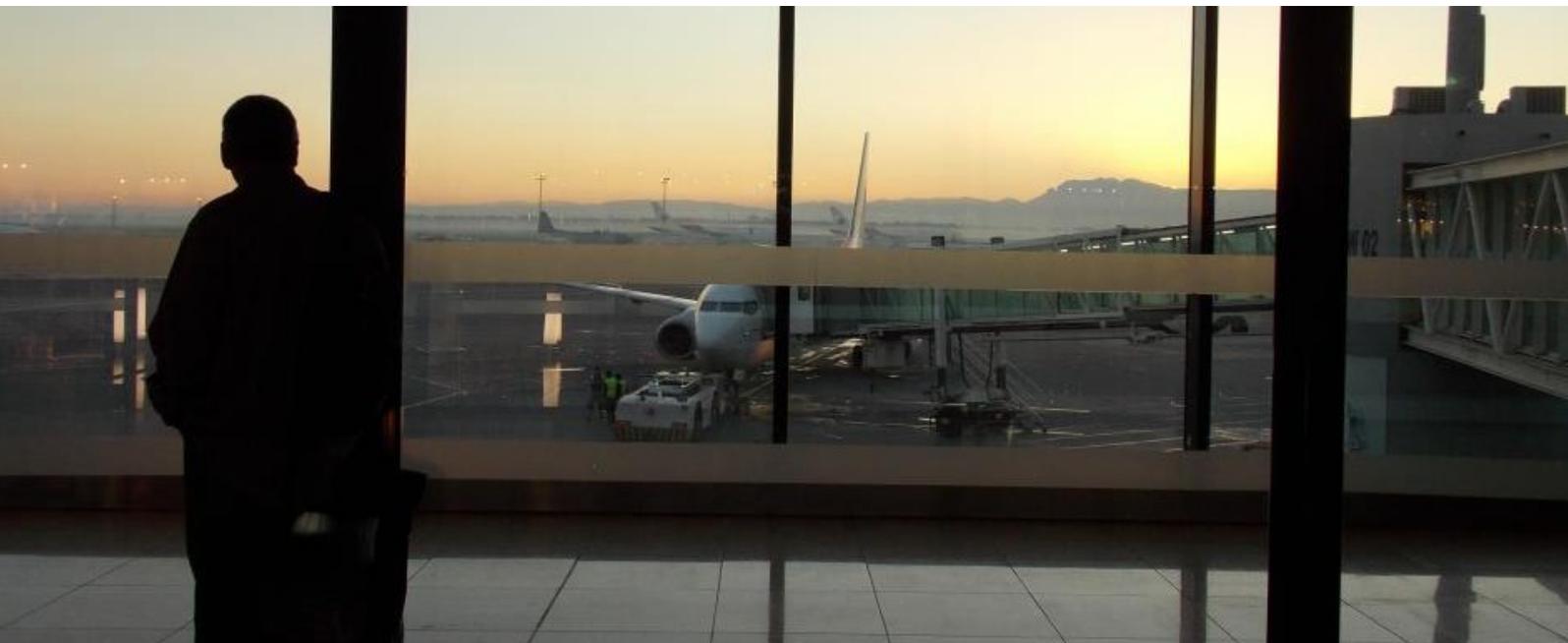


What do we know about Migration and Lebanon?

An assessment of knowledge production

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Date: 12 April 2013

Time: 2 to 5 pm

Location: LAU, Beirut campus, Orme-Gray Room 518

Several scholars in migration studies in Lebanon will be participating.

The objective of the workshop is twofold:

- Discuss the production of scientific knowledge on migration in/out of Lebanon
- Provide an assessment of the broad range of research relating to the study of migration in/out of Lebanon (Lebanese in West Africa, Political remittances , Gender and Migration , Highly skilled Lebanese migration...)

Preliminary program (confirmed participants):

Lama KABBANJI: This presentation will introduce the workshop and will provide a general discussion on the production of scientific knowledge on Lebanese migration/Immigration in Lebanon by examining several sources: Scopus database, key international journals on migration, PhD thesis, and local publications on the topic. The aim is to explore how different features of the current international division of scientific labour shape the research conducted on these topics.

Paul TABAR: This intervention will examine the major trends in the literature on Lebanese migration. These trends are assessed with reference to political factors that shape their production. A special emphasis will be placed on knowledge production in Australia.

Jennifer SKULTE-OUAISS: The presentation will include a review of recent literature on Lebanese (im)migration to the US, research on the Lebanese community in the United States, and migration from /between the U.S. and Lebanon. The diversity of migration types and actors will be highlighted as will how various aspects of American society, politics, and the economy influence and are influenced by Lebanese migration.

Mariam Al HASBANI: This presentation will describe and criticize how the concept of gender has been tackled in the different studies on Lebanese migration, in an attempt to reveal the need to explore the interrelationship between gender and migration, and to take gender as a theoretical basis in the analysis of migration behaviour in Lebanon.

Marwa El CHAB: This presentation will examine more closely the literature on Lebanese migration in West-Africa and define the various determinants that affected these studies such as political and economic context, the ethnographer's image in the field and the mainstream tools in social sciences and migration studies.

Nicolas PUIG: This contribution will provide some informations about researchs on Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. It will show how researchers had first focused on the history of the group and on the social and symbolic role of the camps, seen as its emblematic space, then they developped more various and specific topics.