

Interdisciplinary Symposium on

Laureate Ceremony

Migration and Development

Developing Countries Prize 2008

sponsored by the KfW Entwicklungsbank

08:30 - 09:00: Registration

09:00 - 09:10: Welcome

Ingrid-Ute Leonhäuser, *Director of the Board (Center for International Development and Environmental Research, Justus-Liebig University)*

09:10 - 09:40: Outlining the Problem

International Development and Migration: Trends, Challenges and Perspectives

Steffen Angenendt (*German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin*)

09:40 - 11:10: Impacts of Migration on Developing Countries

Chair: Andreas Dittmann (*Justus-Liebig University*)

Brain Drain or Brain Gain?

Frederic Docquier (*University of Louvain, Belgium*) and

Hillel Rapoport (*Bar-Ilan University, Israel*)

Migrants' Remittances in Insecure Settings: Somalia Case

Anna Lindley (*Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, UK*)

11:10 - 11:30: Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00: Future Development Potential through Migration

Chair: Jürgen Meckl (*Justus-Liebig University*)

The Use of Remittances: Consumption or Investments?

Thomas Bauer (*Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Essen*)

Migration, Diasporas and Development: Some Critical Perspectives

Oliver Bakewell (*International Migration Institute (IMI), Oxford University, UK*)

13:00 - 13:30: Conclusion and Closing Remarks

13:30 - 14:30: Lunch

14:30 - 15:00: Development and Migration Politics: Conflict of Aims?

Keynote speech „Migration as a Factor in Development Policy?“

Heidemarie Wieczoreck-Zeul (*Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development*)

15:00 - 16:00: Panel Discussion

Chair: Thilo Marauhn (*Justus-Liebig University*)

- **Heidemarie Wieczoreck-Zeul**
- **Hillel Rapoport** (*Bar-Ilan University, Israel*)
- **Andreas Halbach** (*International Organisation for Migration*)
- **Bernd Mesovic** (*Pro Asyl*)

16:00 - 16:30: Press Conference and Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30: Award Ceremony

Welcome Addresses

- **Prof. Dr. Stefan Hormuth** (*President of the Justus Liebig University*)
- **Wolfgang Kroh** (*Board of Managing Directors, KfW Entwicklungsbank*)

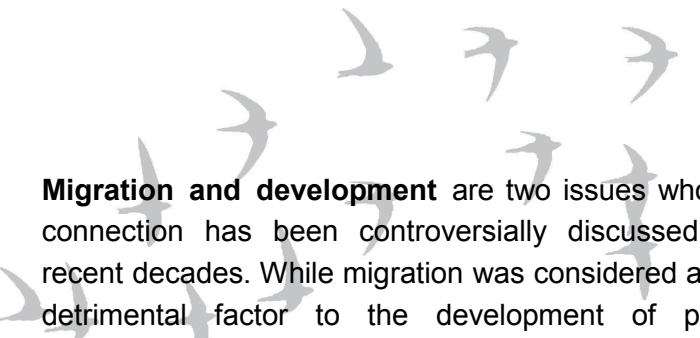
Presentation of the Awards

Laudations

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Migration and development are two issues whose connection has been controversially discussed in recent decades. While migration was considered as a detrimental factor to the development of poor countries in the 1970s and 80s its perception has changed in recent years. Today, one is still aware of the problems linked to migration like brain drain or care drain, but positive aspects like remittances, gains through brain circulation and re-migration, or the opportunities for poor countries resulting from the presence of diaspora communities in the receiving countries are more and more emphasized.

These different impacts of migration on the development process will be highlighted in sessions I and II of the symposium. Based on the findings of the first two sessions, it will be discussed in session IV, namely if and how industrialized countries can design their migration politics in order to support the development process in the poor sending countries.

The **Developing Countries Prize** of the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen is awarded biannually since 1982 and honors outstanding accomplishments in the field of developing countries research. It is sponsored by the KfW Entwicklungsbank in Frankfurt and endowed with 5000 Euros. Additionally, junior researchers are supported by the awarding of a prize for best dissertation (endowed with 1500 Euros) as well as two prizes for best diploma or master thesis (endowed with 500 Euros each).

The **laureates** of this year's developing countries prize are Frédéric Doquier from the Université Catholique in Louvain, Belgium and Hillel Rapoport from the Bar-Ilan University in Israel. The two researchers are honored for their works on the issues of brain drain and remittances. Apart from this, both laureates have contributed to the establishment of a migration database, which is freely accessible on the internet.

Furthermore Anna Lindley from the Refugees Studies Centre of the Oxford University will be awarded the prize for best dissertation for her research on the impacts of remittances in Somalia. The prizes for best diploma and best master thesis go to Benjamin Etzold and Cristian Vasco.

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