

Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Member Initiated Meeting:

**Priorities in International Migration Research and Statistics:
Prospects for a World Migration Survey**

Wednesday, 22 April 2020 - 3:00-5:00pm - in Virginia Suite C

Organizers: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) Scientific Panel on International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy

Session Chair: Ellen Percy Kraly

Presenters:

- Marcela Cerrutti, Centro de Estudios de Población (CENEP)
- Philippe Fargues, European University Institute

The IUSSP Panel on International Migration: Strengthening the Knowledge Base for Policy is acting on its terms of reference to encourage population scholars to address conceptual, technical and policy issues concerning international migration, and to engage emerging population scientists in international migration scholarship. Interactive sessions and roundtables at regional and international meetings of migration and population scientists will consider priorities in the conceptualization and empirical analysis of international migration. A centerpiece of these sessions will be the testing of ideas concerning the challenges and opportunities for the implementation of a World Migration Survey.

This round table discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America will bring together population scientists and migration researchers and statisticians for discussion of the rationale for and feasibility of a World Migration Survey. Panel members Philippe Fargues and Marcela Cerrutti are building on the previous work of fellow demographers to make the case for a survey in a proposal that includes, but moves beyond, a call for action by presenting alternative strategies to generate migration and social demographic data that are representative, comparative and policy relevant. Their paper, "The promotion of a World Migration Survey," will be available to participants prior to the round table discussion.

Considered within the general context of priorities in international migration research, participants registering for this discussion will be asked to consider four specific questions:

- (1) What are benefits of initiating a program of national surveys addressing international migration?
- (2) What general and specific goals are relevant and feasible for an initiative to conduct migration surveys at the global scale?
- (3) What are the methodological challenges of developing an international migration survey at the global/regional scale?
- (4) What is the relationship between international migration survey research and national census-taking and the collection of internationally comparable migration statistics?