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**Workshop Name :** LABOUR AND SOCIAL PROTECTION OF MIGRANTS: NEW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CURRENT CHALLENGES

**Track :** Track 6: The Migration Phenomenon .....

**Chair :** Patrick Taran (Senior Migration Specialist ILO)

**Presenter/s :** Pablo Arellano Ortiz (prof. dr Chili Univesity of Valdivia)  
Gijsbert Vonk (prof. dr. Netherlands University of Groningen)  
Saskia Klosse (prof. dr. Netherlands University of Maastricht)  
Marius Olivier (Prof. dr. South Africa University of North West)  
Terry Carney (prof dr. Australia University of Sydney) Tbc  
Ida Susanti (dr. Indonesia Parahyangan University) Tbc

**Discussant :**

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## PROPOSAL

The proposed workshop deals with regional trends in “labour migration and social protection”. The objective is on the one hand to provide a platform for discussing our recent book on social security and migrant workers and on the other and to discuss wider trends in social protection which allows for a larger group of visitors than only those who are interested in the co-ordination of social security. This means that we will also look at new forms of protection under labour law. The proposal is to adopt a fully regional approach, covering both intra-regional developments and the region’s relations with the outside world.

The global, overarching theme of migration and social protection covering the input of various international institutions and fora can then be covered by one of the key note speakers in the general programme (suggested speaker: Patrick Taran). For our own workshop: the suggested composition is as follows.

- South America (including some national experiences, such as Costa Rica): Pablo Arellano Ortiz
- North America (?)
- Sub Sahara Africa: Marius Olivier (confirmed)
- Europe: Saskia Klosse (confirmed)
- Australia/New Zealand: Terry Carney or Anna Boucher (to be confirmed)
- Gulf States: Gijsbert Vonk
- Far east: Ida Susanti or Piyasiri Wickramasekera (to be confirmed)

Specific themes to be addressed by each of the speakers:

- Relation: national developments and regional/supra-national framework, bearing in mind the specificities of the relevant region
- General statistics, trends and tendencies per region
- Current labour and social protection and related developments – presenters could cover, to the extent relevant for their respective regions, issues such as:
  - Immigration law and policy nexus (with labour and social protection)
  - Labour recruitment and exporting
  - Rights/welfare of migrant workers and their families
  - Bilateral labour agreements (BLAs) and bilateral, unilateral and multilateral social security agreements (SSAs) – including portability and cross-border coordination
  - Labour migration developments
  - Movement of business skills
  - Returnees and reintegration

- Labour market integration of migrants
  - Position of specific categories of migrants – e.g. refugees, asylum-seekers, victims of human trafficking
- Recent and current political and policy debate in relation to/impacting on migration and labour and social protection, with reference to issues such as (prospective) regulation, contentious issues, key debates, main attitudes, latest ambitions, proposal for legal and policy reform, etc.