her practice, she specializes in refugee law, as well as matters concerning unaccompanied and separated minors. She completed a co-badged Master's degree in Global Studies offered jointly by the Albert Ludwigs Universitaet Germany, the Jawaharlal Nehru University in India and the University of Cape Town. Ncumisa also obtained her Bachelor of Social Science and LLB from the University of Cape Town. She is currently doing an LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution at the University of Cape Town.