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ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week 19-22 October 2015, Tbilisi State University

Background information

The **ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week** is organised by the **EU-funded ENIGMMA** (“Enhancing the Georgia’s Migration Management) **project** implemented by ICMPD. The ENIGMMA project is a result of the implementation of the Financing Agreement on the programme funded under the ENPI 2012 Special Measure “Eastern Partnership Integration and Cooperation Programme”, signed in Georgia on 14 July 2013. The overall objective of the programme is to enhance the capacities of Georgian authorities in the area of integrated border management and migration in line with relevant EU-Georgia agreements, in particular the VLAP.

The ENIGMMA project, in close cooperation with the International Law Institute of the Tbilisi State University and the Secretariat of the State Commission on Migration Issues (SCMI), which has signed an MoU with the Tbilisi State University, envisages a cycle of lectures at the University on migration-related topics within the ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week. Beside interested students, representatives of state institutions – members of the SCMI – and of civil society organisations are also invited to take part in the event. The ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week is a follow-up activity to the ENIGMMA Summer School, organised by the project in June-July 2015. During this event, the ENIGMMA project team and the Summer School lecturers determined that teaching migration research methods is very relevant for Georgian students, including general introduction to migration studies touching upon the linkages between migration and economics, social sciences, demography and development.

During the framework of the ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week, lectures and seminars will be given by Dr. Melissa Siegel and Dr. Michaella Vanore from the Maastricht University Graduate School of Governance. The Migration Studies Week is scheduled to take place from **19 to 22 October 2015 at the Tbilisi State University**.

The ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week will incorporate (1) lecturing and (2) a series of seminars on introduction to migration studies. The students are encouraged to register for the lecture and the seminars in advance.

- (1) Lecture and discussion on the topic “**Introduction to Migration Studies**” will take place **on 19 October at the Ivane Javakhishvili auditorium. Interpretation from English to Georgian language will be provided.** The lecture will cover topics such as global trends in international migration; economic, social, demographic, political, and environmental and other factors influencing people’s mobility; common migration-related terminology, linkages between migration and development migration theories from the perspective of different disciplines, etc. **Up to 50 students can participate, thus a timely registration is required.**

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(2) **From 20 to 22 October**, the Tbilisi State University will hold **a series of seminars** on theoretical and practical issues on data collection and analysis used in studying migration. **The seminars will be held in English language.** The students who wish to attend the seminars will have to attend the above mentioned lecture as a preparation. **Up to 20 students will be admitted to the seminars.** The aim of the seminars is to introduce interested students to qualitative and quantitative social science research methods used in migration studies such as surveys, in-depth interviews, focus groups, scenario analysis, econometric issues in migration studies, etc. In total, three complementary seminars will be organised.

Students wishing to participate in the **ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week** are recommended to get familiar with the topic by reading the allocated material (please, see link below).

Preliminary Agenda:

Day 1, 19 October		
14:00 – 15:30	Welcome by the ENIGMMA project and partners, Lecture by Dr. Melissa Siegel, Dr. Michaella Vanore Introduction to Migration Studies Interpretation from English language to Georgian language will be provided	TSU; Ivane Javakhishvili auditorium
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:00	Introduction to Migration Studies: continuation; discussion Interpretation from English language to Georgian language will be provided	TSU; Ivane Javakhishvili auditorium
Day 2, 20 October		
16:00 – 17:00	Seminar on social science research methods I: general issues Dr. Melissa Siegel, Dr. Michaella Vanore	TSU room to be confirmed
17:00 – 17:30	Break	
17:30 – 18:30	Seminar on social science research methods I: general issues, continuation	TSU room to be confirmed
Day 3, 21 October		
16:00 – 17:00	Seminar on social science research methods II: qualitative research Dr. Michaella Vanore	TSU room to be confirmed
17:00 – 17:30	Break	
17:30 – 18:30	Seminar on social science research methods II: qualitative research, continuation	TSU room to be confirmed
Day 4, 22 October		
16:00 – 17:00	Seminar on social science research methods III: quantitative research Dr. Michaella Vanore	TSU room to be confirmed
17:00 – 17:30	Break	
17:30 – 18:30	Seminar on social science research methods III: quantitative research, continuation	TSU room to be confirmed

During the breaks, refreshments will be provided by the project.

Registration

Please register **by 12 October 2015** by sending us your name and studies programme (for civil servants – place of work and position) and by indicating which seminars you would like to participate in to enigmma@icmpd.org. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have any questions.

Recommended readings

Students and interested persons wishing to participate in the **ENIGMMA Autumn Migration Studies Week** are recommended to get familiar with the topic by reading the material saved here: <http://www.enigmma.ge/news/autumn-migration-studies-week/>.

The lecturers

Melissa Siegel



Dr. Melissa Siegel (PhD) is an Associate Professor and Head of Migration Studies at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and UNU-MERIT where she heads the Migration and Development Research Group. She manages several Migration research projects, coordinates the Migration Studies Specialisation and Migration Management Diploma programme while lecturing and supervising Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students. Melissa has worked on or headed projects for Governments, International Organisations as well as NGOs, such as the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs, the Dutch Ministry of Interior, the IOM, UNHCR, ILO, GIZ, Oxfam and others. Her work currently lies in the following main areas: the effects of migration on children and elderly left behind, linkages between different forms of migration and multi-dimensional poverty, linkages

between migration and development, remittances, their effects, usage and channels as well as migration policy and practice.

Michaella Vanore



Dr. Michaella Vanore (PhD) is a Research Fellow at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance where her research focus is on the potential avenues through which migration can act as a catalyst to home-country development. While working at the School of Governance, Michaella has participated in several research initiatives that have addressed the potential implications of remittance and knowledge transfer for economic and human capital development. Michaella received a Master's degree in Public Policy and Human Development from the Maastricht University. Her other academic work currently lies in the following main areas: migration and development; remittances; poverty, public policy

and inclusive innovation; families left behind in Moldova and Georgia.