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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF SPEAKERS

Families and Migration

Online Side Event organized by
the Division for Inclusive Social Development,
Department of Economic and Social Affairs, DISD/UNDESA

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10:00 am - 11:15 pm (EST, New York time)

Moderator



Dr. Zitha Mokomane is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She holds a MA and a Ph.D. in Demography, both from the Australian National University. Prof. Mokomane has extensive research, policy, and programmatic expertise in the fields of family studies, with a

specific interest on work-family interface, social protection, and family caregiving. She has researched and published widely in these areas and has been a member of a number of United Nations and African Union Commission expert groups on family and social protection issues.

Panelists



Dr. Bahira Sherif Trask is Professor and Chair of Human Development and Family Sciences at the University of Delaware. She holds a B.A. in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on globalization, women's employment and family change in Western and non-Western countries, and she presents regularly on these topics at international forums. Dr. Trask has authored and edited a number of books including *Women, Work, and Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities* (Routledge, 2014), *Globalization and Families: Accelerated Systemic Social Change*, (Springer, 2010) and *Cultural Diversity and Families* (Sage, 2007). Much of Dr. Trask's scholarship has been informed through participation with a number of international, national and community-based research projects that focus on diversity, gender and work, and strengthening and supporting low-income families.



Dr. Anu Abraham has a Ph.D. in Development Economics from Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India. Her thesis focuses on the interaction between migration and development from a source region perspective within a household economics framework. Her research interests are in the areas of development economics, policy oriented and centres around migration, labour, gender, poverty and inequality, human and social capital, and inter-generational mobility. She has presented her work in many national and international conferences, published in reputed academic journals and newspapers, delivered invited lectures and also has been part of multi-stakeholder consultations on migration policy in India. She is a recipient of two prestigious Research Fellowship in Economics in India. She is currently teaching Economics at NMIMS University, Mumbai, and continues her research work on International Migration.