



**Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD) and
Development Indicators Group (DECIG)**

cordially invite you to a seminar:

Mental Health Effects of Internal Migration – Evidence from Urban Bangladesh

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

12:30 - 2:00 PM

Venue: MC C1-131

Speaker:

Prabal K. De, Assistant Professor of Economics, City College of New York

Discussant:

Patricio V. Marquez, Lead Health Specialist, World Bank

Description: The impact of internal migration on the mental health of migrant population is investigated in six urban areas in Bangladesh. Specifically, the social theories of selection and stress are empirically tested by looking at the link between the migrants' overall mental health status including suicidal thoughts, migration status and history. Contrary to most of the previous literature that have found that migrants have higher levels of mental health problems, no significant difference between the mental health statuses of migrants and native-born was found. However, significant differences exist between men and women's socio-economic and migration behavior including motives for migration. This confirms previous research that gender plays an important role in understanding the link between socio-economic factors and mental health outcomes. Additionally, theories are tested on the effects of migration duration. To mitigate the problem of migrant selection, migration motivation is exploited comparing cases of voluntary migration with quasi-involuntary migration. The results remain the same. The results are also robust to using a variety of matching estimators that seek to ameliorate possible selection biases.



Dr. Prabal K. De is an Assistant Professor of economics at The Colin Powell School in the City College of New York and member of the doctoral faculty at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. He is also an Adjunct Scholar at the Development Research Institute of New York University. He has published extensively in international journals in the fields of migration, health and development. His current projects include studying health disparities among minority and immigrant groups in the United States, examining links between education and health behavior in India and estimating impacts of domestic migration on migrants' mental health in Bangladesh. Dr. De's research has been funded by National Cancer Institute, PSC-CUNY Welfare Fund and other foundations. Previously he had served as a consultant with the World Bank Group and on the core team that prepared the Global Economic Prospect Report in 2006. He received his PhD in economics from New York University in 2008.



Patricio V. Marquez, a World Bank Lead Health Specialist, is leading the Global Tobacco Control Initiative at the World Bank Group. He co-coordinated a WBG/WHO multi-institution, Working Group on Global Mental Health that organized the global conference “Out of the Shadows: Making Mental Health a Global Development Priority” held on April 13-14, 2016 as part of the WBG/IMF Spring Meetings. He is a member of the Global Work Group of the Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) of US CDC, providing recommendations and counsel to the ACD on global public health issues. He served as Public Health Focal Point at the Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice of the World Bank over June 2014-June 2015, co- led the WBG team that designed the Ebola Emergency Response Program for West Africa and prepared the US\$390 million Ebola Emergency Response Project for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and was deployed to WHO Geneva to help coordinate the WB and WHO interface on the Global Response to Ebola over the September-December 2014 period. He co-led with WHO the Thematic Working Group on Health, Nutrition and Water and Sanitation for the preparation of the UN/WBG/EU/AfDB multi sector Ebola Recovery Assessment Report over January-March 2015. He pursued his graduate studies at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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