

First Seminar Series on Migration and Development

When: The first seminar will be held Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 at the Canadian Foundation for the Americas, located at 1 Nicholas St., Suite 720 Ottawa, Ontario.

The seminar will focus on the question "Linking Migration and Public Policy: Why Does It Matter?" [Guest speakers from London's Institute for Public Policy Research \(IPPR\)](#), will be presenting by videoconference:

Laura Chappell is a Senior Research Fellow at IPPR. Since 2006, she has authored and edited a number of publications on migration and development and the economics of migration to the UK, both for IPPR and for organisations such as the OECD and UNDP. Previously Laura worked as an ODI Fellow at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Fiji and for the Liberal Democrat Policy and Research Unit on Treasury issues. Laura holds an MSc with Distinction in Development Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies, and a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford.

Alex Glennie is a Research Fellow at IPPR, where she has worked on a range of international and security issues since 2006. During this time, she has served on the Secretariat of IPPR's Commission on National Security in the 21st Century, contributed to a programme of research on migration and development and has led the Institute's work on political Islam in the Middle East and North Africa. Prior to this she worked at AccountAbility, an international NGO committed to promoting accountability for sustainable development. Alex holds an MA in International Studies and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies, and a BA honours degree in International History from the London School of Economics.

The new initiative aims to share expertise and good practice on migration and development management with stakeholder groups in Canada (including government, development practitioners, Diasporas and civil society) through a series of dynamic video conferences between January and August 2010.