

Migration Letters

SPECIAL ISSUE on "MAPPING SOCIAL REMITTANCES"

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Call for Papers Paper - Submission Deadline: **September 20, 2011**

Migration Letters invites contributions for a Special Issue on social remittances and the migrant-left behind nexus, to be approached in a comparative, fieldwork-based perspective.

This special issue aims to provide a better understanding of the social and cultural impact of what migrants "remit" on the everyday life values, attitudes and practices of their non-migrant counterparts and on sending communities overall. It will result in a multi-vocal, fresh and innovative account in that respect. A range of original case studies will be presented and interlinked, thus enabling an interdisciplinary and "multi-sited" debate on two issues of major theoretical relevance for migration studies:

- The variety of flows and „contents" remitted to societies of origin as a result of migrants" daily life experience abroad, and their consequences on pre-existing social arrangements. This critically applies to information, ideas, values, behavioural patterns, along with material resources and financial remittances. It takes into account various influences including gender and generational relationships, models of consumption and sociability, class-based life styles, opportunities and aspirations.
- Evolving relationships between migrants and non-migrants, movers and non-movers; the transnational negotiation of their reciprocal expectations, obligations and life projects, both in the family sphere and in a broader community realm. This will also relate to the perceived and real impact of migrants" action from afar on the social (in)equalities, and on the (un)balances of power, underpinning everyday life in their communities of origin.

Contributions from academic researchers, consultants, professionals, policy makers and practitioners are welcome.

Migration Letters is an international peer reviewed journal publishing short accounts of research, reviews, debates, viewpoints and case studies on migration. Thus, your contributions to this special issue may be in the form of research articles, viewpoints, debates or case studies (not exceeding 3000 words). Papers submitted must meet the following requirements:

- Compliance with submission guidelines of Migration Letters (for instructions see <http://www.migrationletters.com/guidelines.html>)
- Thematic relevance
- Originality and novelty

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