

**NATIONAL EMN CONFERENCE 2020**  
*Forecasting the Future of Global Migration*

29 September 2020, 09:00 – 17:00  
Online Conference

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	<p><b>Welcome and Opening</b></p> <p><b>Peter Webinger</b>, Director-General for Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria <b>Marian Benbow Pfisterer</b>, Head of the Country Office for Austria, IOM</p> <p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth Collett</b>, Special Adviser for Policy and Strategy to the Director General, IOM</p>
<p><b>PART I</b></p> <p><b>Migration Forecasts and Scenarios: Assessing the State of Play of Predictive Migration Research</b></p>	
09:30 – 10:00	<p><b>Overview of Existing Models and Approaches to Anticipate Migration</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Rhea Ravenna Sohst</b>, University of Luxembourg/IOM GMDAC</p>
10:00 – 11:15	<p><b>Snapshots of Migration Predictions</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Scenario Studies and Expert Judgement</b> <b>Susanne Melde</b>, Senior Analyst, IOM GMDAC</li> <li><b>An Innovative Approach: Using Online Search Data to Predict Migration</b> <b>André Gröger</b>, Assistant Professor of Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</li> <li><b>Forecasting International Migration: Dealing with Uncertainty Across a Range of Time Horizons</b> <b>Jakub Bijak</b>, Professor of Statistical Demography, University of Southampton</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderation: Julia Lendorfer</b>, Head of Research and Migration Law, IOM Country Office for Austria</p>
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Predicting Migration and the Implications on Europe</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Future of Migration to and within Europe - Plausible Scenarios</b> <b>Rainer Münz</b>, Migration Expert, JRC KCMD, European Commission</li> <li><b>Latest Trends and Future Developments in Europe</b> <b>Holger Fabian Sahl</b>, Strategic Analyst, Frontex</li> <li><b>COVID-19 and Future Migration Flows</b> <b>Tobias Heidland</b>, Senior Researcher, Kiel Institute for the World Economy</li> <li><b>Against alarmism: Remarks on the Role of Science in Projections, Forecasts and Scenario Building</b> <b>Petra Bendel</b>, Chair of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderation: Jasper Dag Tjaden</b>, Data and Impact Analytics Coordinator, IOM GMDAC</p>

13:00 – 14:00	Break
<b>Part II</b> <b>Migration Predictions and Proactive Migration Management</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p><b>The Nexus between Predictions and Policy Making</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Applying Forecasts at National Level: The Case of Germany</b>  <b>Britta Behrendt</b>, Head of Division General Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany</li> <li>2. <b>The EU's Efforts in Providing up-to-date Forecasts for Policy Making</b>  <b>Teddy Wilkin</b>, Head of Data Analysis and Research Sector, EASO</li> <li>3. <b>The Effects of Economic Development on Migration</b>  <b>Michael Clemens</b>, Director of Migration, Displacement, and Humanitarian Policy and Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development</li> <li>4. <b>Preparing for Uncertain Migration Futures</b>  <b>Mathias Czaika</b>, Head of Department for Migration and Globalization, Danube University Krems</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderation:</b> <b>Julia Lendorfer</b>, Head of Research and Migration Law, IOM Country Office for Austria</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Break
15:45 – 17:00	<p><b>The Future of Migration Forecasting</b></p> <p><i>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</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The Way Forward for National and European Policy Making</b>  <b>Tobias Molander</b>, Head of International Migration, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Austria</li> <li>2. <b>Forecasting based on Artificial Intelligence</b>  <b>Zsuzsanna Felkai-Janssen</b>, Head of Sector for Migration (DG Home) and DG Coordinator for Artificial Intelligence, European Commission</li> <li>3. <b>Dealing with Uncertainty in Migration Management</b>  <b>Thomas Liebig</b>, Senior Migration Specialist, International Migration Division, OECD</li> <li>4. <b>Foresight: Using Machine Learning to Forecast and Understand Forced Displacement</b>  <b>Alexander Kjærum</b>, Global Advisor - Senior Analyst, Danish Refugee Council</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderation:</b> <b>Jasper Dag Tjaden</b>, Data and Impact Analytics Coordinator, IOM GMDAC</p>

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