The IS Academy: Migration and Development project is a five-year research study (2009-2014) funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The IS Academy aims to strengthen the quality of policies in the area of development cooperation through interaction between policy makers and academia.

This project has five research themes:
- Remittances, development and poverty alleviation
- Brain drain and development policy
- Return migration in the life cycle of migrants
- An examination of the EU Mobility Partnerships
- The external dimension of an EU Migration Policy

The project focuses on five countries, with the Netherlands being the receiving country case study, and Afghanistan, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Morocco being sending country case studies. In each of the sending countries, household surveys were conducted with households that currently had a migrant abroad, households that had a return migrant, and households that had no experience of migration.

The final conference will be hosted in Maastricht, the Netherlands from 22-24 January 2014 by Maastricht University and the Maastricht School of Management. The conference will share the results of the analysis of the IS Academy: Migration and Development Project data, and examine other results and analysis from other research around the world.

We welcome papers on a range of migration and development issues, particularly on the determinants and consequences of remittances from highly skilled migration and permanent, temporary and circular migration (programs). Other topics include: migrant entrepreneurship; effects of migration on those left behind; immigrant integration processes; diasporas and transnationalism; forced migration, repatriation and reintegration; migration policies and social protection; methodological issues in migration research. We invite both thematic and country specific papers. We will also be organizing sessions focused on Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Burundi, Morocco and the Netherlands.

Research papers should be relevant to migration policies and address migration programs and practices. After the conference, the best papers will be selected for publication as a United Nations University book.
Practical information

Important dates:

15 September: Abstract submission
30 September: Announcement of accepted papers
31 October: Early registration deadline
1 December: Submission of full papers

NB: To be considered for publication, full papers must be sent by 1 December.

Early registration fees (until 31 October):
Non-student non-speaker: 250 euros
Non-student speaker: 150 euros
Student non-speaker: 150 euros
Student speaker: 150 euros for developed country nationals
50 euros for developing country nationals

Late registration fees:
Non-student non-speaker: 300 euros
Non-student speaker: 200 euros
Student non-speaker: 200 euros
Student speaker: 200 euros for developed country nationals
100 euros for developing country nationals

* IS Academy partners do not pay for registration.
* There is a limited number of scholarships for participants from IS Academy countries (Afghanistan, Burundi, Ethiopia, Morocco). Please state on your submission if you would like to be considered for this.

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- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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  - Faculty of Law (FoL)
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- International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)
- European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA)

Abstracts should be submitted here: http://mgsog.merit.unu.edu/ISacademie/finalconference/application.php
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