



**Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad**

Department of Anthropology



## **Two Days International Conference on 'Migration, Education and Development in South Asia'**

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**Scheduled to be held on 27-28 March 2014**

### **Call for Papers**

The Department of Anthropology at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad is organizing Two Days International Conference on 'Migration, Education and Development in South Asia' on 27-28 March, 2014. The Conference is being organized in collaboration with the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Sussex, UK. The conference is part of the project titled 'Migration, Education and Development' which is jointly carried out by Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad and University of Sussex, UK. It is supported by British Council and the Higher Education Commission Islamabad, Government of Pakistan.

The above mentioned project deals with the links between Migration and Education in order to provide practical insight for Policy-makers in the field of Education on how to respond to the consequences of Migration as a means for attaining educational goals, and as a strategy to support future Migration Plans. The key questions include, the extent that Remittances are Channeled towards supporting and improving educational institutions and resources in development contexts, how migrant children's education might be affected by their movement between places, and how immigration policy may impact on potential migrants' education. Other questions concerns the ways in which migration may lead to new ideologies of 'progress' or mobility which either increase or decrease the value of education or shift educational goals and expectations. The project will explore the investment pattern of Migrant workers' remittances towards education and the impact of education upon present and future processes of labor mobility.

The project output will provide;

- 1) New empirical data on the relationship between education, migration and development,
- 2) Understanding of the effects of migration on social and economic change in sending contexts and specifically, the consequences for education and
- 3) Understanding of the way investments in education by migrants and prospective migrants influence migration and development outcomes.

In recent years there have been some researches and conferences about the relationships between migration and development, such as the Global Commission on International Migration (2005), the Higher Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (2006), and most recently the Global Forum on International Migration and Development (2007). Yet whilst considerable attention has been paid by researchers and policy-makers to the issue of remittances and their impact on poverty and growth,

and to so-called 'brain drain', analysis of the broader links between migration and education in developing countries have been largely ignored. This is despite the fact that improving educational opportunities is one the UN's eight 'Millennium Development Goals', and one that may be significantly affected by Migration.

In practice, education and migration are linked in multiple ways. First, migration may promote investment in education and educational institutions in sending contexts, both by those who have already migrated, and by those who see education as a way to enhance the opportunity of migrating. In turn, the expansion of primary and vocational education may also stimulate further migration. At the same time, there is a risk that migration may disrupt children's education. The precise combination of effects is likely to be influenced by local circumstances; however, there are also general effects and implications for policy that remain little explored.

**Key Themes of the Conference:** The Conference will deal with the following key themes;

- Migration as a long term project of social mobility and transformation via education
- Impact of Migration on children's education, Nutrition, Socialization, Health and Development
- Education and emigration policy, Challenges for Migration, Processes, Illegal Migration etc.
- Investment of Remittances, Migration and Poverty Reduction, Political Economy of Migration
- Migration and Socio-Economic Changes, Women Empowerment, Migration and Fertility, Impact of Husband/Father Absentee ship on families left behind, Migration and Charity etc.
- Population Mobility across South Asian Borders, Transnationalism and Transnational Marriages

All the researchers, academicians, policy makers, and other relevant stakeholders are encouraged to participate and contribute papers in the conference. **The participants who cannot physically participate in the conference can contribute papers through video conference.**

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