Following the Flows
Transnational Approaches to Intangible Transfers

Workshop on Economic, Political and Social Remittances

Friday, September 19th  
9:30 AM – Welcoming remarks
11:00 PM – Panel 1: Voters Across Borders
Gwendolyn Sasse (Oxford U.) - Determinants of Migrant Voters’ Homeland Political Engagement
Thibaut Jaulin (Sciences Po) – The Geography of Overseas Voting
Chair: Thomas Lacroix (CNRS/ Oxford U.)
12:00 AM – Lunch
1:00 PM – Panel 2: Transnational Ties
Supriya Singh (RMIT) – Money and the Transnational Family in India and Australia
Natasha Iskander (NYU) – Skill-Building and Industry Development through Migration
Chair: Peggy Levitt (Wellesley C./Harvard U.)
2:15 PM – Panel 3: From Economy to Society
Covadonga Meseguer (LSE/ CIDE), J. Aparicio, S. Lavazzolo - Financial Remittances, Social Remittances, and the State
Filiz Garip (Harvard U.), B. Eskici & B. Snyder - Network Effects in Migrant Remittances
Chair: Alicia Adséra (Princeton U.)
3:30 PM – Panel 4: Social Remittances and Global Health
I. Diabaté, Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD) - Genital Mutilation in Mali: do Migrants Transfer Social Norms?
Jean-Michel Lafleur (Univ. de Liège) & O. Lizin - Transnational Health Insurance Schemes
Chair: Marta Tienda (Princeton U.)
5:00 PM – Reception (Wallace Hall)
Saturday, September 20th
300 Wallace Hall

9:00 AM – Introduction: Patricia Fernandez-Kelly (Princeton U.)

9:30 AM – Introducing Theoretical Approaches to Political Transnationalism
Devesh Kapur (U. Penn) - Political Effects of International Migration
Thomas Lacroix (CNRS/Oxford U.) - Conceptualizing Transnational Engagements
Chair: Peggy Levitt (Wellesley C./Harvard U.)

10:45 AM – Panel 6: Circulation of Concepts and Categories
Erik Vickstrom – Legal Status, Territorial Confinement, and Transnational Activities
Wendy Roth (UBC) - The Transnational Flow of Race and Ethnicity
Chair: Patricia Fernandez-Kelly (Princeton U.)

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM - Panel 7: Catalyzing Local Changes from Abroad
Lauren Duquette (UCLA) - Voice and Exit: Remittances and (Un)Representative Participatory Governance in Mexico
Ilka Vari-Lavoisier (ENS/Princeton U.) – Social Remittances as Transnational Relational Work: A Structural, Cultural and Political Perspective
Chair: Thomas Lacroix (CNRS/ Oxford U.)

2:15 PM – Panel 8: Networks and Transfers of Political Norms
Lisa Chauvet, Flore Gubert & Sandrine Mesplé-Somps (IRD) - Transfer of Political Norms: Suggestive Evidence from Malian and Senegalese Elections
Catia Batista (Nova U. of Lisbon) - The Role of Migrant Networks on Political Participation
Chair: Paul DiMaggio (Princeton U.)

3:30 PM - Concluding Session
Peggy Levitt (Wellesley C./Harvard U.) & Patricia Fernandez-Kelly (CNRS)
Chair: Thomas Lacroix (Princeton U.)

4:30 PM – Closing Keynote: Douglas Massey (Princeton U.) - Health as a Social Remittance

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