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# ISS SEMINAR SERIES

## DEMOGRAPHY & SOCIAL INEQUALITY

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### THE NEED FOR A NEW MIGRATION PARADIGM

In order to break through the current theoretical impasse, polarized public debates and a long legacy of policy failure, we are in dire need of a radically different vision, a new paradigm on human migration. By necessity, this is a paradigm that analyses human mobility as an *intrinsic*, and therefore inseparable part of broader processes of development and social transformation affecting origin and destination societies, instead of simplistic push-pull models or ideological visions that see migration a priori a “problem to be solve” or, alternatively, a “solution to problems”. Such a holistic, long-term perspective will improve our capacity to understand how societal change affects people’s aspirations and capabilities to migrate in complex, but structured and often counterintuitive ways. Ultimately, such a paradigm will also increase our capacity to make realistic assessment about what policies can and cannot achieve to deal more effectively with migration.

**MONDAY, 08. April 2024**  
**5:45–7:15 PM**

**Room S242, Wiso-Building , Universitätsstraße 24**

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