



# GMPA

**Global Migration Policy Associates**  
*An International research, policy development,  
advisory services and advocacy group*

## **ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT 2015**

### **About GMPA**

Global Migration Policy Associates support, encourage and generate knowledge and analysis for a broad-based international defence of the rights-based approach. It challenges and articulates an alternative to the instrumental cost-benefit logic of social analysis, of "human resource management" and of 'migration management' that have predominant, including among those who consider themselves humanitarian in their worldview.

GMPA comprises a unique cooperative network among a score of preeminent migration experts across all regions of the world. Members reflect a number of academic and practical disciplines addressing the multiple aspects and impacts of migration. Its members possess knowledge, experience and commitment to human rights necessary to challenge the rationale that exclusion is the collateral cost for national and international development.

In order to 'make a difference' in this context, GMPA is focused on articulating an analysis and knowledge base independent of the dominant framework and supporting partner mobilization around common, strategic activities and actions.

### **GMPA's comparative advantage**

*We represent and give life to a rights-based agenda rooted in advocacy, practice and the experiences of migrants worldwide. We give emphasis to migrants as human beings first and foremost, addressing discrimination and equality of treatment for all migrants and immigrants. We offer alternatives to emphasis on migrants as "agents of development" who are praised for their utilitarian value but encouraged to trade away universal rights in exchange for presumed development gains. We uphold human rights, democratic approaches and social justice as defining principles for migration whether circular or permanent, and promote leadership and action by government, civil society and migrant communities.*

### **GMPA's main assets**

1. A **collective analysis built on worldwide knowledge and experience** that Associates bring from all regions of the world, from multiple disciplines and from diverse academic, social, professional and practical experiences ranging from 'grass roots' to universities to international organizations.
2. **Conducting research, providing expert advisory services, teaching courses, co-organizing public events**, etc. from global, rights-based, multi-disciplinary approaches.
3. Outreach to a **broad global constituency**: with 4,000 contacts in governments, international organizations, social partners, civil society, academia and migrant communities worldwide.

## **GMPA ACTIVITIES 2015**

### **Conducted, initiated and/or completed January to December 2015**

2015 was the fourth year of operations for Global Migration Policy Associates. GMPA activity built on its initial three year's work in 2012, 2013 and 2014 combining research, advisory services and conference activities with development of the GMPA secretariat, website and communications. GMPA Associates were involved in conducting major research projects, regional migration programme development, regional training seminars, co-authoring a major review of EU asylum and migration protection law and policy. GMPA Associates were invited in their member capacity to present keynote speeches at several national and regional conferences on migration related topics.

1. Team research (by **Patrick Taran, Evalyn Tennant, Arnaud Bertin, Beier Lin, Lily Erikson and Fangzhou Liang**) on the impact of European Union asylum and migration policies on access to and protection of rights for migrants and refugees, commissioned by Caritas Europa (the resulting report ***Migrants and Refugees Have Rights! Impact of EU policies on accessing protection*** was published by Caritas Europa in 2016)
2. Initial research by **Patrick Taran, Evalyn Tennant, Arnaud Bertin, Beier Lin, and Fangzhou Liang** and development of a ***handbook on a rights-based approach to the intersectionality between HIV and AIDS, health and migration***, commissioned by ILO (published by ILO in 2017).
3. Research by **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** for the ILO on '**Promoting international cooperation and partnerships in addressing labour migration between Asia and the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, Realizing a fair migration agenda: labour flows between Asia and the Arab States**'. Published as ILO *Issue paper* by ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific; ILO Regional Office for Arab States, Bangkok, 2015.
4. Research by **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** for the ILO on '**Fair Recruitment in international labour migration between Asia and the GCC countries, Realizing a fair migration agenda: labour flows between Asia and the Arab States**'. Published as ILO Issue paper by ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific; ILO Regional Office for Arab States, Bangkok, 2015.
5. GMPA President **Patrick Taran** gave a keynote speech on "**Migration, integration and development: key challenges for Europe in a globalized world**" at **international panel discussion "European choice: globalization or re-sovereignization?"**, organized by the Endowment for St Andrew the First-Called Foundation with the support of the Swiss Press Club, St Andrew the First-Called Foundation, Faculty of Political Science of the Lomonosov Moscow State University, Joint Chamber of Commerce Switzerland-Russia/CIS, World Public Forum "Dialogue of Civilizations" and the Russian Swiss Forum, held 6 March 2015 at the Geneva Press Club.
6. GMPA research associates **Dylan Thomas** and **Katherine Youtz** co-organized the ***Human Rights and Migrant Women: Panel and Working Group Discussion*** Side Event at the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The side event was co-organized by the Young Leader Caucus in partnership with GMPA. CCUN Chapel, New York, 11 March. (See feature report below)
7. Participation by Associate **Irina Ivakhnyuk, Deputy-Director of the Department of Population at the Faculty of Economics of the Lomonosov Moscow State University**, in the ***Expert Group Meeting on Facilitating Migration Management in North and Central Asia***, organised by UN ESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific), Moscow, April 7-8.



**Photo:** Irina Ivakhnyuk, Moscow State University, speaking at the UN ESCAP conference

Photo: ESCAP

8. GMPA Associate **Ray Jureidini** and Vice-President **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** spoke at the Asia Tripartite Meeting "**Realizing a Fair Migration Agenda: Labour flows between Asia and the Arab States**" held 6-7 May in Bali, Indonesia, co-organized by ILO with the Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia. **Ray Jureidini** of the Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar, spoke at Session 1: *Fair Recruitment*. **Piyasiri Wickramasekara** spoke at Session 2: *Decent employment and working conditions for migrant domestic workers and construction workers*. Report at:

[http://apmigration.ilo.org/resources/issue-paper-promoting-international-cooperation-and-partnerships-in-addressing-labour-migration-between-asia-and-the-gulf-cooperation-council-countries/at\\_download/file1](http://apmigration.ilo.org/resources/issue-paper-promoting-international-cooperation-and-partnerships-in-addressing-labour-migration-between-asia-and-the-gulf-cooperation-council-countries/at_download/file1)

9. GMPA President **Patrick Taran** spoke at the international conference "**Pour une gouvernance alternative des migrations**" (*For an Alternative Governance of Migrations*) in Paris, 22-23 May 2015, organised by CCFD-Terre Solidaire (formerly Catholic Committee Against Hunger and for Development).
10. Associates **Ray Jureidini** and **Patrick Taran** served as trainers at the DTP training course « **Regional Capacity Building Program on Human Rights Advocacy and Migrant Workers in the Middle-East** » in Doha, Qatar, 24-28 May, organised by the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) in partnership with Migrant Forum Asia (MFA), Qatar Foundation, and Georgetown University. **Ray Jureidini** conducted sessions on *Migrant Workers and the Recruitment Industry* and *Migrant Workers in Qatar & the GCC – An Update on QF Mandatory Standards and other Initiatives*. **Patrick Taran** conducted sessions on: *Human Rights Standards and the framework of international human rights law related to migration; International Human Rights Mechanisms – An Introduction to Treaty Bodies, Special Procedures and the UPR; Migrant Workers, ILO Conventions and the Rights Based Approach to Migration*; and led the Practical Exercise on *ILO Standards and Migrant Workers Rights*. He co-led with William Gois (MFA) the session on *Migration and Development – The SDGs and Migration – The Global Policy Agenda* and participated in the panel presentation-discussion on *Migrant Workers Rights as a Key Human Rights Concern* with William Gois (MFA), Najla Chahda (MFA-DTP), and Linda Al-Kalash, (Tamkeen for Legal Aid and Human Rights).
11. GMPA President **Patrick Taran** (former Senior Migration Specialist at the ILO) served as lead trainer for one day (26 May) of a **Training for Qatar Labour Inspectors** titled, "*Ideal framework for dealing with International Mechanisms for human rights protection*" held at the Diplomatic Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The training 24- 26 May was organized by the Qatar National Human Rights Committee with support from Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC). Patrick's sessions included: *International Labor Standards and Experience in their Implementation*, and *Guidance, Challenges and Practices for Labour Inspection for Workplaces Employing Migrant Workers*.

News story (in English) on NHRC website at: <https://nhrc-qa.org/en/the-training-course-on-the-ideal-framework-for-dealing-with-international-mechanisms-for-human-rights-protection/>



Photo: Qatar Labour Inspection Training Course participants and experts. Front row: Director of Labour Inspection, Ministry of Labour and trainer experts Hala Al Ali (NHRC), Patrick Taran (GMPA) and Francesca Ricciardone (Labor Solidarity Center). Photo: Qatar NHRC

12. Presentations by Patrick Taran and Olga Kadysheva at **Summer School "Work and Migration – Social Work. Perspectives on Workplace Integration"** organised by University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW, held at University of Basel, June 1-5. Research Associates **Beier Lin** and **Fangzhou Liang** attended.
13. Presentation by Patrick Taran at the International Seminar "**Discrimination in accessing the labour market by third country nationals in Portugal**", organized by Centre for Social Studies at

the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra, Portugal, June 12, seminar organised by Associate **Pedro Gois**.

14. Presentation/paper on '**Globalization of Labour Mobility; Gendered Segmentation and Stratification of Work**' by Patrick Taran at the **15th International Conference "Migration and Gender"**, at Dudelange, Luxembourg, 18-19 June.
15. Panel-Dialogue event "**Migration: Crises of Values and Governance: Human Rights, Social Cohesion, Women, Development**" at the 29th Session of the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva 24 June, jointly organized by GMPA with partners: Arab Women's Solidarity Association-Belgium, Bangwe et Dialogue, European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW), International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW), Medical Care Development International (MCDI), NGO Committee on the Status of Women (NGO-CSW) and Rwanda Women Network. Presenters included Associates **Anastasia Crickley** and **Patrick Taran**; **Evalyn Tennant** was moderator. (See detail below.)
16. Presentation by GMPA President **Patrick Taran** on '**Migration, Trafficking and Globalization: What are States to do?**' at Plenary Panel 1: **State Responsibility in Policy and Practice** at the **15th OSCE Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons Conference "People at Risk: Combating Human Trafficking Along Migration Routes"**, Vienna, Austria, 6-7 July. Presentation text at: <https://www.osce.org/files/f/documents/e/d/173961.pdf>
17. Presentations by **Piyasiri Wickramasekara**, GMPA Vice-President, to Master's courses at **Sydney University, School of Social and Political Sciences** 6-7 August: "**International Labour Organization (ILO) and broader civil society: An uneasy relationship?**" and "**A Rights-Based Approach to Migration: the Role of ILO instruments**" (invited by Prof. **Nicola Piper**, a GMPA Associate).
18. A special **Briefing on migration and racial discrimination** organized by GMPA for the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD), on the intersectionality between migration, protection of migrants rights, and the relevance and application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. Expert presentations were provided by Patrick Taran, by Associate **John Wrench** (Visiting Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim), and by Liz Fekete (Executive Director & Head of European Research Programme, Institute of Race Relations, UK). Palais des Nations, 14 August. (see detail and links to papers presented below p.6)
19. Keynote address *Migration, the World of work, and Labour Relations* by Patrick Taran at **17th World Congress of ILERA (the International Labour and Employment Relations Association)**, Cape Town, 7-11 September (by invitation of co-organiser GMPA Affiliate **Marius Olivier**).
20. **Training for Iraq and KRG** (Kurdish Regional Government) officials of various ministries on migration data and international standards, Istanbul, 19-20 September (organized by ICMPD), by GMPA President **Patrick Taran**.
21. Participation by Patrick Taran at **Eurasian Womens Forum**, St Petersburg, 23-24 September.
22. Presentation of papers and/or interventions at the RIAC-RANEPa **International Conference: "Transnational Migration and Modern States in the Period of Economic Crisis"**, Moscow, 24-25 September, by Associates **Irina Ivakhnyuk**, **Yelena Sadovskaya**, **Patrick Taran**. (see below)
23. A formal intervention by **Patrick Taran** at the **International Parliamentary Forum in Moscow**, 1 October and preparation of the Forum *Briefing Note* "Migration – 21<sup>st</sup> century key to economic success and social well-being: an agenda for parliamentarians".
24. GMPA team Participation in the 133rd **IPU–InterParliamentary Union Assembly**, Geneva, 18-21 October, with a migration information stand; launch of IPU-ILO-OHCHR Handbook (co-authored by Patrick Taran); preparation of briefing papers for Assembly delegates; etc. (see details below p.9)
25. Presentation by **Piyasiri Wickramasekara**, GMPA Vice-President "**Evidence base for labour migration analysis and policy**", at the **First Meeting of the ILO Working Group on Labour Migration Statistics**, organised by ILO-Statistics & ILO-Conditions of Work and Equality Department, 20-22 October, Istanbul, Turkey.
26. Lead expert for the Inter-ministerial **Workshop and afternoon seminar: "The Migration and Development debate at regional and global level"** for Turkish government officials at the Directorate General for Migration Management, Ankara, 3-4 November, organized by ICMPD. **Patrick Taran** led sessions on international legal standards on migration, labour standards and spoke at the afternoon seminar for a wider audience. Associate **Olga Kadysheva** also participated.

27. Participation by Patrick Taran in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) **International Dialogue on Migration on “Cities and Migration”**, Geneva, 4-5 November, 2015; preparing (with Beier Lin) of a GMPA Briefing Note “*Migration, Governance and Cities, A 10 Point Agenda for Local Governments*”.
28. Speaker-trainer at the **4<sup>th</sup> Silk Routes Training On Migration And Development, Dhaka, Bangladesh**, 11-13 November 2015. Briefing Note: *Migration –21<sup>st</sup> Century Key To Economic Success And Social Well-Being: An Agenda For Governance* - by GMPA President Patrick Taran.
29. Patrick Taran was lead trainer at the **Inter-Ministerial Workshop on Migration Policy Development** for Afghan government officials, Kabul, 22-24 November, organized by ICMPPD.

## Publications

1. Piyasiri Wickramasekara. **Mainstreaming Migration in Development Agendas: Assessment of South Asian Countries**. (Working Paper No. 2015/02, January 2015). Working Papers in trade and development, Arndt-Corden Department of Economics Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.  
[https://crawford.anu.edu.au/acde/publications/publish/papers/wp2015/wp\\_econ\\_2015\\_02.pdf](https://crawford.anu.edu.au/acde/publications/publish/papers/wp2015/wp_econ_2015_02.pdf)
2. Patrick Taran. **Extending Social Protection to Migrant Workers in Southern Africa**. SASPEN Brief No. 1/2015. [www.saspen.org/brief/SASPEN-brief\\_2015-1\\_Patrick-Taran\\_Extending-Social-Security-to-Migrants-in-Southern-Africa.pdf](http://www.saspen.org/brief/SASPEN-brief_2015-1_Patrick-Taran_Extending-Social-Security-to-Migrants-in-Southern-Africa.pdf) (based on keynote address by Patrick Taran at the Southern Africa Social Security Experts Network (SASPEN) conference in Johannesburg, 28 October 2014).
3. Piyasiri Wickramasekara. “**Migration Regimes and Their Linkages for Family Unity and Integrity, and Development**,” in: M. Panizzon, Gottfried Zürcher and E. Fornalé (edited), *The Palgrave Handbook of International Labour Migration, Law and Policy Perspectives*, Palgrave Macmillan, London, March 2015.
4. **Piyasiri Wickramasekara**. “*Migration and diasporas: what role for development?*” In: Anna Triandafyllidou (edited), *The Routledge Handbook of Immigration and Refugee Studies*, Routledge, Abingdon, UK.
5. Piyasiri Wickramasekara. **Bilateral Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding on Migration of Low Skilled Workers: A Review**, International Migration Branch, International Labour Office, Geneva, 2015. [http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_protect/---pro-trav/---migrant/documents/publication/wcms\\_385582.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_protect/---pro-trav/---migrant/documents/publication/wcms_385582.pdf)
6. Patrick Taran with Beier Lin. **Migration, Governance and Cities, A 10 Point Agenda for Local Governments**. GMPA Briefing Note for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) *International Dialogue on Migration “Cities and Migration”*, Geneva, 4-5 November, 2015.
7. **Migration, Human Rights and Governance. Handbook for Parliamentarians №24** (Co-authored by Ryszard Cholewinski, Lee Swepston, and by Patrick Taran (in his prior post as Senior Migration Specialist at ILO). Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) - ILO-OHCHR. Geneva, 2015. 192 pages. Available at: [www.ipu.org/english/handbks.htm](http://www.ipu.org/english/handbks.htm)



## **2015 FEATURE EVENTS**

### **HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRANT WOMEN PANEL AND WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION**

#### **Side event in the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

**Wednesday 11 March 2015, CCUN Chapel, New York**

*Organized by Young Leader Caucus in partnership with GMPA.*



**Photo:** Alicia Arbid (Arab Women's Solidarity Association, Belgium) addresses the *Human Rights and Migrant Women* NGO CSW59 side event via videolink. Photo by Katherine Youtz, GMPA

At the 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA), in partnership with the Young Leaders Caucus (YLC) and the NGO Committee on the Status of Women - Geneva, held the “Human Rights and Migrant Women” panel at the Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN). Attended by over 50 participants, this NGO CSW parallel event highlighted the human rights challenges and responses regarding migrant women across the world in the context of the Beijing Platform for Action. The partnership with the Young Leaders Caucus amplified the voices of emerging young leaders working in the field of migrants’ rights and access to social justice. The panel addressed three themes: violence against women, participation in society, and access to education. GMPA candidate Affiliates **Katherine Youtz** and **Dylan Terry** co-organised the panel.

**Jitka Markova** (European Network of Migrant Women-Migrant Women's Platform) moderated. Speakers were: **Alicia Arbid** (Arab Women's Solidarity Organization-Belgium, European Network of Migrant Women)

- **Melissa Garcia Velez** (New York State Youth Leadership Council)
- **Dylan Terry** (Young Leaders Caucus, Global Migration Policy Associates)
- **Roksana Mun** (DRUM - South Asian Organization Center)

### **BRIEFING ON MIGRATION AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

**14 August 2015, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

A briefing offered and organized by GMPA for the CERD Committee, chaired by Anastasia Crickley (Ireland), on the intersectionality between migration, protection of migrants rights and the relevance and application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD). The briefing comprised three presentations followed by interactive discussion with Committee members:

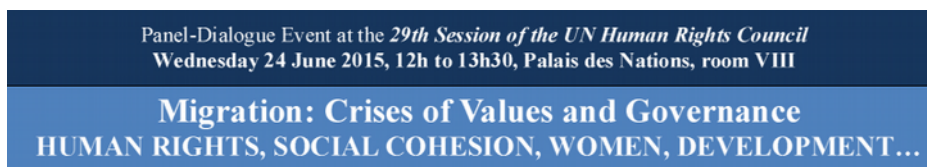
- *On the 'intersectionality' between discrimination against migrants, all forms of racial discrimination, and xenophobia.* **Patrick Taran**, President, GMPA <http://globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/Events/CERD%20briefing%20note%20Discrimination%20v%20Migrants%20AG-PT%20aug2015.pdf>
- *When Solidarity Fails: The Consequences of the Relocation Crisis.* **Liz Fekete**, Executive Director & Head of European Research Programme, Institute of Race Relations (UK) <http://globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/Events/CERD%20Briefing%20text%20migration-discrimination%20When%20Solidarity%20Fails%20Liz%20Feteke%2014Aug2015.pdf>
- *Raising awareness of the problem of discrimination against migrants and minorities in employment in Europe.* **John Wrench**, Visiting Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim (GMPA Associate). <http://globalmigrationpolicy.org/articles/Events/WrenchGenevaAug2015.pdf>

**MIGRATION: CRISIS OF VALUES AND GOVERNANCE,  
HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL COHESION, WOMEN, DEVELOPMENT**

**Panel Dialogue Event at the 29th Session of the Human Rights Council**

***Wednesday 24 June 2015, Palais des Nations (Salle VIII), Geneva***

**Co-Organized by GMPA** with Arab Women's Solidarity Association-Belgium; Bangwe et Dialogue; European Network of Migrant Women; International Council of Jewish Women; Medical Care Development International; NGO Committee on the Status of Women (Geneva); and Rwanda Women Network, held 24 June 2015 as a *side-event* to the 29th Session of the UN Human Rights Council.



**AGENDA**

*Speakers:*

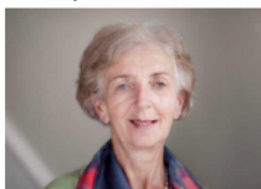
**Ms. Alicia Arbid**

Coordinator, Arab Women Solidarity Association; Delegate, European Network of Migrant Women



**Ms. Anastasia Crickley**

Vice Chair, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); Head of the Department of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University Ireland



**Mr. Patrick Taran**

President, Global Migration Policy Associates; Former Senior Migration Specialist, ILO



*A participatory event highlighting key synergies and mutual dependencies among human rights, international migration, advancement of women, equality, and the development agendas.*

- ▲ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD – 1965)
- ▲ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW – 1990)
- ▲ The Beijing + 20 Review process and civil society inputs
- ▲ Finalizing the post-2015 UN Development Agenda

***Purpose:** To stimulate dialogue, cooperation, and make common cause across intersecting concerns, constituencies and networks to shore up the rights-based approach to governance, to equality and non-discrimination, to migration, to advancement of all women, and to development.*

Co-sponsors: Arab Women's Solidarity Association-Belgium, Bangwe et Dialogue, European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW), Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA), International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW), Medical Care Development International (MCDI), NGO Committee on the Status of Women (NGO CSW) Geneva, Rwanda Women Network

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This *dialogue and cooperation* event sought to make common cause across intersecting concerns, constituencies and networks to shore up the *rights-based approach* to equality, non-discrimination and governance. It highlighted key synergies and mutual dependencies among the human rights, international migration, advancement of women's equality, and development agendas, with particular attention to the Beijing +20 Review process and the post-2015 UN Development Agenda.

**Presentation of papers at the RIAC-RANEPA International Conference:  
“Transnational Migration and Modern States in the Period of Economic Crisis”**

Moscow, 24-25 September 2015

by Associates Irina Ivakhnyuk and Patrick Taran

The conference “Transnational Migration and Modern States in the Period of Economic Crisis” was organised by Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC) and Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA).

Associate **Irina Ivakhnyuk**, *Deputy-Director of the Department of Population at the Faculty of Economics of the Lomonosov Moscow State University* spoke on the challenges of “Migrants in labor markets of receiving countries: a view through economic crises perspective”. The video recording of Session 1 including Irina’s presentation (in Russian) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZo8cyerOcl>



**Photo:** Irina Ivakhnyuk, Moscow State University speaking at the conference session 1 on *International Migration and Economic Development*. Photo by Daria Kholopova/RIAC

GMPA President **Patrick Taran** spoke at the Concluding Plenary. His presentation ‘Migration, Globalization and Economic Viability: Challenges and Opportunities for Russia & Eurasia’ highlighted the key challenges and opportunities for Russia and Eurasia in the context of migration, globalization and economic viability. Text at [https://russiancouncil.ru/en/analytcs-and-comments/analytcs/migratsiya-globalizatsiya-i-ekonomicheskaya-zhiznesposobnost/?sphrase\\_id=42197375](https://russiancouncil.ru/en/analytcs-and-comments/analytcs/migratsiya-globalizatsiya-i-ekonomicheskaya-zhiznesposobnost/?sphrase_id=42197375)

Other speakers in the Plenary were **Igor Ivanov**, *RIAC President, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia*; **Konstantin Romodanovsky**, *Head of Federal Migration Service of Russia*; **Andrey Kortunov**, *Director-General of RIAC*; and **Vladimir Malakhov**, *Director, Center of Theoretical and Applied Politology, RANEPA*.

Information about the conference (in Russian) available at [http://old.russiancouncil.ru/inner/?id\\_4=6581#top-content](http://old.russiancouncil.ru/inner/?id_4=6581#top-content) The video recording of the Concluding Plenary is online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QnZBsCcC90> Interviews (including with Patrick Taran) on “Migration – A Challenge of Time”, Russian International Affairs Council, 1 October 2015, online at [http://russiancouncil.ru/en/inner/?id\\_4=6639](http://russiancouncil.ru/en/inner/?id_4=6639)



**Photo:** Concluding Plenary speakers (L to R): Patrick Taran (GMPA), Andrey Kortunov (RIAC), Igor Ivanov (RIAC), Konstantin Romodanovsky (FMS), Vladimir Malakhov (RANEPA)

Photo by Anna Amelina/RIAC



**INFORMATION STAND, BRIEFING PAPERS and BOOK LAUNCH**  
**133rd ASSEMBLY, INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU)**

**Geneva, 18-21 October 2015**

The main discussion theme of the 133rd IPU Assembly was the imperative for fair, safe and humanitarian migration. GMPA was invited and contracted to prepare and provide information on migration at a special booth and to encourage delegate interest in and action on ratification of the International Convention on rights of migrant workers. The Assembly debated and adopted a declaration on migration. In brief, GMPA colleagues prepared:

- two background briefing notes for the Assembly, one on main issues and an agenda for parliamentarians, the other on migrant women;
- a flyer announcing the handbook and a text summarizing the handbook content;
- a set of interview questions for parliamentary delegates.



Photo: GMPA booth and IPU Assembly delegates, 18 October. GMPA research associates Arnaud Bertin and Beier Lin (standing at left behind table) Photo : IPU/Pierre Albouy

GMPA Research Associates **Arnaud Bertin** and **Beier Lin** together with **Patrick Taran** provided booth staffing full time during the four days of the Assembly 18 to 21 October. We conducted extended conversations with delegates or delegations of 12 countries and spoke briefly with in total some 200 delegates. Patrick Taran moderated a **panel discussion session on refugee protection** of the IPU Committee on International Humanitarian Law, on Tuesday, 20 October.

The long-in-preparation IPU-ILO-OHCHR **Migration, Human Rights and Governance Handbook for Parliamentarians No24** was formally launched at the IPU Assembly. Co-authored by Lee Swepton, Patrick Taran, and Ryszard Cholewinski, it is a joint publication of the IPU, ILO and OHCHR (Office the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights). [www.ipu.org/english/handbks.htm](http://www.ipu.org/english/handbks.htm)



Photo: Launch event speakers (L to R): Anda Filip (Director, IPU External Relations), Patrick Taran (GMPA), Martin Chungong (IPU Secretary-General), Saber Chowdhury (IPU President), Bradford Smith (OHCHR), Ryszard Cholewinski (ILO), 19 October. Photo : IPU/Pierre Albouy

## **GMPA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY 2015**

### **Membership**

1. Maintained **communications and coordination** with Associates (all regions)
2. Prepared and conducted an **Annual Assembly** (session in September)
3. Obtained member consent on inviting **new Associate and Affiliates**

### **Governance**

1. Regular written correspondence and telephone consultations with Coordinating Team
2. **Coordinating Team meetings** held by Skype in January and March, and in person preceding and following the General Assembly of Members in Geneva in September.
3. Prepared context and organizational assessments for Assembly/members
4. Established **GMPA activity planning for 2015** and initial projections for 2016
5. Prepared **financial and activity reports for 2014**

### **General Assembly**

Annual **GMPA General Assembly** was held in Geneva, 2-3 September. Participants:

*Associates:* Pablo Ceriani, August Gachter, Don Flynn, Nunu Kidane, Monami Maulik, Lisa Simeone, Patrick Taran, Piyasiri Wickramasekara

*Candidate Associates:* Olga Kadysheva, Evalyn Tennant

*Affiliates:* Elena Dingu-Kyrklund, Marius Olivier, Katherine Youtz

*Staff:* Arnaud Bertin-Leutenegger, Beier Lin, Fangzhou Liang

### **Coordination Team**

The elected executive Coordinating Team in 2015 comprised Pablo Ceriani, Tamirace Fakhoury, Lisa Simeone, Patrick Taran, Evalyn Tennant (ex-officio executive), and Piyasiri Wickramasekara.

### **Secretariat**

1. Provided support and assisting in arrangements, materials and logistics for member-driven activities.
2. Maintained and further organized documentation center
3. Updated regularly the contact database.
4. Established a Facebook account.
5. Paid the rent and telecommunications costs.

### **Staff**

*Evalyn Tennant* appointed as Executive Coordinator, was at the office 23 June to end September, and provided administrative support till end of year. She was nominated to join GMPA as an Associate and was named to the Coordinating Team (agreed and voted by members). Her work included, among other tasks, training and supervising Research Associate-interns Fangzhou, Arnaud and Beier, contributing to researching, writing and editing the Caritas Europa report and the ILO migration, health and HIV and AIDS book as well as other tasks and responsibilities of running the Secretariat.

*Olga Kadysheva*, Associate Professor at the Financial University (Moscow, Russia) was appointed a Fellow at GMPA for the period January to June, extended to end of August. After completing the Fellowship, she was nominated to join GMPA as an Associate (agreed and voted by members)

### **Research associates**

*Lily Erickson*, Smith College (USA) -Semester abroad, February to June; *Leony Melta*, GSD, February to April; *Arnaud Bertin* and *Beier Lin* from Sciences Po, Paris (Masters candidates) July to December; *Fangzhou Liang* Sciences Po, Paris (Masters candidate) June through August.

### **Communications and advocacy**

1. Posted new documentation and activity updates on **GMPA website**
2. Expanded and corrected **contact data base** (over 5,000 entries at end 2014)
3. Solicited **member information and papers** for website posting

### **Official & Diplomatic Affairs**

- Obtained **ECOSOC NGO consultative status accreditation!**

## **GMPA Accomplishments and Challenges**

What GMPA has accomplished to date is a confirmation and result of what GMPA was set up to do:

- Accumulate, maintain, develop and apply the increasingly marginalized collective knowledge base on rights-based governance of migration
- Provide 'cutting edge', rights-based competence, knowledge and technical perspective on migration 'second to none.'
- Put together appropriate, integrated programme responses with necessarily comprehensive approaches to governance of migration at macro-regional and micro-local levels.
- Address appropriately international-regional cooperation and integration challenges when «States owned» focus continues to trump rather than advance human economic, social and political development.

In practical terms, initiatives engaged by GMPA produced outputs and outcomes no one else has. Executives of concerned international organizations have turned to GMPA to do research, provide advisory services, and to develop analysis and policy formulations. Of course their institutions ultimately provided the context, technical support, legitimacy for political approval, and institutional capacity to implement what GMPA helped articulate.

No other intergovernmental or non-governmental organization appears to have generated as broad a content for comprehensive –and fully *rights-based*-- achievement –either technically or politically. I'm not aware of a fully comparable technical cooperation approach anywhere else. Yes, there are other regional projects – but definitely more oriented to 'migration management' and/or strengthening migration control, not migrants rights, and generally more reflective of European and North American perspective than of the regions concerned.

Similarly significant is pioneering work in the normative realm GMPA completed in 2015: conducting the first ever comprehensive assessment of national *domestication* of multiple international instruments concerning migration governance (ICRMW, ILO C-97, C-143, C-181 and C-189 as well as the ECOWAS Protocols on Free Movement, Rights to Residence and to Establishment). This required inventing, elaborating and testing the methodology as well as conducting a detailed review of over 1,100 pages of national law and policy including the national Constitution.

The GMG book on *Youth and Migration* might not have retained as consistent a rights-based and gender sensitive perspective throughout, nor would the chapters on employment, on social protection and on participation be thoroughly human rights-based, class conscious, and social organization-responsive without GMPA associated writing and editing.

Mention is also merited that more than 150 research reports, papers, presentations, keynote addresses and other academic and conference literature have been produced as «GMPA» (authors identified as GMPA Associates/officers) in the last 4 years. In addition, a number of international training courses have been delivered by GMPA in various countries in all regions.

### **What does this mean for GMPA?**

- 1) GMPA has demonstrated ample competence as player in and contributor to rights based governance –and protection of migrants rights-- in concrete, practical operational terms
- 2) GMPA as organization has a substantial and merited relevance for participating in and contributing to the major forums, conversations and processes on international migration.
- 3) GMPA 'brings to the table' vital knowledge, perspective and experience no-one else does.
- 4) GMPA merits greater engagement from all members, particularly those in leadership.
- 5) GMPA basis for resource mobilization is strengthened.
- 6) In practical terms, GMPA Associates and Affiliates with relevant knowledge, competences and experience are qualified candidates for conducting research studies, training activities, assessments, and advisory services in all regions and on (nearly) all aspects of migration.

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