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# Global Migration Governance Project

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# What is the Project?

- 3-year academic research project
- University of Oxford
- Funded by the MacArthur Foundation
- Political Science and International Relations
- Focus on the international institutions that govern international migration

# Starting Observations

- The project begins from two observations:
  - i) *On a policy level:*  
global migration governance is fragmented and incoherent
  - ii) *On an academic level:*  
there has been a lack of political science and international relations scholarship on migration

# Academic Aims

- To explore the role and relevance of international institutions in migration
- Comparison with other issue-area: environment/trade/climate change etc.
- Comparison across areas of migration: high-skilled/low-skilled/refugees/irregular etc.

# Policy Aims

- To set out options for coherent global migration governance which are:
  - i) Politically feasible;
  - ii) Human rights respecting;
  - iii) Mutually beneficial for states.

# Stages of Research

- Phase 1: Mapping
- Phase 2: State consultations
- Phase 3: Disseminating options for coherent governance

# Phase 1: Mapping

- Multilateral, regional, bilateral mechanisms
- Formal, informal mechanisms
- Linkages to development, trade, security, human rights governance
- Research in Geneva, New York, D.C.
- Carried out May-December 2008.

# Phase 2: Consultations

- Interviews in state capitals (January 2009-)
- To ask governments:
  - i) How they use different international institutions
  - ii) What they see as the strengths and weaknesses of the existing institutional framework
  - iii) Their visions for global migration governance

# Phase 3: Dissemination

- Offering options for global migration governance
- A policy briefing
- Presentations in New York, Geneva and state capitals

# Outputs

- Working papers (on project website)
- Edited volume (*Global Migration Governance*, 2009)
- Final book, report, and policy briefing

# How you can contribute

- We will be visiting state capitals in from January 2009- March 2010.
- We would appreciate it if you could provide us with relevant contacts in capitals and missions, and be available for interview.
- Please contact us by e-mail.

# Contact Information

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