



**Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD)  
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**KNOMAD Seminar**

***Rural-Urban Migration: A Comparative Analysis of 69 Low-Income Countries***

**Date: Thursday, September 29, 2016**

**Time: 12:45-2:15 pm**

**Venue: MC13-121**

**Chair:**

**Dilip Ratha, World Bank**

**Speaker:**

**Robert E.B. Lucas, Boston University**

**Description:**

Developing countries see dynamic migration between rural and urban zones. Cross-country studies of rural-urban and urban-rural migration look largely into movements between administrative regions, thus telling us nothing about whether these migrants cross any rural-urban divide. Part of KNOMAD work program on internal migration, Prof. Lucas is adding value to the literature by exploring movements between the rural and urban zones by population characteristics in 69 low-income countries, using census data and Demographic and Health survey data. This BBL presents the initial findings of this comprehensive investigation, including motivations, issues in measurement, on symmetric movements, gender and marital status, age and the duration of stay, education - selection versus sorting, seasonal migrations, cohabitation and conjugal separation, migration of children and their parents, and ethnicity, language and religion.



**Robert E.B. Lucas** is Professor of Economics at Boston University. Professor Lucas completed the B.Sc.(Econ) and M.Sc.(Econ) at the London School of Economics and received his Ph.D. from M.I.T. His research has included work on internal and international migration, employment and human resources, income distribution and inter-generational inequality, international trade and industry, the environment, and sharecropping. Professor Lucas has served as Chief Technical Adviser to the Malaysia Human Resource Development Program, Director of Undergraduate Studies and the MA program in Economics at Boston University, Research Affiliate at the MIT Center for

International Studies and consultant to a number of international agencies. See also <http://people.bu.edu/rucas/>

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