

## Exclusions and disconnections: Migration and food insecurity in global and local knowledge production

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### Abstract

Saliddin et al. (2019) note that there is a “need for increased coordination between the food security and international migration policy agendas” and that international migration and food security remain deeply disconnected in the policy and research domains at global, national and local levels. This presentation will trace the evolution of the exclusion of migrants from the international food security agenda, the exclusion of food security from the international migration agenda, and the exclusion of their interaction from international initiatives such as the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the New Urban Agenda, the Milan Pact, the Committee on World Food Security, the Global Migration Compacts and the Sustainable Development Goals. Using the example of South Africa, the presentation will show how these disconnections are reproduced at scale in national and local policy-making, and will conclude with an overview of the priorities of the new field of scholarly research on the migration-food security nexus and the relevance of its findings to the global development agenda.

### Biography

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