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The UNESCO Chair “**Population, Migrations and Development**” established in 2008 at Sapienza University of Rome, aims to further develop the long term objective of building capacities in teaching and researching, promoting a multidisciplinary scientific approach in the field of development, population and migrations. The Chair has been renewed twice and it is now operating until the end of 2020.

The **UNESCO Chair** involves researchers and scholars from different disciplines and fields of competence working on migrations, demography and development. The Chair will act as a laboratory creating new knowledge and ideas in order to promote cultural diversity and to work out new scenarios for the future of international migrations. Based on a network of high level scholars and researchers from different universities and research centers, the **UNESCO Chair** “Population, Migrations and Development” represents a significant arena for the production and dissemination of new knowledge, promoting a center of excellence for further researches and a laboratory supporting the decision making process.

The main disciplines and fields of competence are:

- ◆ **Demography:** the demographic analysis underlines causes and implications of population movements and international migration flows highlighting the relation between population changes and economic and social development. Political Sciences: recently the debate on migrations has been subject of new interest, from political sciences and international relations, as well as economic and social analysis.
- ◆ **Economics:** economic analysis evaluates the impact of international migrations in sending and receiving countries with particular attention to the positive impact on the development of migrants’ origin countries.

The establishment of a Centre of Excellence represented by the UNESCO Chair includes:

- * An **Honorary Committee** composed by senior and former members of the Chair including Ana Cabré, Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo, Graziella Caselli, Serge Feld, Janez Malacic, Guillaume Wunsch
- * A **Scientific Committee** composed by Alessandra De Rose (Director), Giorgio Alleva, Elena Ambrosetti, Alicia Bernasconi, Cristina Giudici, Elisabeth Kardos Kaponyi, Catherine Wihtol de Wenden. Its first meeting took place in Paris, July 2009, on the occasion of the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education; and it was followed by yearly meetings in different European Universities.
- * A **General Secretariat** of the Chair is established at Sapienza University of Rome together with a **Rome and Paris Chapter** of researchers supporting the Chair.

- * **Researchers and post graduate students** involved in high level training with the aim to gain a special expertise in the field of development and migrations.
- * Production of updated **scientific papers** and **reports** on international migrations and strategies for new developments. The research papers will be proposed to Scientific Institutions, to the main scientific reviews according to the evaluation of Scientific Committee including representatives of partner institutions.
- * **Guidelines for policy makers and structured analysis.** The Chair produces a set of orientation guidelines in lines with UNESCO general objectives on migration and development for policy makers. The guidelines are arranged in consultation with the most relevant stakeholders in a participatory planning.
- * **Chair Website and Newsletter:** All the information related to the activities of UNESCO Chair is collected and continuously updated on the web-site <http://www.memotef.uniroma1.it/ricerca/cattedra-UNESCO> and a regular newsletter (ChairNews) is edited both in digital and paper format every three months. A ChairNews Collection has been published in 2016.
- * **International Conference** are organised at the end of each term of activity. It convenes representatives of Governments of partner Institutions to highlight differences and consequences in facing the problems of migrations and development. Objective of the conference is to propose new models to design and manage population, migrations and development policies suitable to represent examples of “best practices”. Representatives of the main international Institutions (UN, EU, UNESCO, Council of Europe) and of the main active NGOs are invited to take part to the sessions.
- * **Interim Workshops:** the Chair organizes workshops in several European Universities (at the end of each year) with the aim to present the on-going work and results; to analyse the situation of migration in the partner countries and how they can be addressed in light of the results of the Chair studies; to devise the appropriate methods and tools to address the issues concerning different contexts. The workshops are carried out in partner cities (Buenos Aires, Ljubljana, Budapest, Siena, Paris, etc.).
- * **Unesco Chair Networks:** all the activities have been realized in collaboration with a well-established network of UNESCO Chairs focused on Population, Migrations and Development. Among the main partners: of the IUAV University of Venice; UNESCO Chair “Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants – Urban Policies and Practices” (SSIIM); University of Ferrara, UNESCO Chair in “Urban and Regional Planning for Sustainable Local Development”; University of Lion, UNESCO Chair in “Mémoire, Cultures et Interculturalité”; UNESCO Chair in “International Education and Integration of Migrants' Children in School” of moscow; Chair “Development and Human Rights” in Argentina, Centre UNESCO “Droits et Migrations” of Rabat and the UNESCO Chair of Maltepe University of Istanbul.