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Priorities in demographic theory and modeling of international migration and mobilities

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Topics for Discussion

1. Why migration is important?
2. Migration and demography
3. Conventional measures of migration: Are they enough?
4. The need for dynamic and innovative measures of migration
5. The Way Forward
1. Why migration is important?
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- The volume of international migration: 272m - 3.4% of the world population.
- Internal migration is about triple international migration.
- The political, economic, and socio-cultural dimensions!
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- Migration and population dynamics
  - Unlike the events of birth and death, migration can occur more than once for the same person.
  - In addition, the event of birth or death occurs in one specific place; migration necessarily involves two areas; the area of origin and the area of destination.
  - So that, the analysis of migration ratios entails the utilization of immigration and emigration data.
- Contribution of demographers to the development of migration theory (Everett Lee 1966 Push and pull theory)
3. Conventional measures of migration: Are they enough?
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Various kinds of specific rates can be calculated:

- Age Specific Migration Rates (Age Categories)
- Sex Specific Migration Rates (Male/Female)
- Race Specific Migration Rates (Black/White/Other)
- Education Specific Migration Rates
- ........ any other?
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- Desired measures
  - Measures of irregular migration
  - Measures of mixed migration
  - Measures of circular migration
  - Measures of seasonal migration
  - Measures of crises-related migration
5. The Way Forward

- The need for migration data
- The need for new techniques in the analysis of migration data
- Accommodation of new terms related to new types of human mobility.
- Training of new demographers / Next generation demographers.
Thank you
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