This series of public lectures by eminent authorities will address some of the most pressing issues of the day in the field of migration and refugee studies from a comparative and engaged perspective.

The lecture series reflects priorities of a newly formed Migration and Social Transformation Network (MSTN).

The speakers will stress the complexity of migration and regional dynamics far from the simplistic Northern imaginary.

The lectures feature a shared commitment to the centrality of migrant agency and a refusal of a victim narrative. They are based on participatory action research and emphasize the centrality of experiential learning as part of a strategy for social transformation.

1. MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT: A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE (27/10/2021) 19.00 – 20:30 CET
Raúl Delgado Wise (University of Zacatecas, Mexico)

2. GENDERED MOBILITIES: A NEW OPTIC (3/11/2021) 19.00 – 20:30 CET
Sabrina Vecchioni (University of Buenos Aires, Public Defender’s Office, National Council for Refugees, Argentina)
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3. AFRICAN MIGRATION IN LATIN AMERICA: AN ENGAGED PERSPECTIVE (17/11/2021) 19.00 – 20:30 CET
Maria do Carmo dos Santos Gonçalves (Director, Scalabrinian Centre for Migration Studies, Brazil)

4. COVID 19 AND MIGRATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (24/11/2021) 19.00 – 20:30 CET
Admire Chereni (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)

5. MIGRATION AND COVID-19 IN THE AMERICAS: A PRESSING REALITY (03/12/2021) 19.00 – 20:30 CET
Soledad Álvarez Velasco (University of Houston, USA) and Ulla Berg (Rutgers University, USA), coordinators of (In) Mobilities in the Americas and COVID -19 project

6. MIGRATION, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: THE UTOPIA OF HUMAN RIGHTS (09/12/2021) 17.00 – 18.30 CET
Carl-Ulrik Schierup (Linköping University, Sweden)

Attendance free of charge, registration required.
Raúl Delgado Wise
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Sabrina Vecchioni

Maria do Carmo dos Santos Gonçalves
Maria do Carmo dos Santos Gonçalves recently completed her PhD thesis on the Senegalese religious diaspora in southern Brazil. She has a long experience in the field of social work in Brazil, working in the care of migrants and refugees and is currently the director of the Scalabrinian Center for Migration Studies (CSEM), Brazil. Her main research interests include public policies for migrants and refugees, studies on contemporary diasporas, migration and Islam, and the combination of ethnographic and biographical approaches.

Soledad Álvarez-Velasco
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Carl-Ulrik Schierup
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