NATIONAL EMN CONFERENCE 2020
Forecasting the Future of Global Migration

29 September 2020, 09:00 – 17:00
Haus der Ingenieure, Eschenbachgasse 9, 1010 Vienna, Austria and Online

Conference Language: English

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	**Welcome and Opening** **Tobias Molander**, Head of International Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria **Marian Benbow Pfisterer**, Head of the Country Office for Austria, IOM **Keynote Speech** **Elizabeth Collett**, Special Adviser to IOM Director General, IOM
	PART I **Migration Forecasts and Scenarios: Assessing the State of Play of Predictive Migration Research**
09:30 – 10:00	**Overview of Existing Models and Approaches to Anticipate Migration** *Approaches to predict future migration offer an array of possibilities to apply lessons from past developments to policy decisions. This presentation will introduce the basic concepts of migration forecasting and will highlight the purposes and time horizons of different predictive methods.* **Rhea Ravenna Sohst**, University of Luxembourg/IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Centre
10:00 – 11:15	**Snapshots of Migration Predictions** *A comprehensive understanding of the nature of future migration requires a multitude of perspectives and a comparative analysis of findings generated by forecasts, narrative scenario studies and big data analyses. This session will provide insights into key findings of recent forecasts and scenario studies.* 1. **Forecasting International Migration: Dealing with Uncertainty Across a Range of Time Horizons** **Jakub Bijak**, Professor of Statistical Demography, University of Southampton 2. **Scenario Studies and Expert Judgement** **Susanne Melde**, Senior Analyst, IOM Global Migration Data Analysis Centre 3. **An Innovative Approach: Using Online Search Data to Predict Migration** **André Gröger**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45 – 13:00	**Predicting Migration and the Implications on Europe** *This session will identify common components of future migration trends to Europe and challenges of accurately predicting migration, particularly in view of unexpected events such as COVID-19.* 1. **The Future of Migration to and within Europe - Plausible Scenarios** **Rainer Münz**, Migration Expert, JRC KCMD, European Commission 2. **Latest Trends and Future Developments in Europe** **Holger Fabian Sahl**, Strategic Analyst, Frontex 3. **How to Interpret the Results of Forecasts in View of Uncertainty** **Petra Bendel**, Chair of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration 4. **COVID-19 and Future Migration Flows** **Tobias Heidland**, Senior Researcher, Kiel Institute for the World Economy

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

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Migration Predictions and Proactive Migration Management</td></tr>
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The Nexus between Predictions and Policy Making

The results of migration forecasts and scenarios do not easily translate into policy recommendations and decision-making, with uncertainty as an important challenge. This session will explore the extent to which predictive methods have been used to inform policy decisions and how policy has influenced migration forecasting.

1. **How Unexpected Events Shape Policy Outcomes**
   Michael Clemens, Director of Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

2. **The EU's Efforts in Providing up-to-date Forecasts for Policy Making**
   Teddy Wilkin, Head of Data Analysis and Research Sector, EASO

3. **Applying Forecasts at National Level: The Case of Germany**
   Britta Behrendt, Head of Division General Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany

4. **Preparing for Uncertain Migration Futures**
   Mathias Czaika, Head of Department for Migration and Globalization, Danube University Krems

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The Future of Migration Forecasting

A concluding panel will explore different options to prepare for future migration patterns to Europe. Special attention will be placed on effective communication strategies, which are important to translate forecasts and scenarios into sustainable migration management. Panelists will also discuss the role of forecasting in managing the external migration policy dimension

1. **The Way Forward for National and European Policy Making**
   Tobias Molander, Head of International Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria

2. **Forecasting based on Artificial Intelligence**
   Zsuzsanna Felkai-Janssen, Head of Sector for Migration (DG Home) and DG Coordinator for Artificial Intelligence, European Commission

3. **Dealing with Uncertainty in Migration Management**
   Jean-Christophe Dumont, Head of the International Migration Division, OECD

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