

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome to this fourth Migration DRC newsletter, which aims to review the work of the Development Research Centre on Migration, Globalisation and Poverty over the period April-September 2005. The last six months have been important ones for international debates over migration and development, with the publication of an EU communication on the topic, and the launch of public consultation on the UK government managed migration policy. The Migration DRC has sought to engage with these and other debates on migration, as well as advancing the research evidence base from which sound policies can be developed.

We hope you find something of interest in this newsletter, and welcome discussion about our research, training and capacity-building activities, whether completed or on-going. If you would like to respond to any of the points raised, please email us at [migration@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:migration@sussex.ac.uk).

Richard Black

## DRC HIGHLIGHTS

### Children's Autonomous Migration

*Children Who 'Choose' to Migrate: Why, How and With What Effects*

Migration DRC Panel at Childhoods 2005 Conference  
29 June – 3 July 2005, Oslo

Our work on independent child migration in West Africa, India and Bangladesh was the subject of a panel this summer. The DRC panel argued the need to understand children's aspirations as influenced by context, age and gender, and to understand the normal ways by which child migrants reduce the insecurity and potential harm of migration itself. Recognising the importance of child protection policy for some independent child migrants, it nevertheless sought to problematise the policy implications of the positive role that independent migration could play in children's own economic and educational aspirations.

An overview paper by Ann Whitehead, Iman Hashim and Vegard Iversen, entitled 'Child Migration, Child Agency and Intergenerational Relations in Africa and South Asia', emphasised the need to go beyond the simple assertion that children have agency to try to conceptualise the sets of social relations within which children exercise agency, paying particular attention to the relations of children within the family, as well as to those areas that children do exercise agency in and those they do not, and to other limitations on children's exercise of agency. This was followed by six papers

that synthesised preliminary findings from the DRC researchers working in Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, India and Ghana (draft papers from the Oslo conference will shortly become available on our website at [www.migrationdrc.org/news/drc\\_reports.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/news/drc_reports.html)). Clearly this is an area in which there will be further debate. Further details on the DRC projects exploring the migration of children can be accessed at [www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme1/sub-theme3.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme1/sub-theme3.html).

Also available from the Migration DRC's research on autonomous child migration are two reports from the field:

- Looking for Money While Building Skills and Knowledge: Children's Autonomous Migration to Rural Towns and Urban Centres. A Field Report (in French and English) by Dorte Thorsen (available at [www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme1/Project3a.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme1/Project3a.html))
- Children's Independent Migration from Northeastern to Central Ghana by Iman M Hashim (available at [www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme1/Project3b.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme1/Project3b.html))

### Skilled Labour Migration

*Brain Drain of Health Professionals*  
Meeting with WHO and ANU, Sussex

On 20 June, the Migration DRC hosted a meeting with Barbara Stillwell and Pascal Zurn of the World Health Organisation (WHO), and John Connell of the Australian National University (ANU), on the issue of 'brain drain' of health professionals. The DRC hopes to collaborate in the future with WHO and ANU in this area.

This workshop was hosted by the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) and the United Nations Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS), both at the University of Ghana. The workshop registered a total of 45 participants with international participation from DRC partner centres, namely the University of Sussex, RMMRU, Bangladesh, and FMRS, Egypt, as well as local participation from development practitioners, academicians and policy makers in Ghana.

After an introductory session on the volume and patterns of the migration of the highly-skilled (both globally and from Ghana), and issues of measurement, a series of further sessions explored the impact of highly-skilled migration for both Ghana and the region as a whole. These sessions looked at issues such as the impact of mobility on training, on the labour market, more broadly on poverty and well-being, and policies of retention, recruitment and return. There were presentations from DRC researchers, including Ron Skeldon and Chris Parsons (Sussex), John Anarfi (ISSER), Salahuddin Aminuzamman and C K Abrar (RMMRU).

A panel discussion at the end brought together Elizabeth Adjei (Ghana Immigration Service), Paul Effah (National Council for Tertiary Education), Ken Sagoe (Human Resources Division of the Ghana Health Service), Baffour Abankwa (MIDA, IOM), Adelaide Annor-Kumi (Ministry of Interior) and Richard Black (University of Sussex). A detailed report on the workshop is available at [www.migrationdrc.org/news.drc\\_reports.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/news.drc_reports.html).

### **Temporary Labour Mobility**

A team encompassing Chris Parsons and Ron Skeldon at Sussex, L Alan Winters (World Bank) and Terrie Walmsley (Purdue) have produced a new international database of bilateral migrant movements covering all 226 countries worldwide, based on primary sources including censuses and population registers. The matrix of stock figures based on place of birth and citizenship, together with recent flow estimates for a limited number of countries in that grid, is to be used to supplement the GMig Model (Walmsley and Winters 2005), which estimates the global benefits from liberalisation of temporary mobility. Findings were presented at the GTAP seminar series in Purdue University in March, at a World Bank seminar on migration in Washington in May, the 8th International Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis in Lubeck in June, at the Department for International Development in July, and at an ESRC workshop on international trade and labour markets. The work is also to be presented at a forthcoming workshop on 'Trade in Services' in December (see Forthcoming Events below). Reports and papers produced through this work are indicated under 'Publications' below.

Building on this data, two further focused studies have also been conducted. The first, for the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat of the Commonwealth by Chris Parsons and Terrie Walmsley, uses the database to examine the impact of a three percent increase in the labour forces of New Zealand and Australia, supplied by workers from the rest of Oceania. A report has been produced which will provide an input to discussions in the Pacific region over temporary mobility.

A second paper, co-authored by Chris Parsons and Sherman Robinson (both at Sussex), has been prepared for the World Bank exploring the empirical linkages between trade and international migration in the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region from 1990 to 2004.

### **Linking Internal and International Migration**

Researchers working on the interrelationships between internal and international migration presented their work at the Migration DRC partnership meeting at the Elmina Beach Resort over July 7 and 8. Zahir Ahmed (Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka) presented on replacement seasonal migration to Sylhet, which sees extensive out-migration to the UK and other destinations. Ayman Zohry provided a synopsis of his work on the links between internal and international migration through statistical data and field research in upper Egypt and Cairo, and Julie Vullnetari (Sussex), presented her work on Albania.

#### *Replacement Seasonal Migration in Sylhet*

Building closely upon research carried out in the 1980s/1990s in Sylhet, northeastern Bangladesh, the Migration DRC's research project on replacement seasonal migration in Sylhet, with researchers Katy Gardner (Sussex), Zahir Ahmed, Rasheda Rawnak Khan and Mannan (Jahangirnagar University), aims to show how different forms of migration are linked, both economically and in terms of the ways in which households and individuals calculate risks and benefits, in a context of prolonged out-migration, primarily to the UK, but also to the Middle East, the US and the Far East, since the 1960s. Local property prices and wages in this region are far higher than in surrounding, non *bideshi* (overseas migrant) districts of Bangladesh. In turn, agricultural and domestic workers migrate into the area from poorer regions to take advantage of the increased employment opportunities and higher wages.

In July, Rawnak and Zahir met with officials at the Sylhet Chambers of Commerce to disseminate and exchange research findings. The activities were also intended to provide some 'ethical clarity' on this research. The Senior Vice President of the Chambers, Md. Hizkil Gulzar, the former President, Mohiuddin, and the Director, Razzaque Chowdhury were present. Zahir and Rawnak delivered presentations on several issues such as the role of 'Londoni' remittances in Sylhet's development, the recent bombings in London and its impact on Sylheti economy, the condition of Sylheti immigrants in the UK, the business flow from Sylhet to London and so on. Zahir and Rawnak's study have revealed that Sylheti immigrants in the UK are more interested in investing in housing, business, transport, and shopping malls, sectors the Chambers considered 'unproductive' as they do not necessarily generate linkages with the local economy. However, Sylheti migrants have been found to be wary of investing in what are deemed more 'productive' sectors, as the business environment is risky and unsafe.

Zahir and Rawnak also met with the Deputy Commissioner (Faisal Ahmed) of Sylhet, to inform him of the nature of their research, and highlighted the importance of this research for an investment policy in Sylhet and, by extension, in Bangladesh.

The research is close to completion. A paper, jointly written by Zahir Ahmed and Rasheda Rawnak Khan entitled 'Why Investment in Agriculture is not Rewarding for Londoni

Migrants? Voices from Sylhet' has been drafted. More details on the research is available at [www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme2/Project5b.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme2/Project5b.html).

### *Interrelationship between Internal and International Migration in Egypt: A Pilot Study*

Egyptian emigration from the mid-1950s was not only a reflection of the oil boom in the Arab Gulf countries and the need for manpower in neighbouring countries, but also of economic problems and high rates of population growth in Egypt. Internal migration was a natural response to poverty and the uneven distribution of economic activities, and played a major role as a balancing mechanism, as Egyptian migration flows to the Gulf and elsewhere began. Internal migration still plays a major role in sustaining the livelihoods of many families in rural Egypt. Ayman Zohry's study provides ethnographic documentation of individuals/families' migration histories and current socioeconomic settings. The ethnographic evidence presented is from an Upper Egyptian village and a suburb in Cairo. Although there are slight variations within different governorates, these do not invalidate the general picture which this study aims to construct regarding the interrelationships between internal and international migration in Egypt. A report of this study is available at <http://www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme2/Project5a.html>.

## **Forced Migration**

Over April 3-5, the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University organized a working seminar in Washington DC on the status of Palestinian refugees in Gaza and the prospects of reconstruction and development. FMRS Director, Fateh Azzam, participated in the seminar. Fateh also participated in a working seminar on Advancing the Refugee and Migration Agenda in the Middle East in Amman, Jordan, co-organised by The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration as well as the Arab Thought Forum (23-26 April 2005). Later, on 20 June 2005, the University of Cairo, with support from FMRS, organized a one-day conference on issues affecting refugees in Egypt and in the region, where also Fateh presented a paper.

### *Expert Workshop on Forced Evictions*

Lyla Mehta (IDS) attended an international expert workshop on forced evictions organised by the UN Special Rapporteur for Housing and the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin. The session was attended by UN human rights officials, by German and Finnish foreign ministry officials, UN Special Rapporteurs and campaigners and activists from South Africa, Kenya, Brazil, India and various other parts of the world.

The mandate of this workshop was to expand the definition and scope of 'forced evictions' and see how and where the rights to housing and shelter could be applied, and how it could be used to prevent forced evictions. The workshop stressed the need to provide remedies, compensation and restitution when evictions do take place. Thus, over and above refugee and IDP situations, and 'development induced displacement', the remit of the workshop was to explore issues such as domestic violence, environment-induced displacement, urban displacement and conflict. In each of these cases, the causes, magnitude, impacts, possible avoidance, restitution, and compensation were explored in depth before moving on to specific recommendations. The Special Rapporteur is to recommend the adoption of these guidelines.

## **Sustainable Return**

At the invitation of IOM Tirana, Richard Black attended a two-day meeting in Tirana that brought together IOM and NGO staff who have been working on a project to support the reintegration of returning nationals in Albania, Kosovo and FYROM, funded by the European Commission through the High Level Working Group (HLWG) budget line. The meeting, 'Sharing Experiences in the Reintegration of Returnees: Recommendations for NGOs and National Institutions Support in Albania, Kosovo and FYROM', held over 19-20 September 2005, was also supported by the Italian Government and the British Embassy, and was opened by the British Ambassador, Richard Jones. The meeting drew together the experiences of different agencies that have been involved in this project, which included a survey of irregular migrants from these countries living in Belgium, Italy, the UK and Germany, and assistance to around 200 voluntary returnees (both families and individuals). Richard's contribution was to stimulate discussion on how the success or 'sustainability' of return might be conceptualised. A key objective of the European Commission is to ensure that those who return with assistance do not re-emigrate, but IOM and NGOs are also concerned to see that returnees secure employment or are able to develop successful businesses. A final report on the project is due from IOM in the Autumn.

## **Poverty and Livelihoods**

Deeptima Massey, a Migration DRC DPhil researcher working on the social protection of temporary work migrants in India, presented an outline of her research at Sussex in May and is currently in the field working in the Bhandara and Baranda villages in West Bengal, India, together with co-researcher, Abdur Rafique. Rozana Rashid, also a Migration DRC DPhil researcher, presented her research outline in Sussex in March and left for Bangladesh, where she is doing fieldwork for her research on livelihoods, social protection and inter-generational equity in migration from Bangladesh to the Gulf.

Janet Seeley (UEA) has co-authored with Iqbal Alam Khan, *Making a Living: The Livelihoods of the Rural Poor in Bangladesh*, published by the University Press Ltd, Dhaka. This book is about the lives and livelihoods of poor people in rural Bangladesh, drawing on the stories they told of their everyday lives in the course of a three-year research project, 'The Livelihoods of the Extreme Poor'. Further details of the book are available on [www.uea.ac.uk/dev/faculty/seeley/jas05a.htm](http://www.uea.ac.uk/dev/faculty/seeley/jas05a.htm).

## **Migration and Health**

### *Migration, Urban Poverty and Health*

A workshop was held on the linkages between migration, urban poverty and health at the University of Sussex on 10 May 2005. The aims of the workshop were presented by Maya Unnithan (co-organiser, Sussex) which were, firstly, to reflect on the concepts and related categories used in migration and health research, and secondly, to consider the methodological issues arising from cross-disciplinary research in this field. The workshop linked to a Migration DRC project that focused on infant mortality and child survival in relation to the migratory experiences of poor families in an urban slum in northwest India. One of the main themes to emerge



from the anthropological and demographic insights from the DRC project so far is the nuanced ways in which poverty and local ideas of reproduction enter an understanding of the relationship between migration and health.

A number of papers reflected on the significance and implications of rural-urban migration by poor families in developing countries. 'Health' was defined in its broadest sense to include not just access to health care facilities but as related to the environment and living conditions. Presentations were made by researchers from Sussex, Durham, LSE, Oxford and FMRS. Claudia Natali (Sussex) presented a pilot study on the interrelation between internal migration and child mortality in Ghana. Peroline Ainsworth (FMRS/Oxford) presented her work with Liberian refugees in Egypt, entitled 'Reconstructing Diet and Food Habits: Thinking about Challenges and Concerns in Adapting to a New Food and Health Environment'. Maya Unnithan (Sussex), together with Kirsty McNay (Oxford) presented preliminary findings on their DRC-funded study on migration, poverty and child health in Rajasthan in Northwestern India. The two research assistants on the same study, Gabby Barker and Jilly Bluck (Sussex) presented their reflections on the cross-disciplinary methodologies used in the study. A full report on this workshop is available at [www.migrationdrc.org/news/drc\\_reports.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/news/drc_reports.html).

## Remittances

At the Annual Meeting of the Working Party on Migration, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Santiago de Compostela, 9-10 June, 2005, Ron Skeldon presented the paper 'Migration and the Labour Market in Asia: Highlights of the Discussion at the Tokyo Workshop (20-21 January 2005)', focusing mostly on remittances. This presentation is available from the OECD website as DELSA/ELSA/WP2(2005)4 in either English or French.

Chris Parsons (Sussex) represented the DRC at Asian Development Bank's Joint Conference entitled 'Remittances and Poverty Reduction: Learning from Regional Experiences and Perspectives', held in Manila, 12-13 September. Meanwhile, back at Sussex, Adriana Castaldo is completing a paper on remittances, provisionally entitled 'The Impact of Remittances on Household Expenditure Behaviour: The Case of Albania'. (See also IOM paper, co-authored by Ilir Gedeshi (CESS) on remittances to Albania under 'News from Our Partners'.)

## PARTNERSHIP AND CARG MEETINGS

July 2005

The Migration DRC's partnership and advisory group meetings were held at the Elmina Beach Resort on the Ghana coast over July 7-9. The meeting included about 26 participants, with a number of researchers, partners and advisory group members attending.

At the partnership meeting, proposals that had come in for the next phase of the DRC (April 2006-May 2008) were discussed in two sets of break-out groups, and comments received were subsequently fed back to individual researchers. A panel was set up, including an external referee, to review and rank proposals. Discussions also focused on other critical aspects of the Migration DRC partnership, including policy initiatives, training programmes, internships, and the publication programme and schedules.



*Participants at the Migration DRC partnership meeting posing outside the meeting room at the Elmina Beach Resort, Ghana.*

One highlight of the meeting was the presentation of two films made by DRC partners -- 'Another Horizon', an advocacy documentary on international female migration from Bangladesh, by RMMRU and Media Mix Enterprise, run by a former Sussex student, Narullah Azad; and 'Mit Badr Halawa Workers in Paris' by Reem Saad, an anthropologist at the American University in Cairo, working with her husband, Nasseif Azmy, a film maker. Both films provoked enthusiastic and positive responses. The power of the visual media to describe and capture the experiences of migrants was emphasised, and the need expressed to have more such use of diverse media to highlight migratory processes and experiences. A report on Reem Saad's work with migrant workers in Paris is available at [www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme2/Project4d.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/projects/theme2/Project4d.html).

## IMISCOE MEETING

9-11 September 2005

The second annual conference of the IMISCOE network was held in Osnabruck, Germany, providing an opportunity for researchers in all of the nine IMISCOE research clusters to meet. Two of these clusters are coordinated from Sussex. The Migration and Development cluster, led by Richard Black, continued work on transnationalism with a series of papers and discussions on transnational activities and development in Albania, Cape Verde, Ghana, Senegal and Egypt. Over the next year this cluster will link up with DRC interests on migration, poverty, vulnerability and look at the impact that illegal residence in Europe may have on migrant sending countries. The theme on gender, age and generations, led by Russell King, had papers presented on three themes: the second generation in Europe; gender and labour markets; and love, sexuality and migration. Work over the next year will develop each of these themes and a further theme on Caribbean migration to Europe.

## DRC PEOPLE

**Ann Whitehead**, coordinator of the theme on the impacts of migration on poverty and livelihoods, and a long-term member of the anthropology faculty at Sussex, was appointed Professor of Anthropology as of 1 October. We at the DRC are delighted for her, and congratulate her on her achievement.

The UK General Elections (May 5) this year had a special resonance for the Sussex team as **Richard Black**, Director of the Migration DRC, stood as Labour parliamentary candidate in the Lewes Constituency. He sadly came third, with 4,169 votes (though, on the brighter side, this was a 9 percent share – up on Labour's figures for the 2001 elections).

Following Azita Ghassemi's departure, **Christina Oelgemöller** was appointed Research Secretary for the Sussex Centre for Migration Research. Christina is concurrently pursuing a DPhil degree at Sussex on governing international migration through regional consultative processes, looking particularly at Europe and East and Southeast Asia.

**Kasia Grabska**, coordinator of the DRC's work at FMRS, Egypt, is starting on her DPhil degree this academic year at Sussex, supervised by Ann Whitehead (Sussex) and Lyla Mehta (IDS). Her work will look at the dynamics of changing gender roles of refugees in exile, and its impact on social relations upon return.

**Ilir Gedeshi** (CESS, Albania) is now a proud father. His son, Klesti, was born earlier this year in June.

As of October 2005, **Christopher Parsons** left the DRC to take up his new post as ODI Fellow in Sierra Leone, attached to the Ministry of Trade. However, Chris retains a Visiting Fellowship at Sussex.

#### *DRC Interns*

In April, **Rebecca Napier-Moore**, joined Sussex as a six-month intern. She now starts an MPhil in Development Studies at IDS.

#### *Rebecca on her time at Sussex as an Intern*

As an intern at the Migration DRC, I remained at the Sussex campus. Initially asked to write a literature review on refugee camps, a significant part of my time has been spent researching and composing what is now set to be a paper published as a Sussex Centre for Migration Research Working Paper. Michael Collyer, Richard Black, and Awa Abdi have been helpful with suggestions and constructive criticisms. The focus of the paper is, geographically, on the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps in Kenya, and thematically, on the entrenched trajectory of protracted refugee situations. In addition, I have worked with Meera Warriar to create workable Endnote bibliographies for the Migration DRC partnership, and I have assisted Mike Collyer in the preparation of training modules on migration, poverty and development, compiling literature reviews and bibliographies and liaising with a cartographer to develop several complex maps, including one displaying matrix data in a 30-level multi-layered map. My experience here has been rewarding; it has given me the opportunity to pursue my research interests and contribute to the DRC's development.

**Rupal Mistry** worked at RMMRU for six months from October to April as a DRC intern. She was also awarded a RMMRU-DRC fellowship for a study of the implications of GATS Mode 4 for Bangladesh. **Pierre-Yves Bedouin** joined RMMRU as an intern for three months (July-September). **Jessica Skinner**, who had served as an intern at Sussex (October-December 2004), also spent July to September at RMMRU, and is looking to extend her internship period there for another three months.

Beginning in October, **Sara Jagare** and **Kobina Graham** will start their internships with ISSER in Ghana. Sara has just completed an MSc from the London School of Economics in Population and Development, and has been working as an intern/volunteer with HelpAge International in London. Kobina has an MA in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies, and an undergraduate degree in law. **Siobhan McPhee** will be starting her internship with RMMRU, Dhaka. Siobhan is completing an MPhil programme in International Peace Studies in Trinity College, Dublin. Her thesis looks at the growing minority Muslim immigrant community in Ireland. The interns for Albania are yet to be announced. The next internship programme will soon be announced on our website.

#### **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

##### *CESS, Albania*

**Ilir Gedeshi**, together with his team, are working on finalising their report on the research they have conducted on Poverty, Vulnerability and Migration Choice in the context of Albania, based on 200 questionnaires at the household level, further supplemented by qualitative interviews and focus group discussions, conducted in Korçë, Albania.

Ilir visited Sussex over August 15-19 for extended discussions with researchers in Sussex on the work being done in Albania. Richard Black held further follow-up meetings with Ilir during his visit to Albania from 19 to 21 September.

Together with Nicolaas de Zwager, Etleva Germej and Christos Nikas, Ilir has also produced a paper entitled 'Competing for Remittances', published by the International Organisation for Migration in Tirana (June 2005).

##### *RMMRU, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh*

At a discussion session organised by the Forum for Safe Migration under the auspices of the Migration DRC and RMMRU, speakers called for the need to bring about a shift in emphasis from sending unskilled labour to the Gulf region to accessing the market for skilled migration in developed countries. According to a press release, Amir Hossain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, stated that the Bangladesh government was actively engaged in exploring the market for skilled migration. He saw the potential for Bangladesh to make inroads in the services sector, particularly in health care and catering. **C R Abrar**, RMMRU, emphasised the need to prepare human resources in the country through vocational and technical training. This, he pointed out, would not only help access the international labour market, but would also make education more relevant to national economic development.

Monjurul Huq and Nurul Islam, directors of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET), briefed the meeting on recent government initiatives with regard to female migration, reflecting a recent change in the government's policy, which was welcomed by participants at the meeting.

##### *FMRS, American University in Cairo, Egypt*

AUC Distinguished Adjunct Professor and Advisor to FMRS, **Dr Barbara Harrell-Bond** received the title of officer of Order of the British Empire (OBE). The award was announced in



the Queen's Birthday Honors list on 11 June 2005, and is in recognition of her services to refugees and forced migration studies.

The last few months have also seen the publication of *Rights in Exile, Janus-Faced Humanitarianism* by Barbara Harrell-Bond, together with Guglielmo Verdirame (Berghahn).

This year, FMRS offered a new competitive fellowship for qualified applicants to the graduate diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies. Out of the 30 applicants, 3 (2 Egyptians and 1 International) have been granted full FMRS fellowships and 2 (Egyptians) have been granted partial fellowships.

**Sara Hamood**, FMRS researcher, previously with Amnesty International in London, has embarked on a research project investigating smuggling routes of migrants and refugees through Libya and conditions for migrants and refugees in Libya.

**Kasia Grabska** visited DRC research partners in Sudan and Lebanon in April and June respectively. She carried out a pilot research into the situation of IDPs in Sudan during her visit to Khartoum.

For the fourth year in a row, 12 AUC students of the 'Cairo to Camps' Project under FMRS went to Lebanon in August 2005 to work with Palestinian refugee children in Shatila, conducting workshops in literature, art, theatre, music (oud teaching) and filmmaking in coordination with the Association of Najdeh in Beirut. 'Cairo to Camps' has also started working with Palestinian children in Egypt on a weekly basis during the summer in coordination with the Palestinian Women's Association. **Sarah Sadek**, DRC research assistant, participated in the workshops in both Lebanon and Egypt.

#### *ISSER and RIPS, University of Ghana, Ghana*

The Ghana partners hosted this year's annual partnership and CARG meetings. The meetings, organised at Elmina Beach Resort, were beautifully organised and coordinated (see report on partnership and CARG meetings above). Special thanks are due to **Prof John Anarfi, Dr Stephen O Kwankye, Anthony Kusi, Cynthia Tagoe and John Agyei**. Prior to these meetings, ISSER hosted a two-day workshop on skilled migration (details above under 'Skilled Migration'). Discussions at the event were given wide publicity with several articles appearing in Ghana's *The Statesman*.

## UPCOMING DRC EVENTS

### *Trade in Services*

1-2 December 2005, University of Sussex

This workshop is the second of an ESRC-sponsored series of three workshops on the broad theme of the impact of increasing trade, as one facet of globalisation, for labour markets (including employment, wage inequality and conditions of work). The first workshop, on international trade and technological change, was held at the University of Nottingham, and the last, on international trade and migrant networks, is to be held at the University of East Anglia. The seminars are intended to provide an opportunity for researchers from a diversity of disciplines to interact with each other, and to engage with the policy community and wider user groups.

### *Panel on Temporary Labour Mobility, AAG Conference Chicago, 7-11 March 2006*

A session on temporary labour mobility is planned for the next Association of American Geographers conference in Chicago, focusing on the changing nature of temporary employment regimes and the resulting impact on patterns of migration. The panel includes several researchers from the DRC as well as North America-based academics working on similar themes.

### *DRC Partnership and CARG Meetings 7-10 April 2006, Cairo, Egypt*

The Migration DRC partnership and advisory group will hold its next annual meeting in Cairo. Preceding or immediately following this meeting will be a writeshop in Cairo to discuss a proposed volume on the broad theme of forced migration, incorporating research that has been carried out under the aegis of the Migration DRC. Leading this writeshop will be Lyla Mehta (IDS) and Kasia Grabska (FMRS).

### *International Migration, Globalisation and Poverty*

Preparations are under way for a high-profile response to the report of the Global Commission on International Migration (GCIM) on migration, building also on the reports earlier this year of the Commission of Africa, the emphasis placed on development during the UK's presidency of the G8 and the EU, and the current review of progress towards the UN's Millennium Development Goals. The focus of this event will be on international migration in relation to global development and poverty, and is designed to stimulate public debate in the UK regarding the issue of international migration, bringing together both academic and policy perspectives. The Migration DRC is collaborating with COMPAS, Oxford to organise this event. Dates and further particulars will soon be available on our website ([www.migrationdrc.org](http://www.migrationdrc.org)).

### *DFID Lunchtime Seminar Series*

The Migration DRC has proposed a series of lunchtime seminars to DFID featuring researchers from the DRC showcasing their work. The first, presented by **Chris Parsons** (Sussex) and **Terrie Walmsley** (Purdue), was a seminar on the 226\*226 grid of migration stocks (and a few flows). Upcoming presentations include: **Ron Skeldon** on 'Globalisation, Skilled Migration and Poverty Alleviation: Brain Drains in Context' on 20 October, **Ann Whitehead** on 'Child Migration, Child Agency and Intergenerational Relations in Africa and South Asia' on 24 November, **Katy Gardner** and **Zahir Ahmed** on 'Interrelationships between Internal and International Migration: Replacement Seasonal Labour Migration in Syhet' on 15 December, and **Richard Black** and **Rachel Sabates-Wheeler** on 'Return, Employment and Entrepreneurship: Examples from Ghana' on 9 February 2006.

### *Forthcoming DRC Participation*

**Ron Skeldon** is keynote speaker at a meeting in November in New York organised by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC). He will also give a seminar on migration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Royal Netherlands Government, in early December. **Richard Black** will also attend the SSRC

meeting in New York, before moving on to give seminars at MIT and Princeton.

## DRC TRAINING EVENTS

The DRC's training programme includes both its own initiatives as well as inputs into training events organised by other bodies. The Migration DRC, in collaboration with IMA International, were to have run a short course from October 17 to 28 on Migration, Poverty and Development. While the course generated considerable interest, there were few applicants who were able to secure the funding to come to this course and we regret to say that the course has been cancelled this year. The course will continue to appear on IMA's website ([www.imainternational.com](http://www.imainternational.com)) and we hope to be able to run it sometime soon provided we have enough interest and funding.

**Ron Skeldon** took the session entitled 'Migration Data and Developing Countries' at the International Centre on Asylum and Refugees in the UK (ICAR) and COMPAS training workshop, 'Navigating Migration Statistics' at King's College, London, on 24 June 2005. And 'Migration and Development' was the title of Ron's keynote speech at the CERES Summer School organised by the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, over 28-29 June 2005.

**Meera Warrier** provided a half-day training on migration, poverty and development as part of the IMA International-organised short course on 'Issues, Themes and Strategies for Development', held on 16 September at IDS.

*Migration, Globalisation, Security and Development*  
19-28 November 2005, Rajendrapur, Bangladesh

Organised by the South Asia Migration Resource Network (SAMReN), this workshop is designed to enhance understanding of migration processes in South Asian and international frameworks, and equip young academics and professionals in migration research and management. In the context of globalisation, security and development, it will highlight recent issues facing the international migration regime, and the challenges faced by South Asian countries. Tasneem Siddiqui of RMMRU will be Director of this residential workshop. Details of the programme are available at <http://www.samren.org>.

## RECENT DRC PUBLICATIONS

In November last year, Richard Black presented the first draft of a background paper for the World Development Report 2006 on migration and inequality to a meeting at the World Bank in Washington DC. The paper, co-authored with Claudia Natali and Jessica Skinner, has since been published and can be found on the Migration DRC website and at [http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWDR2006/Resources/477383-1118673432908/Migration\\_and\\_Inequality.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTWDR2006/Resources/477383-1118673432908/Migration_and_Inequality.pdf).

Based on the 226x226 grid of stocks and flows, several research papers and reports have been published or are in the pipeline. GTAP Working Paper No 32, entitled 'The Impact of Liberalising Labour Mobility in the Pacific Region', by Terrie Walmsley, Syud Amer Ahmed and Christopher Parsons, is available at [www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/resources/res\\_display.asp?RecordID=1874](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/resources/res_display.asp?RecordID=1874).

Another short document on creating the wages and remittances data used with the model and in the GEP, entitled 'The GMig2 Data Base: A Data Base of Bilateral Labour

Migration, Wages and Remittances' by Terrie Walmsley, Syud Amer Ahmed and Christopher Parsons is available as GTAP Research Memorandum No 6, downloadable from [www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/resources/res\\_display.asp?RecordID=1880](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/resources/res_display.asp?RecordID=1880).

### Working Papers

All Migration DRC working papers published are available to download as PDF files from [www.migrationdrc.org/publications/working\\_papers.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/working_papers.html). Upcoming publications include:

'Child Migration, Child Agency and Intergenerational Relations in Africa and South Asia' by Ann Whitehead, Iman M Hashim and Vegard Iversen

'Globalization, Skilled Migration and Poverty Alleviation: Brain Drains in Context' by Ron Skeldon

'Tackling Poverty-Migration Linkages: Evidence from Ghana and Egypt' by Rachel Sabates-Wheeler, Ricardo Sabates and Adriana Castaldo

### DRC Policy Briefings

A new briefings series was designed and introduced with the launch edition covering 'Migration and the Millennium Development Goals for Health'. This has been followed by briefings on migration from Albania (Who is Most Likely to Migrate from Albania? Evidence from the Albania Living Standards Measurement Survey), and another on sustainable return (Defining, Measuring and Influencing Sustainable Return). In the pipeline are briefings on temporary mobility and GATS Mode 4, autonomous child migration and highly skilled migration. All published briefings are available at [http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/briefing\\_papers.html](http://www.migrationdrc.org/publications/briefing_papers.html).

### Other Publications by DRC Members

A special issue of the *Journal of Southern Europe and the Balkans*, entitled 'New Perspectives on Albanian Migration and Development', has been guest edited by **Russell King** (Vol 7 No 2), August 2005, and includes 'Albania as a Laboratory for the Study of Migration and Development' by **Russell King** (pp. 133-155) and 'Migration and Poverty in Albania: What Factors are Associated with an Individual's Predisposition to Migrate' by DRC researchers **Adriana Castaldo, Julie Litchfield and Barry Reilly** (pp. 157-173).

**Black R., Collyer, M., Skeldon, R. and Waddington, C.** (2005) *A Survey of the Illegally Resident Population in Detention in the UK*. Home Office Online Report 20/05, at [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs05/rdsolr2005.pdf](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs05/rdsolr2005.pdf)

**Grabska, Kasia** (2005) 'Living on the Margin: The Analysis of the Livelihoods Strategies of Sudanese Refugees with Closed Files in Cairo'. FMRS Working Paper No.6.

**Ron Skeldon** has written on Migration and Poverty in the latest World Migration Report. He also has written an annual review of Population and Human Development Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region for the EUROPA Regional Surveys of the World, the Far East and Australasia.

### Other DRC Presentations and Activities

**Saskia Gent**, the DRC's Policy Officer, attended a conference organised by the Development Studies Association and BOND

on 'The Research/Practice Interface' in June. Apart from giving her an opportunity to interact with others working in a similar capacity, she found the sessions run by the Overseas Development Institute on 'Tools for Policy Impact' particularly enlightening. She was also able to make some useful contacts, especially at the media organisation 'Panos'.

Saskia also brought together interested DRC parties to discuss the EU Green Paper on Economic Migration published early in 2005, and a response was submitted to the consultation process. Simultaneously the House of Lords held a hearing on the same paper to which the DRC submitted a similar, but revised, report. At the conclusion of the consultation, the European Commission held a hearing in Brussels on 14 June to discuss the paper further and solicit contributions from interested parties, which Saskia attended. Following this hearing the EC is to publish a policy plan on legal migration by the end of 2005. The EC has also published a Communication on Migration and Development (September 2005) in which it includes some recommendations, such as the production of migration country reports, which some of the Migration DRC partners are already working towards.

The Migration DRC took part in the Refugee Week events this June. The week's main event, held in Hove Town Hall on June 26, was a showcase of refugee art, films, music, food, photography, theatre, poetry and speeches. About 1,500 people attended this event where **Adriana Castaldo** managed a DRC information desk. **Rebecca Napier-Moore**, a DRC graduate intern, was one of the Refugee Week co-organisers, working part-time for the Brighton and Hove City Council's Policy and Development Coordinator for Refugees and Asylum Seekers and a steering committee of 25 community members to create and manage what was by far Brighton's biggest Refugee Week event yet.

On 30 June, Ralph Grillo (Sussex) organised a panel at the 'Africa-Europe Group for International Studies' at SOAS in London, on 'Africa-Europe Transnational Linkages'. Paper presenters included Nalu Binaisa (Sussex) who spoke about transnational linkages amongst Ugandan migrants and refugees living in London, and Anna Arnone (Sussex), who spoke about Eritrean transnational practices and identity in Italy. **Richard Black** acted as a discussant for this session.

**Ayman Zohry** (Egypt) took part in a one-week seminar entitled 'The European Union: Challenges of Integration and Expansion', organised in Salzburg, Austria, from 29 June to 04 July. The purpose of this session was to consider broadly the future of Europe, and the extent to which Europeans will continue to move in the direction of an ever closer Union. Ayman led a discussion on 'Demography, Migration and Minorities in Europe'. Ayman also presented a paper on 'Armenians in Egypt' at the 25th Population Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) at Tours, France, 18-23 July 2005.

**Ron Skeldon** has written an opinion piece on migration for the *Asia-Pacific Population Journal*, and a more cultural interpretation of population mobility for the *Companion Encyclopaedia of Geography*, edited by Ian Douglas, Richard Huggett and Chris Perkins.

**Meera Warriar** was keynote speaker at a Women's Institute conference on 'India Today', attended by over 150 members. She spoke on 'India's Information Technology Sector: Opportunities Beckon, but for Whom?' Meera also presented a paper, 'Is the Indian Software Industry Risk Averse? An Exploratory Study' at the SAAG conference held at Sussex over September 13 and 14.

The DRC was actively represented at the recently concluded Royal Geographical Society's conference in London (31 August - 2 September). At a panel on 'Perspectives on Transnational Migration: Gender, Development, Space' organised by **Mike Collyer**, a paper, 'Gendering Migration and Remittances: Evidence from Northern Albania' was presented by **Russell King** (co-authored with Mirela Dalipaj and Nicola Mai), whilst **Richard Black** presented a paper entitled 'Transnationalism as Sustainable Return: Rethinking Geographies of Migration in West Africa'. Mike Collyer himself presented on 'Where is Transnational Space, and Do You Need a Visa to Get There?'