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**WUN Migration Conference 2016**  
**2-3 April 2016 | Maastricht, The Netherlands**

In recent years, international migration has become a central element of the global policy agenda. [The 2nd WUN Migration Conference](#) will contribute to this international discussion by taking a multidisciplinary approach. Particularly at the EU level, migration and asylum are currently at the forefront of the policy agenda. In 2015, more than one million migrants and refugees are estimated to have arrived by sea at Europe's southern borders. Over 3,760 migrants have lost their lives on the dangerous journey, with another 244 deaths already recorded in January 2016. The scale and speed of change in the numbers arriving have uncovered policy weaknesses in migration and asylum management systems as well as in human rights protection mechanisms. A policy crisis has resulted from serious differences between the EU member states on how to respond. The WUN Migration Conference will have EU migration and asylum policy as the focus for the plenary session. Speakers will include policy-makers from the EU institutions, academics, and representations of international organisations, labour organisations, trade unions and NGOs. Attention will be given to the various funds offered by the EU to migration and asylum policies and studies influencing hereby the research agenda of academic institutions as well.

This focus on the Mediterranean migration crisis and EU policies is one important, element of WUN's global priorities for migration research, there are many more which demand a global approach. The UN 2030 Development Agenda includes Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), for which migration research, analysis and data will be needed, particularly in relation to Target 10: *'Reduced inequalities' and the aim of facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people*. Migration research is increasingly important, therefore, both for immediate policy needs and to reframe the future approach, away from a Eurocentric approach to one framed from the perspectives of the global South. The conference will address the need for a global research agenda, by exploring current and ongoing research themes. It will identify the potential and concrete actions for WUN to contribute to reframing the future research agenda.

Migrants migrate for various reasons and face particular challenges in different contexts. These themes are the focal points for the breakout sessions of the WUN migration conference. Two of the sessions will focus on the different migration phenomena: one on hidden, irregular and forced migration; and one on labour mobility. Two of the sessions focus on the challenges and consequences of migration: one on health migration; and one on transnational families. On the final day of the conference, participants will discuss the outcomes of the breakout sessions in a concluding plenary session. The overall aim of this plenary session is to uncover potential linkages between policy and research on migration.

This conference takes place as part of the [2016 WUN AGM & Conference](#) at Maastricht University, The Netherlands. It will bring together the global resources of the [Worldwide Universities Network](#) in areas cogent to migration, along with experts, policymakers and practitioners.

**Date:** Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 April 2016  
**Location:** Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, Lenculenstraat 26, Maastricht, The Netherlands  
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## Program

**Saturday 2 April**

<b>0830-0900</b>	<b>Registration and Arrival Tea</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>0900-0910</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dawn Freshwater, Chair, WUN Understanding Cultures Global Challenge</li> <li>• Professor Hildegard Schneider, Chair, WUN Migration Conference 2016</li> </ul>	<i>Statenzaal</i>
<b>0910-1030</b>	<b>Plenary Session 1</b> <b>EU Policy on Migration &amp; Asylum –Perspectives from member state governments, the European Commission and academia</b> Chair: Mr Gervais Appave, Special Policy Advisor to the Director General, International Organization for Migration Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Peter Bosch, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission</li> <li>• Professor Ronald Skeldon, Professor of Human Geography, UNU-MERIT, Maastricht University; and Emeritus Professor of Geography, University of Sussex</li> <li>• Professor Dr Marc de Werd, Justice in the Amsterdam Court of Appeal, The Netherlands</li> </ul>	<i>Statenzaal</i>
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>1100-1230</b>	<b>Plenary Session 2</b> <b>EU Policy on Migration &amp; Asylum – European and global perspectives from civil society, intergovernmental organisations and research</b> Chair: Mr Martijn Pluim, Director of the Eastern Dimension, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Ann Singleton, The University of Bristol &amp; Dr Frank Laczko, Head of the Global Migration Data Analysis Centre, International Organisation for Migration</li> <li>• Mr Tony Bunyan, Director, Statewatch</li> <li>• Dr Bronwen Manby, Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics</li> </ul>	<i>Statenzaal</i>
<b>1230-1240</b>	<b>Signing of agreement between the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor John Hearn, Executive Director, Worldwide Universities Network</li> <li>• Mr Gervais Appave, Special Policy Advisor to the Director General, International Organization for Migration</li> </ul>	
<b>1240-1330</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>1330-1500</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <b>Breakout 1 – Migration and Health (High-income country context)</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>Room B0.113</i></div> Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Melissa Siegel, Maastricht University</li> </ul> Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Yoav Ben-Shlomo, The University of Bristol</li> <li>• Associate Professor Esperanza Diaz, The University of Bergen</li> <li>• Professor Sarah Salway, The University of Sheffield</li> </ul> <b>Breakout 2 – Introduction to the WUN Migration Development and Global Transformations network and the theme of ‘hidden migration’ (Ann Singleton)</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>Room B0.115</i></div> Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Katherine Kuschminder, Maastricht University</li> </ul> Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Fatima Khan, The University of Cape Town</li> <li>• Associate Professor Franck Düvell, Senior Researcher COMPAS, Oxford University</li> <li>• Mr Jon Simmons, Head of Analysis, Research and Knowledge Management, UK Home Office</li> <li>• Dr Hong-Jae Park, The University of Auckland</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Breakout 3 – Labour Mobility</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Room B0.118</i></span></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Hildegard Schneider, Maastricht University</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Sergio Carrera, Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)</li> <li>• Mr Lieven Brouwers, Directorate-General Migration &amp; Home Affairs, European Commission</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Breakout 4 – Transnational Migrant Families &amp; Youths</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Room C1.306</i></span></p> <p>Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Valentina Mazzucato, Maastricht University</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Asuncion Fresnoza Flot, Radboud University Nijmegen</li> <li>• Dr Marina de Regt, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</li> <li>• Associate Professor Loretta Baldassar, The University of Western Australia</li> </ul>
<b>1500-1530</b>	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Lenculenhall</i></span></p>
<b>1530-1700</b>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Breakout 1 – Migration and Health (Low-Middle- income country context)</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Room B0.113</i></span></p> <p>Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Yoav Ben-Shlomo, The University of Bristol</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Michaella Vanore, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Dr Kolitha Wickramage, Migration and Health, IOM</li> <li>• Professor Sabu Padmadas, The University of Southampton</li> </ul> <p><b>Breakout 2 – Irregular, Forced &amp; Hidden Migration</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Room B0.115</i></span></p> <p>Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Ann Singleton, The University of Bristol</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor Saskia Witteborn, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</li> <li>• Dr Marina de Regt, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</li> <li>• Dr Katherine Kuschminder, Maastricht University</li> </ul> <p><b>Breakout 3 – Labour Mobility</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Room B0.118</i></span></p> <p>Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Hildegard Schneider, Maastricht University</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Elise Muir and Dr Miriam Kullmann, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Professor Parvati Raghuram, Open University UK</li> </ul> <p><b>Breakout 4 – Transnational Migrant Families &amp; Youths</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Room C1.306</i></span></p> <p>Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor Loretta Baldassar, The University of Western Australia</li> </ul> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Karlijn Haagsman, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Professor Valentina Mazzucato, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Dr Laura Merla, Catholic University of Louvain</li> </ul>
<b>1930-2130</b>	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>Petit Bonheur</i></span></p> <p>Delegates will enjoy fine Maastricht dining at Petit Bonheur located at Achter de Molens 2.</p>

<b>0830-0900</b>	<b>Arrival Tea</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>0900-1030</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions (continued)</b> – <i>Breakout groups will use this session to formulate ongoing research programs and devise collaborative ways forward</i> <b>Breakout 1 – Health Migration</b> <b>Breakout 2 – Hidden migration, the SDGs and a new approach for global migration research</b> <b>Breakout 3 – Labour Mobility</b> <b>Breakout 4 – Transnational Migrant Families &amp; Youths</b>	<i>Room B0.113</i>  <i>Room B0.115</i>  <i>Room B0.118</i>  <i>Room C1.306</i>
<b>1030-1100</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>1100-1230</b>	<b>Citizenship, migration and development in the wake of the 'crisis'</b> Chair: Dr Sergio Carrera, Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Leonhard den Hertog, Researcher, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)</li> <li>• Professor Maarten Vink, Co-Director, MACIMIDE, Maastricht University</li> </ul>	<i>Statenzaal</i>
<b>1230-1330</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>1330-1500</b>	<b>Closing Plenary Session</b> Chair: Professor Hildegard Schneider, Dean, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Professor Loretta Baldassar, The University of Western Australia</li> <li>• Professor Yoav Ben-Shlomo, The University of Bristol</li> <li>• Dr Katherine Kuschminder, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Professor Valentina Mazzucato, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Dr Melissa Siegel, Maastricht University</li> <li>• Ms Ann Singleton, The University of Bristol</li> <li>• Professor Hildegard Schneider, Maastricht University</li> </ul>	<i>Statenzaal</i>
<b>1500-1530</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	<i>Lenculenhall</i>
<b>1900-2130</b>	<b>Closing Conference Dinner – Dinner on the Vrijthof</b> Delegates will join with delegates from other WUN conferences for a taste of the Netherlands in Maastricht's famous central square.	<i>Vrijthof Square</i>

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### Conference Organising Committee

- Professor Hildegard Schneider, Conference Chair; and Dean of Law, Maastricht University
- Professor Yoav Ben-Shlomo, School of Social & Community Medicine, The University of Bristol
- Professor Dawn Freshwater, Chair, WUN Understanding Cultures Global Challenge Steering Group; and Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Australia
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