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POLICY BRIEFING

**The Role of Migrant Health and Social Care Workers
in Ageing Societies**

Who

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This Briefing highlights the findings of a project on foreign workers who provide eldercare in the Anglophone countries of England, Ireland, the USA, and Canada. Like other advanced economies, aging populations in these Anglophone nations is generating demand for what are often high-turnover jobs at all skill levels. The project examines the nature of the demand for foreign workers, the challenges they face in the workplace and society; and issues affecting their mobility from source countries.

When

Friday, November 14, 2008
8 AM, Continental breakfast
8:30 to 10:00 Program

Where

Georgetown University Law Center
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Bio

Sarah Spencer is Associate Director at COMPAS at Oxford University where she heads up the program on Migration Management, as well as being Chair of the Equality and Diversity Forum and a Visiting Professor at the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex. She was Deputy Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality and is a former General Secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties. <http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/about/biog/sarah.spencer@compas.ox.ac.uk.shtml>

Susan Martin is the Director of ISIM and Co-Director of the Certificate Program on Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies at Georgetown University. Previously she served as the Executive Director of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform and Director of Research and Programs at the Refugee Policy Group. <http://isim.georgetown.edu/pages/Bios/Susan.html>

Eamon O'Shea is a Professor in the Department of Economics and Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG) at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He was Chair of the National Economic and Social Forum Expert Group on Care of the Elderly in 2005/06. His work has been influential in setting the agenda for the ongoing reform of the long-stay sector in Ireland. <http://www.nuigalway.ie/research/icsg/oshea.htm>

Ivy Bourgeault, is a senior principal on the project who will not be able to present. She is currently Professor Health Sciences at University of Ottawa; and was previously a Professor Sociology & Health Studies at McMaster University in Canada. Her research has focused on the intersection of the Health Professions and Health Policy. <http://www.health.uottawa.ca/hs/bacc.htm>

Reading

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<http://isim.georgetown.edu/pages/Publications1.html>