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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP  
UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING MIGRATION IN AFRICA  
MULTIDIMENSIONAL PERSPECTIVES

16-17 June 2016

University of Pavia, Italy

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The workshop will address human mobility and migration within, to and from Africa with attention for long-term historical processes and the current international dimension of the phenomenon.

The aim of the workshop is to encourage a balanced approach to the issues of mobility and migration in Africa by operating critical reviews of dominant analytical paradigms and stressing the need to pay attention to the *longue-durée* in order to explain both structural (socio-political and economic contexts, state restructuring) and contingent processes (current conflicts, state collapse, ongoing world economic crisis). Due attention will be paid to interrelations between demographic trends, development strategies and migration flows, in the countries of origin and transit, focusing on the impact of mobility and migrations on social change and political transition in African countries and regional systems, the global and transnational dimension of the phenomena, and the related security issues.

The contributions are expected to touch upon:

1. Regional and sub-regional strategies of inclusion, in the light of internal and international political challenges, and historical and contemporary perception of human mobility and identity.
2. Interactions between internal, transborder and regional mobility and the fluxes directed towards Europe through the Sahelian – Saharan – Mediterranean macro-region, and towards the Near East (Arabian Peninsula, Gulf States, Indian Ocean).

3. The impact of the increasing militarization due to internal conflicts (Libya, Nigeria, Mali), reshaping of sovereignty (recent birth of South-Sudan), hegemonic confrontation (war on terror, jihadist movements), on long-established mobility routes (the trans-Saharan networks in particular), and the connected side effects in terms of growing criminalization of fluxes.
4. The impact of Africa-East Asia mobility dynamics, in particular the growing presence of Chinese citizens in several African countries.
5. The impact of “returnees” and migrant’s remittances on the socio-economic and political context of countries of origin.
6. European and International containment policies in Africa.
7. The current debate about migrant/refugee status and its implications on policymaking and humanitarian aid.

The overall objective of the initiative is focused on providing information and critical analysis on the intersections between national, regional, and global dynamics of mobility as a platform for discussion among international scholars, policy makers and stakeholders.

*Participants are invited to give a presentation concerning their own field of research with the aim to fostering the critical discussion among academics, researchers and relevant stakeholders.*

*Each presentation is expected to be no more than 15 minutes long.*

*The event is structured in two sessions:*

*The First session (16<sup>th</sup> of June) shall focus on presentations and discussions; the Second session (17<sup>th</sup> of June) shall dedicate to the round-table with relevant stakeholders, operational actors and international agencies (no academics).*

*For proposals and further information, please contact dr. Giulia Casentini*

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