

## **EDS 309- Migration, development and environmental change**

An overview of migration and its interaction with human development. Traditionally being treated as separate policy portfolios, migration and development are today increasingly viewed through the prism of the many links that exist between these two fields. While development-oriented actions can help tackling the root causes of migratory flows, migration can, in turn, contribute positively to development, including economic growth, social empowerment and technological progress. On the other hand, if not well managed, migration can also pose challenges to a country's development efforts (e.g. 'brain drain' and pressures on urban areas) and individual welfare. The additional challenges of environmental change, mainly due to anthropogenic climate change, to development will be discussed through the lens of population mobility. Migration is increasingly viewed as an adaptation strategy, rather than only as a distress response to disasters and this has important implications for development policy.