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The International Symposium on Migration and Mobilities at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa responds to the evolving need to examine mobilities on various scales, through collaborative local and global partnerships and interdisciplinary approaches. The symposium thematically covers issues including the social inclusion of vulnerable refugees and migrants, food security of migrants during the COVID-19 pandemic, everyday mobilities in cities, and innovation in research for societal impact. The aim of the symposium is to discuss these contemporary issues and engage with academic researchers, international and governmental organisations, policy makers, and community and civil society groups, offering perspectives from Africa and globally.

This symposium is an event of the Migration and Mobilities Interdisciplinary Collective in Africa (MMICA) at the University of the Western Cape, in partnership with the “Migration and Food Security in The Global South: Interactions, Impacts, and Remedies (MiFOOD Network)”. MMICA is dedicated to advancing critical, impactful, and collaborative research in migration and mobilities. MMICA is based in the Office of the DVC- Academic, Prof Vivienne Lawack, and involves cross-faculty academic engagement at the University of the Western Cape. It provides a home for research, teaching and scholarship of engagement related to migration and mobilities from an African context and perspective.

MiFOOD is a global network of researchers in 13 countries focused on research, training, knowledge mobilization and policy advocacy at the interface between international migration, development, and food security. The symposium is hosting MiFOOD sessions on “Cities of Contagion: Migration, Food Insecurity, and COVID-19 in Comparative Perspective.” The symposium will also present ongoing research with our global partners and projects including: The “Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality and Global Perspective” project, the “Engaged Scholarship and Narratives of Change in Comparative Perspective” project, and “Investigating young men's experiences of walking to the 'bus' in low-income neighbourhoods of Cape Town and London: A comparative study built round a community peer research methodology.”

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**School of Public Health, UWC campus, Robert Sobukwe Rd**

**8.30 - 9.00**

Arrival and registration

**9.00 - 9.10 Official welcome**

**Prof Vivienne Lawack**, Deputy Vice Chancellor- Academic, University of the Western Cape

**9.10- 9.30 Opening Remarks**

**Mr Peter Mudungwe**, Senior Technical Advisor -Migration Governance & Liaison at Africa Union Commission

**9.30-9:45 Prof Jonathan Crush** (Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA) and University of the Western Cape) “Migration and Food Security in The Global South: Interactions, Impacts, And Remedies (MiFOOD Project)”

**Cities of Contagion Panel 1: Migrants, Food Security and COVID-19 in South Africa**

**9.45- 10.55**

Chair: Dr Bruce Frayne (University of Waterloo)

“Pandemic Food Insecurity: Zimbabwean Migrants in Urban South Africa during COVID-19” **Dr Godfrey Tawodzera** (University of the Western Cape) and **Prof Jonathan Crush** (BSIA)

“COVID-19, Gender, Household Food Insecurity and Zimbabwean Migrants in Urban South Africa” **Dr Sujata Ramachandran** (Wilfrid Laurier University), **Prof Jonathan Crush** (BSIA), **Dr Godfrey Tawodzera** (UWC) and **Dr Elizabeth Opiyo Onyango** (University of Alberta)

“Emerging Digital Technologies and Cross-Border Food Remittances of Zimbabwean Migrants in Cape Town, South Africa, During the Early Pandemic” **Dr Sean Sithole** (UWC), **Prof Mulugeta Dinbabo** (UWC) and **Prof Daniel Tevera** (UWC)

“‘Better Than Home, But Not Enough’: Food Security Challenges Confronting Mozambican Migrants in Johannesburg, South Africa” **Prof Ines Raimundo** (Eduardo Mondlane University (EMU)), **Dr Godfrey Tawodzera** (UWC), **F. Mate** and **Dr Ezequiel Abrahamo** (EMU)

**10:55-11.05 Tea break**

**Cities of Contagion Panel 2: Refugees, Food Security and COVID-19 in Southern and East Africa**

**11.05- 12.15**

Chair: Prof Mulugeta Dinbabo (UWC)

“Migration and Food Insecurity: A Profile of Angolan Migrants in Selected Towns in Namibia”

**Dr Lawrence Kazembe** (University of Namibia), **Dr Ndeyapo Nickanor** (University of Namibia) and **Dr Godfrey Tawodzera** (UWC)

“South-South Migration and the Urban Food Security Nexus: A Case Study of Somali Migrants in Nairobi, Kenya” **Zack Ahmed** (BSIA), **Prof Jonathan Crush** (BSIA) and **Prof Samuel Owuor** (University of Nairobi)

“Food Insecurity of Youth South Sudanese Refugees in Urban Kenya” **Dr Cherie Enns** (University of the Fraser Valley)

“Refugee Protection and Food Security in Kampala, Uganda,” **Dr Andrea Brown** (Wilfrid Laurier University)

### **Cities of Contagion Panel 3: Migrants and Food Insecurity in East and West Africa**

**12.20- 13.30**

Chair: Dr Godfrey Tawodzera (UWC)

“The Impact of COVID-19 on Women Informal Food Vendors in Nairobi’s Informal Settlements: A Research Proposal” **Prof Samuel Owuor** (University of Nairobi)

“Food (In)Security Status and Associated Socio-Economic Determinants: A Case Study of West African Migrants in Urban Accra.” **Dr Ralph Armah**, **Prof Mary B. Setrana**, **Prof Peter Quartey**, **Dr Aba Crentsil** and **Dr Cynthia Addoquaye Tagoe** (University of Ghana)

“Migration and Food Security Amongst Ghanaian Migrants in Qatar” **Mr Bernard Owusu** (Wilfrid Laurier University)

“Migrant Enterprises and Food Security: Lessons from African States” **Dr Vanya Gastrow** (University of Cape Town)

**13.30-14.30 Lunch**

**14:30-16:45**

### **Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity, and Hospitality in African Perspective**

This panel is sponsored by the [Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Global Perspective](#) partnership project. The project brings together dozens of academics and partner organizations to co-develop and share evidence-based knowledge related to the policies and practices of accommodating vulnerable and precarious migrants and refugees in major urban centres in Africa, Europe, North America, and Latin America. It involves a team of international academics and cross-sectoral partners that examine the complex and multifaceted approaches to migrant and refugee settlement. The project aims to help

urban decision makers develop innovative policies of migrant and refugee inclusion, while enhancing scholarly knowledge.

**14.30-15.00** “From National Sovereignty to Urban Solidarity: Global Perspectives of Migrant and Refugee Protection”: **Prof Harald Bauder**, Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Toronto Metropolitan University, and Project Director for the “Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in Global Perspective” project

**15.00-16:45**

**Roundtable Session: Urban Sanctuary, Migrant Solidarity and Hospitality in African Cities: Research meets practice**

**15.00**-Introducing the Roundtable: **Ms Nomkhosi Mbatha** (UWC) and **Ms Perfect Mazani** (UWC)

Opening research statements, followed by moderated discussion by **Prof Harald Bauder**, Toronto Metropolitan University and **Dr Leah Koskimaki** (UWC)

**Dr Derese Kassa**, Iona University, New York

**Dr Khangelani Moyo**, University of the Free State - Qwaqwa Campus

**Prof Faisal Garba**, University of Cape Town and The Africa Institute, Sharjah

**Prof Shannon Morreira**, University of Cape Town

**Mr Mingizem Maru Shibeshi**, National Program Officer, IOM Ethiopia

**Kiran Kaur**, Head of Field Office, UNHCR Cape Town

**Ms Lelethu Nogwavu**, Human Rights Project Development Officer, Africa Unite

**16:45-17.00 Tea break**

**17.00- 17.45**

**Community Peer Research Methodologies in African Cities**

“Investigating young men’s experiences of walking to the ‘bus’ in low-income neighbourhoods of Cape Town and London: A comparative study built round a community peer research methodology” **Prof Bradley Rink** (UWC), **Prof Gina Porter** (University of Durham), **Mr Bulelani Maskiti** (UWC), and Cape Town Peer Researchers

**17.45- 18.45 Meet and greet, hosted by UWC**

**18.45 Transport back to hotels from UWC.**

**Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Protea Hotel, Waterfront, Cape Town**

**9:00 Official welcome**

**Prof Vivienne Lawack**, Deputy Vice Chancellor- Academic, University of the Western Cape

**9.10- 9.40: “Engaged Scholarship and Narratives of Change” Prof Halleh Ghorashi**, Full Professor of Diversity and Integration in the Department of Sociology at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

**9.40-10.30**

“Rethinking the role and responsibility of academia in contributing to the societal inclusion of forced migrants in South Africa, the Netherlands and the USA”

**Ms Alexandra Greene**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**Mx Fabian Holle**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**Ms Maria Rast**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**Ms Miriam Ocadiz**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

**10.30-10.45 Tea break**

**Cities of Contagion Panel 4: Migrants and Food Insecurity in Latin America**

**10.45 – 12.10**

Chair: Prof Daniel Tevera (UWC)

“Institutional Food In/Security: Challenges and Strategies in Food Provisioning for Migrant Shelters in Mexico City” **Dr Tiana Bakić Hayden** (El Colegio de México)

“Coping with Health Crisis and Multiple Vulnerabilities. Migrant Shelters in Mexico City and its Metropolitan Area during COVID-19 Lockdown” **Dr Fernanda Vázquez-Vela** (Metropolitan Autonomous University-Cuajimalpa)

“Covid-19 and Food Insecurity of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in Quito, Ecuador” **Dr Maria Mercedes Eguiguren** (BSIA) and **Dr Cheryl Martens** (Universidad San Francisco de Quito)

Covid-19 and Food Insecurity of Urban Refugees and Migrants in Quito, Ecuador” **Dr Cheryl Martens and Dr Myriam Paredes** (Universidad San Francisco de Quito)

**Cities of Contagion: Migrants, Food Security and COVID-19 in Asia**

**12.15-13.30**

Chair: Dr Sujata Ramachandran (WLU)

“Food (In)Security of Migrant Domestic Workers in Singapore and their Left-behind Families during Pandemic Times” **Prof Brenda Yeoh** and **Dr Theodora Lam** (National University of Singapore)

“Food Security Challenges of International Migrants in Qatar” **Prof Ray Jureidini** (Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar)

“Global Pandemic and Food Insecurity of Female Return Migrants in Kerala, India” **Prof S Irudaya Rajan** (International Institute for Migration and Development) and **Dr John Abraham** (University of Waterloo)

“The Food Security of Rural-Urban Migrants in China” **Dr Taiyang Zhong** (Nanjing University) and **Dr Zhenzhong Si** (WLU)

### 13.30-14.30 Lunch

#### **Cities of Contagion Panel 6: New Research Methodologies**

14.30-15.45

Chair: Dr Cheryl Martens

“‘Fasting not feasting’: Cultural Food Insecurity and Provisioning Among London’s Migrant Communities During, and in the Aftermath, of Covid-19” **Prof Kavita Datta** (Queen Mary University of London)

“CIHR Project on Assessing the Food Insecurity Consequences of COVID-19 on Marginalized Refugees” **Dr Zhenzhong Si** (WLU), **Dr Elizabeth Opiyo Onyango** (University of Alberta), **Dr Sujata Ramachandran** (WLU) and **Mr Zack Ahmed** (BSIA)

“Navigating Local Challenges to Food Security and Migration Data Collection in the Global South” **Dr Natalie Dietrich Jones** (University of the West Indies)

### 15.45- 16.00 Closing remarks

#### **Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> Protea Hotel, Waterfront**

Closed project workshops and meetings

MIFOOD Network Partnership Coordination Committee Meeting

#### **Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> UWC campus**

9.00 – 18.00

**Closed event: “Critical and transformative engaged scholarship on migration and mobilities”** facilitated by the team of the [Engaged Scholarship Narratives of Change](#) project and MMICA, on fostering critical and socially relevant academic work that contributes to the societal inclusion of migrant and mobile communities in South Africa, the USA and the Netherlands.

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