



**Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development
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the Migration and Remittances Unit (DECMR)**

cordially invite you to a

**KNOMAD BBL
Irregular Migration to Europe:
Determinants to Migrate, Transit and Return**

Date: Wednesday, September 14

Time: 12:30 – 2:00

Venue: MC C2-135

Chair: Dilip Ratha, World Bank

Speaker: Katie Kuschminder, UNU-MERIT

Discussant: Khalid Koser, GECRF

Description:

Both Greece and Turkey have been at the frontline of irregular migration to Europe for several years. This seminar discusses findings on how migrants make the decision whether to stay in the country of transit (Greece or Turkey) or migrate onwards. The majority of a limited academic literature on migrant decision making has been concerned either with the decision to migrate in the first place (for example distinguishing voluntary from forced migration), or the decision whether to return. Decision making in transit has not been explored in depth. Migrant decision making in transit can be influenced by conditions in the country of origin, conditions in the current country of stay (transit country), conditions in the perceived destination country, individual and social factors, and policy interventions. This paper considers these multiple factors in the analysis of 1,028 surveys with migrants from Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Syria collected in Athens and Istanbul in spring 2015. Regression analysis has been

used to predict the factors determining the desire of migrants to migrate onwards as compared to stay in the current country or return.

Dr. Katie Kuschminder is a post-doctoral research and migration studies project manager at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and UNU-MERIT. She has been working in research for the past ten years and has worked on or managed migration projects for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection Irregular Migration Research Group, German Development Cooperation, IOM, and UNHCR. She teaches in both the Migration Specialization of the MSc in Public Policy and Human Development and the Migration Management Diploma Programme. Katie's main research interests are in the areas of migration and development, return and reintegration, and forced migration.

Dr. Khalid Koser is Executive Director, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF). Non-Resident Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Institution. Associate Fellow, Chatham House. Research Associate, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Non-Resident Fellow, Lowy Institute, Sydney. Extraordinary Professor in Conflict, Peace and Security, Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, University of Maastricht. Chair, Global Agenda Council on Migration, World Economic Forum. Editor, Journal of Refugee Studies.

Dr. Dilip Ratha is a Lead Economist and Head of KNOMAD, World Bank.

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