

Special Session (SS15) on: Conflict, Migration, and Diaspora

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The aim and scope of the special session:

This special session will focus on the relationship between Conflict, Migration, and Diaspora. Displacement of individuals particularly in the developing countries is not only due to political conflicts, but also as a result of poverty, natural disasters like flood, crop failures, famine, infectious diseases, etc. The participants in this session will try to develop a general structure of these natural and man-made disasters linked to migration. Considerable research has been done in geography, demography and Regional Science on migration. However, the research related to migration, conflict and disaster is lacking. Similarly, in the area of Operation Research and Management, sophisticated work has been done in the area of the application of disaster management using the concepts of business supply chain analysis. This supply chain concept has been used to decide strategies for relief operations. However, the work on the application of humanitarian supply chain is just in the beginning. Unfortunately, there is no interaction between academics and practitioners in the field. This session will relate this theoretical framework to contemporary migration to Europe from Syria and North Africa.

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