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Over the last few years, we have witnessed a growing flow of new migrants and asylum seekers, novel both in terms of numbers, typologies and trajectories of the waves, and in terms of response of governments, states and civil societies. World politics have been severely challenged by these current flows of migrants and the approaches to managing migration have proved to be often ineffective and at times, divisive. In Europe, the recent waves of migration have sparked a so called 'migrant crisis', which have ultimately roiled European politics and tested its tolerance. In the US, the anti-immigrant rhetoric of the Trump administration has turned into openly racist policies, which have consolidated further structures of exclusion and discrimination for migrants and racialized groups. In other parts of the world, migration remain a key social and economic issue that still needs to be studied further.

It is in the context of these particularly critical times that the studies presented in this issue of Migration Letters are relevant and useful to shed light on a broad range of topics and areas covered. The articles presented propose also a diversity of approaches and theoretical backgrounds, to allow engaging with the intersecting economic, political and social consequences of migration. Migration Letters carries on the letter type format, although we have also relaxed the word limit a bit, to enable a concise sharing and quick dissemination in this fast-changing research field, which also needs quick responses, be in the way that it is researched, engaged with and managed.

The articles included in this issue deal with a number of countries, including Malaysia, the Netherlands, Sweden, the Philippines, India, China, Mexico and Tanzania. They look at the issues of brain-drain and behavioural approach (Ramoo et al.); multi-professional collaboration in promoting migrant integration (Vanhanen and Heikkila); the distribution of income gains in labour market migration (Korpi et al.); labour market gaps between migrants and natives (Mala et al.) and at how demographic forecasts can be improved in predicting migration changes (Wilson). These different topics reflect the diversity of issues at stake in the current international migration systems. They also show how migrants put

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forth their own strategies to deal with marginalization that include the creation of 'home' through gendered memory and narrative sharing (Zulueta), the articulation of co-development in the growing diasporization of communities (Tigau et al.), and gender and youth dynamics in internal migrations (Todd et al.).

Finally, we would like to announce our 5th international conference of migration studies, with which Migration Letters continues its significant contribution to the international scholarship and debates bringing together scholars, practitioners, policy makers, researchers, and students from the US, Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. The Migration Conference 2017 will take place in Athens, Greece, from the 23rd to 26th August. The Conference will offer a venue, an international forum for discussion where experts, young researchers and students, practitioners and policy makers working in the field of migration will be encouraged to reflect on the current knowledge and experiences. For more information please visit <http://migrationcenter.org/>

