

Global Hubs Salon Series

Salon on “Migration and Mobilities”

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[Leonie Ansems de Vries](#)

Reader in International Politics; Chair, [Migration Research Group](#); Co-Director, [King's Sanctuary Programme](#), King's College London

Leonie Ansems de Vries' research focuses on practices of governance and resistance in global politics, migration and borders, and the politics of violence. She combines critical theoretical approaches with extensive empirical research using collaborative and arts-based methodologies. She has published widely on the governance of migration, migrants' struggles, and border violence in academic journals and media platforms such as [openDemocracy](#) and [The Conversation](#). She led the collaborative research project, "[Documenting the Humanitarian Migration Crisis in the Mediterranean](#)," which examined the effects of migration management practices on people seeking protection. Other projects include policy research on legal pathways to protection, the academic/artistic project [Migrant Voices in London](#), and commissioned research on relationship-building processes in refugee community sponsorship. She is currently writing a book on the politics of exhaustion in Europe's borderlands, which examines the ways in which exhaustion is employed as a tool of governance to control people forced to (not-)move and how it is endured and resisted as a lived experience. Ansems de Vries also co-leads the King's resettlement scheme, as part of which King's has become the first UK university to resettle a refugee family, and which supports other UK universities to become refugee sponsors, too.

Ruttiya Bhula-or

Lecturer and Associate Dean, College of Population Studies; Director/Key Coordinator, [Collaborating Centre for Labour Research](#), Chulalongkorn University

Ruttiya Bhula-or has practical experience working at the national and international levels and also contributes actively to academic fields. She has worked for the International Labour Organization as a national coordinator for the Tripartite Action to Protect Migrant Workers from Labour Exploitation and as a regional skills programme officer for Asia and the Pacific. She also serves as an international consultant on vulnerable people and critical issues for a number of Asian countries. She is the director/key coordinator of Chulalongkorn University's [Collaborating Centre for Labour Research](#) and the secretariat of the Ministry of Labour's National Labour Research Centre. Additionally, her work includes the development of Thailand's first Decent Work Country Programme for 2019-2021, which identifies the labour market, social policy, and migration activities and programs for Thailand. Her recent publications on migration include migration and sustainable development, and migration of older persons for care. In addition, she has been actively involved in policy linkages, labour market analysis, vulnerable population migration, and migration and the environment.

[Siu-woo Cheung](#)

Associate Professor, Division of Humanities; Associate Director, [South China Research Center](#), The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Siu-woo Cheung's research focuses on the Miao minority in southeast Guizhou, China, addressing the native accounts of their historical migration fleeing the Chinese Empire, and how they created and recreated their identities in terms of rebellions in face of the encroachment of the imperial state, and in engaging the Chinese modern state as a minority within the Chinese nation. In recent decades, the Miao were on the move again as migrant workers along China's eastern coast. Cheung examines how stigma and discrimination shaped the effacement of their ethnic identity in the beginning, and their re-ethnicization at a later stage in their interactions with their homeplace and the host society in terms of heritage and multiculturalism. The Miao migrants' experiences also inspire Cheung's research project on migrant workers from Hong Kong's marginalized rural communities who settled in the UK in the 1960s, and brought up the second generation who were born overseas. This second generation developed their homeplace imagination in terms of invented tradition in Hong Kong's publicized rural heritage conservation, contrasting with their parents' migrant identity based on memory of rural life in their home village. Cheung received his undergraduate training in sociocultural anthropology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and his MA and PhD at the University of Washington.

[Cristen Dávalos](#)

Professor, Department of International Relations; Dean, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Universidad San Francisco de Quito

Cristen Dávalos has published articles on the themes of migration and mobility from a gender perspective in both insular and urban context. Recent publications include [“Island feminism meets feminist geopolitics: the spatial dynamics of gender-based violence in the Galapagos Islands”](#) (2022, co-author) and [“Localizing Masculinities in the Global Care Chains: Experiences in Spain and Ecuador”](#) (2020), among others. Dávalos participates as a migration expert in the [Institute for Advanced Studies in Inequalities \(IASI\)](#) at USFQ, and her current research projects focus on gender-based violence and feminist political ecology in the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) and on food insecurity and Venezuelan migration in Quito. She teaches various undergraduate level courses including Colloquium, Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, Qualitative Research, Political Economy of Inequality, and Gender and Development. Dávalos holds a BA in international relations from Lake Forest College (USA), a MA degree in development studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (The Netherlands), and a PhD from the School of Political Science and International Relations and the School of Geography from Queen Mary, University of London (UK). She was a Visiting Associate Research Scholar at [Princeton University's Program in Latin American Studies](#) in 2018.

[Shannon Gleeson](#)

Professor of Labor Relations, Law, and History, School of Industrial and Labor Relations; Faculty Co-Chair, [Migrations: A Global Grand Challenge Initiative](#), Cornell University

Shannon Gleeson earned her PhD in sociology and demography from the University of California, Berkeley and was previously on the faculty of the Latin American and Latino Studies department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her published books include [Accountability across Borders: Migrant](#)

[Rights in North America](#) (University of Texas Press, 2019, edited with Xóchitl Bada), [Building Citizenship From Below: Precarity, Migration, and Agency](#) (Routledge, 2017, edited with Marcel Paret), [Precarious Claims: The Promise and Failure of Workplace Protections in the United States](#) (University of California Press, 2016), [The Nation and Its Peoples: Citizens, Denizens, Migrants](#) (Routledge, 2014, edited with John Park), and [Conflicting Commitments: The Politics of Enforcing Immigrant Worker Rights in San Jose and Houston](#) (Cornell University Press, 2012). Her ongoing National Science Foundation project (with Els de Graauw) examines the local implementation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in three metropolitan regions. With support from the [Russell Sage Foundation](#) and the [American Bar Foundation](#), Gleeson is currently working on a book manuscript (with Kate Griffith, Darlène Dubuisson, and Patricia Campos-Medina), entitled *Status at Work: Immigration Policy, Race and the Nature of Precarious Labor*. Her book *Scaling Migrant Worker Rights: How Advocates Collaborate and Contest State Power* (with Xóchitl Bada) is forthcoming with University of California Press.

Eunice N.S. Imasiku

Lecturer and Head, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Zambia

Eunice Imasiku's research interests include child and maternal health, gender, fertility, family planning and child marriage. She has been teaching courses covering migration topics (Population, Culture and Environment; and Migration, Refugees, and the Environment) for about 20 years. She participated in the e-workshop series on the Migration Policy Framework for Africa (MPFA) and the Multi-Stakeholder Consultations on the Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in Africa. She has supervised undergraduate projects on refugee related issues and is currently supervising a postgraduate student conducting a study on the nexus between migration, conflict, and climate change. Imasiku has been a faculty member at the University of Zambia since 2002. In addition to a BA and MA in geography from the University of Zambia, she holds a PhD in demography and population studies from the University of the Witwatersrand. She serves as a vice president of [Graduate Women Zambia \(GWZ\)](#).

Gunisha Kaur

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology; Founding Director, [Human Rights Impact Lab](#); Medical Director, [Center for Human Rights](#), Weill Cornell Medicine; Faculty Fellow, [Migrations Global Research Priority](#), Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University

Gunisha Kaur's research interests focus on advancing the health of forcibly displaced populations such as migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. She has used her extensive training and research in neuroscience as an analytical framework to pioneer the study of human rights through scientific methodology. Her research is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health. A foremost leader in scientific investigations into migrant health, Kaur was selected as a member of the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society and as a Stephen M. Kellen Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations. She earned her BS from Cornell University in 2006, MD from Weill Cornell Medical College in 2010, and her MA in medical anthropology from Harvard University in 2015.

[Deepanshu Mohan](#)

Associate Professor of Economics; Director, [Centre for New Economics Studies](#), Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, O.P. Jindal Global University

Deepanshu Mohan's research intersects areas of development economics, political economy, urban studies, political sociology, and law. He has published in *Cities* (Elsevier), Oxford University Press, Taylor and Francis, Routledge, Springer Nature, *Asian Journal of Social Sciences* (NUS), *Asian Journal of Public Affairs* (NUS), *Asian Ethnicity* (Taylor and Francis), to name a few. His forthcoming book, *Strongmen Saviours: A Political Economy of Populism in India, Turkey, Russia, and Brazil*, is a text in comparative politics studies, investigating the political economy factors shaping the rise of populist leaders in non-western countries over the twentieth century. The research of the Centre for New Economics Studies has in recent years focused on the interdisciplinary themes of migration studies and urban "informality," while applying tools of visual anthropology. Mohan is a Visiting Professor in the Department of Economics at Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada) and an Honorary Associate Professor at the School of Public Leadership at Stellenbosch University (South Africa). Additionally, he has held research positions with institutions in Cambodia, Brazil, and Australia.

[Richard Mole](#)

Professor of Political Sociology and Deputy Director, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London

Richard Mole's research focuses on the relationship between identity and power, with particular reference to nationalism, sexuality, and migration. His publications include [Soviet and Post-Soviet Sexualities](#) (2019) and [Queer Migration and Asylum in Europe](#) (2021). He is Principal Investigator of the Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network "Delayed Transformational Fatigue in Central and Eastern Europe: Responding to the Rise of Populism" and Co-Investigator of the Horizon 2020 research project "Populist rebellion against modernity in 21st-century Eastern Europe: neo-traditionalism and neo-feudalism." He earned his MPhil from the University of Cambridge and his PhD from the London School of Economics, both in international relations.

[Rachel Beatty Riedl](#)

Director and John S. Knight Professor of International Studies, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies; Professor, Department of Government, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University

Rachel Beatty Riedl's research interests include institutional development in new democracies, local governance and decentralization, and authoritarian regime legacies in Africa. Her latest book, coauthored with Gwyneth McClendon, is [From Pews to Politics: Religious Sermons and Political Participation in Africa](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2019). Her previous book, [Authoritarian Origins of Democratic Party Systems in Africa](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2014), won the African Politics Best Book award. Riedl also cohosts the [Ufahamu Africa](#) podcast about life and politics on the African

continent. Most recently, she was a fellow at the Nantes Institute for Advanced Study and a Fulbright scholar. Previously, she was director of the Program of African Studies and an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Northwestern University.

[Amanda D. Rodewald](#)

Garvin Professor and Senior Director of the [Center for Avian Population Studies](#) at the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) and the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, Cornell University

Amanda D. Rodewald is an ecologist who leads an interdisciplinary and international research program that addresses socioecological challenges linked to changing climate, land cover, and human activities in temperate and tropical ecosystems. Much of this work is viewed through the lens of migratory birds, which connect species and systems around the world. Rodewald is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Ornithological Society. She has published over 170 scientific papers, an Ornithology textbook, 10 book chapters, and over 60 popular articles and commentaries, including regular pieces for *The Hill*. Rodewald frequently collaborates with communities of practitioners, decision-makers, and private sector partners. Her leadership roles include serving for over a decade on the Science Advisory Board of the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and testifying to Congress on legislative matters related to conservation. Prior to joining Cornell, she spent 13 years as a professor at The Ohio State University.

[Joseph Kofi Teye](#)

Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Development, School of Social Sciences; Director, [Centre for Migration Studies](#), University of Ghana; Co-Director, [GCRF South-South Migration, Inequality, and Development Hub](#), UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

Joseph Kofi Teye's current research interests include migration and development, migration policy development, environmental change and migration, and natural resource governance. He has participated (either as a PI or Co-PI) in large research projects funded by international organizations, including, DFID, EU, ESRC, ACP Observatory on Migration, IOM, ICMPD and ILO/OECD. He has consulted widely for a number of organizations and governments. He was the lead consultant for the development of national migration policies and national labour migration policies in Ghana, Sierra Leone and Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. He drafted the ECOWAS Action Plan for Implementing Global Compact on Refugees in the ECOWAS region. Teye is a member of various migration management technical and advisory boards, including the advisory group of the Human Mobility Initiative hosted by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) of UK, the International Advisory Board (IAB) of Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Migration and Integration, and Migration Research and Publishing High-Level Advisory group of the International Organisation for Migration. He holds a PhD in human geography from the University of Leeds and an MPhil in social change from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

[Wendy W. Wolford](#)

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As vice provost, Wendy Wolford is responsible for strengthening the university's global connections and worldwide interdisciplinary initiatives. Her research focuses on international development, land use and distribution, social mobilization, and agrarian societies with a regional concentration in Latin America—particularly Brazil. For 20 years, she has worked with one of the most important grassroots social movements in Latin American history: the *Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra* (MST), or the Movement of Rural Landless Workers. Part of Cornell's faculty since 2010, Wolford served as the faculty director of economic development at the [Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability](#), where she co-led CARE-Cornell and Oxfam-Cornell collaborations.

[Brenda S.A. Yeoh, FBA](#)

Raffles Professor of Social Sciences; Research Leader of the [Asian Migration Cluster](#), [Asia Research Institute](#), National University of Singapore

Brenda S.A. Yeoh has made important contributions to the field of migration and transnationalism studies and was awarded the Vautrin Lud Prize for outstanding achievements in Geography in 2021. Her work is distinctly Asia-focused while also significant for theory-building more generally. She is widely recognised for her research leadership in three areas: migration-led diversification, cosmopolitanism, and spatial politics; human aspiration, care migration, and social reproduction among migrant households in Southeast Asia; migration infrastructures and transnational mobility of migrant workers at various skill levels. She has published widely on these topics and her recent books include the [Routledge Handbook of Asian Migrations](#) (Routledge, 2018, edited with Gracia Liu-Farrer); [Student Mobilities and International Education in Asia: Emotional Geographies of Knowledge Spaces](#) (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019, with R.K. Sidhu and K.C. Ho), and [Handbook of Transnationalism](#) (Edward Elgar, 2022, edited with F.L. Collins).