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Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies

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How are efforts at facilitating global migration and integration of migrants into the host countries’ labour market and society organized across the globe? And what are the outcomes for migrants and for the organizers of such efforts?

In November 2019, the University of Gothenburg welcomes 200 scholars from many disciplines and all parts of the globe to the Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies Conference (OMICS) to shed further light on these pressing questions. The conference is organized by the Organizing Integration (OI) research program at the Gothenburg Research Institute (GRI), School of Business, Economics and Law, and the Centre on Global Migration (CGM) at the university.

Growth in international migration has prompted a diversity of efforts to coordinate and manage global migratory flows as well as to support and streamline the economic, social and political integration of migrants into the host countries.

Some of these efforts are planned and involve years of preparation and the engagement of large coalitions of actors; others are more ad hoc and short-lived, emerging from one day to the next only to disappear again quickly. Such efforts may aim at facilitating transnational migration, improving migrants’ health, supporting migrants’ inclusion into the host countries’ education system or the labour market, at preventing radicalization, or at securing migrants’ civic, social and legal inclusion in the new country, to name but a few.

These efforts, connecting very different actors across sectors and society at large, while promising great opportunities regarding the facilitation of a smoother migration and integration of groups of people who have often faced great hardship, also constitute profound challenges from a collaboration and organizing perspective.

These challenges and opportunities demand novel and critical research and interdisciplinary approaches from a range of disciplines, such as anthropology, educational sciences, human geography, health sciences, information technology, international studies, law and human rights, management and organization studies, migration studies, political science, social work and sociology, to mention a few. With the help of this multitude of perspectives we can begin to rethink how migration shapes and produces inclusion and exclusion around the world – from the Global North to the Global South – as well as how efforts at facilitating global migration and integration of migrants into the host countries’ labour market and society are organized across the globe.

We are certain that the Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies Conference (OMICS) will provide a meaningful platform for highlighting these momentous questions of our time and for discussing novel ways of addressing them in the future.

Organization Committee:
Andreas Diedrich Associate professor, Business Administration
Gabriella Elgenius Associate professor, Sociology and Work Science
Gregor Noll Professor, Law
Andrea Spehar Associate professor, director of Centre on Global Migration (CGM), Political Science
Patrik Zapata Professor, Public Administration
María José Zapata Campos Associate professor, Business Administration
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Jenny Phillimore
Professor of Migration and Superdiversity, Director of the Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS), School of Social Policy, University of Birmingham
Wednesday 6 Nov, 13:00-14:15 (room C22)

Keynote: Framing refugee integration: a critical reflection on conceptual, and policy and practice principles
The UK’s Home Office has recently published a renewed set of refugee integration indicators (Ndfor-Tah et al. 2019) emanating from three years of co-production with academics, policymakers, practitioners and refugees.
This paper critically examines the conceptual and policy and practice principles which underpin the framework. Focusing in turn on multi-dimensionality, multi-directionality, non-linearity, shared responsibilities and the importance of context we use vignettes to illustrate how the principles play out empirically. We highlight the contradictions of a Government sponsored framework of aspiration founded on the principles which sits alongside the UK Government’s dominant anti-migrant rhetoric and hostile (compliant) environment policy and practice. In conclusion we argue that the indicator framework offers much potential to account for the complexity of integration processes but the principles underpinning them needed to be implemented beyond integration policy if the indicators are to truly shape integration policy and practice in the UK and elsewhere.

E. Tendayi Achiume
Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, Research Associate with the African Centre for Migration and Society at the University of Witwatersrand; UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance; Co-chair the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL)
Thursday 7 Nov, 09:00-09:45 (room C22)

Keynote: Migration and empire
The prevailing doctrine of nation-state sovereignty under international law today is that it entails the right to exclude non-nationals, with only limited exceptions. Whatever the scope of these exceptions, so-called economic migrants—those whose movement is motivated primarily by a desire for a better life—are typically beyond them. Yet nation-state borders, as presently constructed by this doctrine, cannot humanely, justly, or even efficiently accommodate the depth of transnational, imperial interconnection that characterizes our world. Understanding the injustice and inequity of contemporary legal border regimes requires re-examination of the enduring relationship between migration and empire.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Thomas Spijkerboer
*Professor of Migration Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Raoul Wallenberg visiting professor of human rights & humanitarian law, Lund University*

**Thursday 7 Nov, 14:15-15:00 (room C22)**

Since 2000, Thomas works at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. From 2001 to 2006, he co-directed the research project *Transnationality and Citizenship: New Approaches to Migration Law.* In 2010-2011, he worked on the research project *Fleeing Homophobia. Asylum claims related to sexual orientation and gender identity in the EU,* funded by the EU and initiated by COC Nederland. From 2013-2018, he led the research project *Border Policies and Sovereignty. Human rights and the right to life of irregular migrants* funded through a personal NWO Vici Grant. In addition, in 2013-2017 he was the acting head of the research project *Migration Law as a Family Matter,* which was initiated by the late Sarah van Walsum.

**Keynote: The double entendre of ‘European’ law**
The global regulation of people’s mobility results in laying open the global South for citizens of the global North, while insulating the global North against citizens of the global South. The European construction of international law (including human rights, elimination of race and gender discrimination) is such that this bifurcation of the world population is self-evident and unproblematic. In that sense, European human rights law and European Union law are truly European: part of Europe’s imperial project. What is the position of European legal academics in this problematic?

Barbara Czarniawska
*Senior Professor of Management Studies at Gothenburg Research Institute, School of Business, Economics and Law at University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

**Friday 8 Nov, 09:00-09:45 (room Malmstensalen, A-building)**

Born in Białystok, Poland, where her family moved from Vilnius after the World War II. Swedish citizen since 1988. MA in Social and Industrial Psychology, Warsaw University, 1970; Ph.D.in Economic Sciences, Warsaw School of Economics, 1976. She is at present Senior Professor at Gothenburg Research Institute at the School of Business, Economics and Law at University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

**Keynote: 1945–2017 immigration in Swedish literature**
This presentation concerns partial results of the study Orvar Löfgren and I have conducted together within the research program Organizing Integration (GRI, Gothenburg School of Business). We have analyzed novels that describe the immigration problem in Sweden during the period 1945–2017 (from the end of the Second World War to the present). The choice of novels as field material was a result of our conviction that popular culture has a great influence on what people think and do – both immigrants and Swedes. In my talk I will present my part of the analysis.
PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panel Discussion I:
Local-Global Challenges in Securing Migrant Legal Rights
Thursday, 7 November, 11:45 – 13:15 (room C22)

An array of actors are involved in processes of securing migrant legal rights, involving both diverse challenges and opportunities with regard to the translation of migration law into practice.

The aim of this panel discussion is to learn about and to critically reflect upon the diversity of views and experiences made by practitioners and to understand what challenges migrants are facing when navigating law and bureaucracy.

**Moderation**

Raoul Müller
Center on Global Migration (CGM)

**Participants**

E. Tendayi Achiume (to be confirmed)
Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law

Christian Andersson
With experience from translating Swedish migration policy into practice

Matilda Arvidsson
Researcher and representative Law Clinic, University of Gothenburg

Madelaine Seidlitz
Senior legal adviser, Amnesty International, Swedish Section
Panel Discussion II:
Scaling Up and Institutionalizing Novel Migrant Integration Practices
Friday, 8 November, 14:15 – 15:45 (room C22)

Local actors - politicians, municipal officers, companies, civil society organizations - in many parts of the world have over the past years developed novel bottom-up initiatives for the social and economic inclusion of immigrants in the host communities.

Despite their novelty, and often proven success, many of these initiatives face challenges when it comes to their growth, dissemination and scaling-up.

How do some initiatives succeed in making new practices more permanent, visible when they are integrated into the formal structures of mainstream organizations and replicated in other places. In other words, how are they institutionalized?

Moderation

Maria Jose Zapata Campos
Senior lecturer Management & Organisation

Andrea Spehar
Associate professor in political science, Director of Centre on Global Migration (CGM)

Participants

Ann-Louise Hohlfält
Innovation and Business Centre, SDF Västra Hisingen, City of Gothenburg, From project to permanent local government structure.

Blanca Callén Moreu
Grigri Cultural Projects, Barcelona-Madrid, Spain Social inclusion through community participatory design, networks and alliances.

Urban Björn
Leadership & Talent Management, responsible for Äntligen jobb (Job at last), Swedbank A collaborative initiative between a company and the national employment agency that stabilises over time and is replicated.

Maja Ohlsson
Procurement Department, City of Gothenburg Social procurement in public organizations. From local to national.
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SESSION OVERVIEW

SUB THEMES IN SHORT

Distant mirrors: Reflections of authoritative rule in the Facebook posting habits of Syrian refugees in Europe.
Anisa Abeytia, East Los Angeles College

Digitalization and labour market integration of highly educated migrants in Sweden: perspectives of teachers, engineers and health care staff on use of mobile technology for integration purposes.
Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström & Sylvana Sofkova Hashemi, University of Gothenburg
Liminality in narratives of integration: Articulation of digital ethnicity in social media use by migrants to Sweden.
Amit Mitra, University of the West of England, Bristol; Quang Evansluong, Lund University & Andreas Diedrich, University of Gothenburg

Being at home in transnational spaces: Integration practices and internet use among Chinese migrants in Austria.
Carsten Schäfer, University of Cologne

Stream: Education
Session title: Digitalization and development in education
Chair: Airi Rovio-Johansson
Room: B22

Competence Developing of Immigrant Human Capital: The Facts and Challenges - Evidence from the Case of Fast track for Newly-Arrived Teachers and Preschool Teachers in Sweden
Eatessam Al-Shakrchy & Maria Jansson, University of Gothenburg

Digitalization of the language introduction program
Linda Febring & Signild Risenfors, University West

Tutoring newly arrived pupils in Sweden - a matter of trial and error
Signild Risenfors, University West

Stream: Migration and cities
Session title: Local Migration Governance - The Role of Cities
Chair: Alexandra Bousiou
Room: B23

National visions and local realities: The room for innovation in refugee integration policies in Adana, Gothenburg and Irbid?
Ezgi Irgil, Alexander Jung, Isabell Schierenbeck & Andrea Spehar, University of Gothenburg

The challenges of local level integration in Finland.
Pekka Kettunen, Migration Institute of Finland

The Role of Cities for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals.
Snezhina Gabova, Sofia Development Association

Where do Sweden stand today? Results from NIEM project.
Sayaka Osanami Törngren & Henrik Emilsson, Malmö University
Stream: Civil society
Session name: Civil Society Organizations, Networks and Employability
Chair: Gabriella Elgenius
Room: B33

Social enterprising for immigrant inclusion: an organizing context approach. Hans Lundberg, Universidad Iberoamericana; Marcela Ramírez-Pasillas, Jönköping University; Leo-Paul Dana, Montpellier Business School; Quang Evansluong, Lund University

Challenges for the Study of Civil Society - Problematizing Concepts, Data and Methods. Juta Kawalerowicz, Stockholm University; Magda Borkowska, University of Essex; Gabriella Elgenius, University of Gothenburg; Jenny Phillimore, University of Birmingham

Anticipating the inclusive city: prefigurative politics in the worker cooperatives of the urban suburbs. Maria José Zapata Campos, University of Gothenburg

Stream: Labour Market Integration
Session title: Comparing labour market integration across countries
Chair: Patrik Zapata
Room: B32

The Cool Embrace: Labour market integration in Nordic countries Timothy Heleniak & Hjördis Rut Sigurjonsdottir, Nordregio

 Integrating refugees in Europe - Challenges and lessons learnt from five European Union Member States. Almina Besic, Johannes Kepler Universität

Economic assimilation of immigrants in the US and Sweden: A comparison between individual immigrants and immigrant households Debora P. Birgier, University of Gothenburg

Economic Integration of First- and Second- Generation Immigrants in the Swiss Labour Market: Does the Reason for Immigration Make a Difference? Dina Maskileyson, Moshe Semyonow & Eldad Davidov, Universität zu Köln

Stream: Privileged Migration
Session title: Migration-Policies, Discourses and the Welfare State
Chair: Patrick Pinkerton
Room: B34

Granting citizenship on arbitrary grounds: the case of Citizenship by investment programmes. Elena Prats, Uppsala University

Can the Welfare State Justify Restrictive Asylum Policies? Clara Sandelind, University of Sheffield
Political communication and narratives framing immigration and welfare discourse in Denmark and Sweden. Vadims Murasovs, Aalborg University

Stream: Securitization  
Session title: Impact and Consequences  
Chair: Robin Andersson Malmros  
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The impact of securitization of migration on the work of CSOs assisting immigrants in Czechia and Poland. Agnieszka Zogata Kusz, Palacký University in Olomouc

Citizenship Changing: The Revival of Denationalization. Christian Prener, University of Aarhus

Wednesday, 6 November  
Session II: 16:30 - 18:00

Stream: Education  
Session title: Norms and values mediated in education  
Chair: Johannes Lunneblad  
Room: B22

Conveying Norms and Values as Integration Work in Sweden and Germany. Birgitte Suter & Franziska Böhm, Malmö University

A ‘blind-spot’ – reproduction of racism in educational landscapes. Kerstin von Brömsen, Karin Kittelmann-Flenser, Helena Korp & Signild Risenfors, University West

Educational migration and human capital: socio-cultural aspect. Vasilya Taisheva, RUDN University

Stream: Migration and cities  
Session title: Local Migration Governance: Reception  
Chair: Ezgi Irgil  
Room: B23

From solidarity to contestation: The role of the local level in the reception of asylum seekers at the Greek border islands. Alexandra Bousiou, University of Gothenburg

Local Resettlement Networks and Refugees: Integration Outcomes: The Case of Greensboro, North Carolina. Aubrey Grant, George Mason University

Double Exile: The Emergency Relocation Scheme in Rural Portugal (2016-2018). Luís Bernardo, University of Lisbon
Stream: Civil society
Session title: Citizenship, differences and democracy
Chair: Ester Barinaga
Room: B33

Participating in doing Germany's democracy. Josefine Raasch, Humboldt University

Civil society and integration - Nordic rural perspective. Timothy Heleniak, Anna Karlsdottir, Hjördis Rut Sigurjonsdottir, Nordregio


Stream: Labour Market Integration
Session title: The role of employers in integration
Chair: Laurence Romani
Room: B32

Social inclusion of non-European engineers in Swedish workplace: perspectives of migrants and employers. Natalyia Berbyuk Lindström, J. Malik & S Sultan, University of Gothenburg

Employer preferences towards recruitment of refugees? A Danish vignette study. Rasmus Ravn & Thomas Bredgaard, Aalborg University

Socializing immigrants at the workplace from the perspective of organizations. Sarah Glännefors, Uppsala University

Stream: Securitization
Session title: Controlling risk
Chair: Robin Andersson Malmros
Room: B24

Could security and democracy in Africa be challenged criminalizing migrants? Cristiano d’Orsi, University of Johannesburg

Utilizing Antagonists to Control: A Historical Analysis of the Swedish Migration Agencies Technological Design. Tobias Jansson, University of Gothenburg

Gendered dimensions of Accessing Asylum in the EU. Kristina Wejstål, University of Gothenburg
Stream: Digitalization and Migration  
Session title: Constructing Algorithmic Truth  
Chair: Amin Parsa  
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Can machine learning contribute to better asylum decisions? Algorithmic equality at the Swedish Migration Board. Matilda Arvidsson, University of Gothenburg

Fixing identity? Exploring the local enactments of administrative identification procedures in refugee status determination systems in Ireland and Germany between 2014 and 2019. Andrea Berger, University College Dublin

Stream: Education  
Session title: Experiences as migrants in education  
Chair: Syna Quattara  
Room: B22


Everyday borders in the life of asylum-seekers and refugees coming to Europe Living between institutional borders and hopes: the educational challenges of tolerated African refugees in German localities. Sandrine Bakoben, Universität Duisburg-Essen

Stream: Living conditions  
Session title: The politics and agency of ‘vulnerable’ migrant children and families  
Chair: Oksana Shmulyar Gréen  
Room: B44

Ordering the “migrant family”: power asymmetries and citizenisation in restructuring welfare bureaucracies. Camilla Nordberg, Åbo Akademi University & University of Helsinki

Vulnerablisled childhoods: The politics of migrant children’s agency, vulnerability and rights in deportability. Jacob Lind, Malmö University

Homonationalism and teachers’rescue discourses about transgender migrant students in Chilean Public Schools. Juan Ortiz López, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile & Iskra Pavez-Soto, Universidad Bernardo O’Higgins
Stream: Family ties and Transnationalism
Session title: Family dynamics and migrant entrepreneurship across contexts
Chair: Quang Evansluong, Allan Discua Cruz and Mariana Morosanu
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*Introduction to the theme,* Quang Evansluong, Lund University; Marcela Ramirez-Pasillas, Jönköping University; Allan Discua Cruz, Lancaster University & Mariana Morosanu, BusinessforInclusion

*Family Heterogeneity and Migrant Entrepreneurship,* Quang Evansluong, Lund University; Marcela Ramirez-Pasillas, Jönköping University & Leo Paul Dana, Montpellier Business School

*Life Before and After Entrepreneurship: Enterprising Immigrant Women’s Narratives on Womanhood, Marriage, Family,* Huriye Yeröz, De Montfort University & Caroline Essers, Radboud University Nijmegen

*Syrian Families in Flux, finding hope and communitas in Germany and the Netherlands; a longitudinal study of life histories and migration of extended Syrian families between 1999 and 2019,* Josepha Wessels, Malmö University

Stream: Health
Session title: Coping With Issues of Access
Chair: Josephine Greenbrook
Room: B21

*Leaving no one behind: Current approaches to migration and health in South Africa,* Thea de Gruchy, University of the Witwatersrand

*Using up the immune cells – How HIV-positive irregular migrants survive hiding in Russia,* Daniel Kashnitsky, Higher School of Economics

*Barriers to accessing and negotiating mental health services in asylum seeking and refugee populations: The application of the Candidacy Framework,* Catharina van der Boor & Ross White, University of Liverpool

Stream: Migration and cities
Session title: Local Migration Governance – Housing
Chair: Ezgi Irgil
Room: B23

*Local Multi-level Governance in Refugee Housing: A Study of Leverkusen,* Eli Auslender, University of York

*Calculations of distribution and temporary housing solutions – managing settlement of newcomers without housing,* Mauricio Rogat, University of Gothenburg
Urban planning, temporary housing for immigrants and the challenge of social sustainability. 
The case of Gothenburg, Sweden. Olga Stepanova, University of Gothenburg

Stream: Civil society  
Session title: Hybrid collaboration  
Chair: María José Zapata Campos  
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Deinstitutionalization as Strategic Sectoral Survival? The Case of Filipino Migrant Civil Society Organizations in the Gulf States. Froilan T. Malit, Zayed University

Making Asylum and the Role of NGOs: A Street-Level Perspective on "Sticky" Problems. Evelyn Brodkin, University of Chicago & Karen Nielsen Breidahl, Aalborg University; Staffan Höjer, University of Gothenburg

New actors in Development: a Study of the Private Sponsorship of Refugee Resettlement System in Toronto, Canada. Pauline Bon, University of Amsterdam

Transdisciplinary processes in research with young refugees in Norway. Ragnhild Hollekim, University of Bergen

Stream: Labour Market Integration  
Chair: Rasmus Ravn  
Room: B32

Social Exchange and Reciprocal Integration between Migrants and Hosts at Work. Minna Paunova & Maribel Blasco, Copenhagen Business School

Organizing local labour markets through procurement. From policy to practice. Emma Ek Österberg & Patrik Zapata, University of Gothenburg

The ‘others amongst us’ – Refugees’ Integration into the Labour Market. Sonia Morano-Foadi & Clara della Croce, Oxford Brookes University

Assimilation, Integration or Inclusion? A Dialectical Perspective on the Organizational Socialization of Migrants. Vedran Omanovic, University of Gothenburg & Ann Langley, HEC Montreal

Stream: Privileged Migration  
Session title: Privilege and Migration Statuses  
Chair: Ylva Wallinder  
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Migration experiences and career trajectories of highly educated female migrants from the baltic countries in "Brexit Britain". Maja Cederberg, University of Gothenburg
The UK's 'post-Brexit' migration policy: Privileged migrants and "governing through mobility". Patrick Pinkerton, Queen Mary University of London

Contemporary European Migrants in Africa. Tamara Last, University of the Witwatersrand

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**Thursday, 7 November**

**Session IV: 15:15 – 16:45**

**Stream: Education**

**Session title: Challenges in encountering education**

**Chair: Airi Rovio-Johansson**

**Room: B22**

Civic Orientation for Adult Migrants in a Swedish Context – Exploring the Educational Textbook “About Sweden”. Kerstin von Brömssen, University West; Marie Carlson, Tommaso Milani & Andrea Spehar, University of Gothenburg

Memories of School Inclusiveness: A Survey of Young Adult Immigrant Descendants in Scandinavia. Kristian Kriegbaum Jensen, Aalborg University & Tore Vincents Olsen, Aarhus University

The challenges and opportunities for refugees’ educational integration: Preliminary findings from a social-ecological investigation in Greece. Lucy Hunt, University of Oxford

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**Stream: Living conditions**

**Session name: Parenting and childhoods in transnational settings**

**Chair: Charlotte Melander**

**Room: B44**

Parenthood after forced migration: An integrative literature review concerning the conditions for and experiences of parenting among newly arrived forced migrants. Vanna Nordling, Red Cross University College

How is influence of Ukrainian transnational family embedded in diasporic ties. Ludek Jirka, University of Hradec Králové

Conceptualizing children's and young people's experience of mobility- transnationality and affective bonds. Oksana Shmulyar Gréen, Ingrid Höjer & Charlotte Melander, University of Gothenburg
Stream: Family ties and Transnationalism
Session title: Proximity, family and migrant entrepreneurship across borders
Chair: Marcela Ramirez Pasillas, Quang Evansluong and Allan Discua Cruz
Room: C31

Jewish Families in Diaspora: A study of embeddedness in transnational and global networks. Maria Elo, University of Southern Denmark & Leo Paul Dana, Montpellier Business School


Sending and receiving things from Sweden to Ukraine: Materialism and care in transnational families. Lyudmyla Khrenova, University of Gothenburg & Kathy Burrell, University of Liverpool

Stream: Health
Session title: On Human Resistance: In Vulnerability and Privilege
Chair: Josephine Greenbrook
Room: B21

Psychological distress by age at migration and duration of residence: Findings from the Swedish Health on Equal Terms (HET) Survey. Helena Honkaniemi, Stockholm University

'Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls': Young refugees' narratives of adversarial growth. Mira Elise Glaser Holthe, Inland Norway University & Elin Ekström, Jönköping University

The undocumented patient and physicians' rejection of law. Josephine T. V. Greenbrook, Mason Institute of Medicine, Life Science and the Law, and University of Gothenburg

Stream: Migration and Cities
Session title: Local Migration Governance - Host Communities and Refugees
Chair: Andrea Spehar
Room: B23

This park is our rebel zone, we do not let Syrians in here: Host Community Members’ Use of Shared Urban Spaces after the Arrival of Refugees. Ezgi Irgil, University of Gothenburg

Between liminality, ‘ghorbatood’ and belonging – mapping the experiences of young Afghan migrants ‘in transit’ in Istanbul. Somita Sabeti, Koç University

From Apathy to Empathy? The Effects of Face-to-Face Dialogue and Virtual Reality Immersion on Attitudes towards Refugees of War. Kristen Kao, University of Gothenburg & Josepha Wessels, Malmö University
Stream: Civil society
Session title: Doing identity
Chair: TBA
Room: B33

A Social Initiative as a Site of Everyday Belonging for Ageing Migrants. Anastasia Asikainen, University of Helsinki

The role of citizens in public life and decision making process. Besa Kadriu & Shpresa Aliji, South East European University

'People should feel welcome here' - Difficulties, challenges and chances of the discursive concept Welcome Culture. Cathrin Mund, University of Bayreuth

Destabilizing the Notion of 'Refugeenness': The Capacity to Perform Citizenship through Music. Carolin Mueller, Ohio State University

Stream: Labour Market Integration
Session title: Bureaucratizing integration - the role of the public sector
Chair: Micheline van Riemsdijk
Room: B32


The role of small size social enterprises in the Swedish integration system – opportunities and challenges. Helena Kraff & Eva Maria Jernsand, University of Gothenburg


Integration through increased collaboration: the case of Askimsviken. Sara Brorström & Andreas Diedrich, University of Gothenburg

Stream: Beyond the Imperial
Session title: In Spite of the Reluctant State
Chair: Amin Parsa
Room: B24

Role of the third sector organisations in facilitating asylum seekers and refugees integration in Scotland. Niroshan Ramachandran, Edge Hill University

Reluctant host to reluctant refugees: Turkish-Bulgarian inclusions and exclusions on the borders of EU’s refugee regime. Nina Carlsson, Södertörn University
Who moves in the cross-border labor market? Study of cross-border labor market between Japan and Vietnam. Aimi Muranaka, University of Duisburg-Essen

Lived spaces of representation: The virtual and real thirdspace of Syrian refugees in Sweden, remapping from the margins and its implications for integration. Anisa Abeytia, East Los Angeles College

Stream: Privileged Migration
Session title: Differences, Otherness and Hierarchies of Foreignness
Chair: Maja Cederberg
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Expatriate or migrant? - Problematizing the use of labels in International Human Resource Management. Kerstin Martel, Copenhagen Business School

Otherness in the Workplace among Highly Skilled Labour Migrants: Swedes in Germany and the UK. Ylva Wallinder, University of Gothenburg

Homing and Ethnitzation as strategies. Turning ethnicity from disadvantage to advantage. Quang Evansluong, Newcastle University Business School and Lena Grip, Karlstad University

What is the elephant under the rug? The experience of a black academic in Sweden. Ali Osman, Stockholm University

Friday, 8 November
Session V: 10:00 – 11:30

Stream: Education
Session title: Inclusion and exclusion in education
Chair: Johannes Lunneblad
Room: B22

Newly arrived migrant children's experiences of schooling in Denmark from the 1970s to the 1990s. Jin Hui Li, Aalborg University

Encountering Swedishness through texts and curricula. Nanna Gillberg, University of Gothenburg

Young refugee-background students as active agents in the formation of social capital. Jafia Naftali Camara, University of Bristol
Stream: Living conditions
Session title: Perspectives on social work and policies towards migrant families and children
Chair: Ingrid Höjer
Room: B44

With Children Northeast - Reaching Families with Migration Backgrounds in Socioeconomically Marginalized Areas. Amina Abdullahi & Linn Arbeus, Psychology unit linked to maternity and paediatric healthcare, Gothenburg

The protection of unaccompanied minors in migration with a special attention to emergency situations. Katarzyna Gromek Broc, University of Pavia

When home is not at home. Theoretical understanding of residential care as a home environment. Åsa Söderqvist & Ulrika Börjesson, Linnaeus University

An environmental sensitive model for the reception and establishment of asylum-seeking children in rural and urban settings in Sweden. Ildikó Asztalos Morell, SLU Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Stream: Health
Session title: Navigating Novel Healthcare Systems
Chair: Josephine Greenbrook
Room: B21

Transnational health practices among Polish migrants in Norway. Justyna Bell, Oslo Metropolitan University; Justyna Struzik, Magdalena Slusarczyk, Jagiellonian University & Paula Pustulka, University of Social Sciences and Humanities

Healthcare for asylum seekers and refugees: A study on the experiences of asylum seekers and refugees in Glasgow. Niroshan Ramachandran, Edge Hill University

Health information about non-communicable diseases for Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees in Bergen, Norway: Impact on service uptake. Tesfaye Tariku Admassie & Marguerite Daniel, University of Bergen

Stream: Labour Market Integration
Session title: Integrating highly skilled immigrants
Chair: Minna Paunova
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High-skilled migrants’ employability: introducing the notion of risk. Annette Risberg, Copenhagen Business School

Labour market integration of highly skilled refugees in Sweden and The Netherlands. Micheline van Riemsdijk, University of Uppsala & Linn Axelsson, Stockholm University
How can the European Union attract and integrate highly skilled migrants? The challenge of the EU's legal migration framework.
Almina Besic, Johannes Kepler Universität & Veronika Vasileva, European Policy Research, ICF

Struggling for Recognition: Highly-skilled Migrants' Cultural Capital in the Inclusive Organization.
Laurence Romani & Miguel Morillas, Stockholm School of Economics

Stream: Beyond the Imperial
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Navigating imagined migration in the face of development interventions: A theoretical framework. Alexander Jung, University of Gothenburg

The right to life under the EU Charter and the cooperation with third States to combat human smuggling and trafficking. Vladislava Stoyanova, Lund University

Externalization, postcoloniality and the manufacturing of displacement. Martin Lemberg-Pedersen, Aalborg University

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Chair: Alexandra Bousiou
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The adaptation process of highly-skilled migrants through participatory urban interior design. Selen Kurt, Istanbul Technical University

From Syria to Turkey: travel of cuisines by the hand of refugee entrepreneurs. Quang Evansluong, Lund University & Mehmet Eryilmaz, Uludag University

The agency of Refugees: The case of Syrians in urban spaces in Turkey and Jordan. Glenda Santana de Andrade, Université Paris 8

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Voluntary Organisations and the Translation of the Access-Paradigm in Berlin: Driving Forces in the Field of Refugees' Labour Market Integration. Jana Albrecht & Robert Jungmann, Technische Universität Berlin

New actors, new approaches to the professional integration of refugees in France. Sylvie Chevrier, Université Paris Est Marne-la Vallée

Procurement practices in collaborative spaces: Supporting labour market integration. Emma Ek Österberg & Patrik Zapata, University of Gothenburg

Stream: Beyond the Imperial
Session title: Location of Home - Disapora, Belonging and Memory
Chair: Vladislava Stoyanova
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Passing on the torch of memory: Transitional justice and the transfer of diaspora identity across generations. Camilla Orjuela, University of Gothenburg

Diasporic narratives of assimilation and resistance. Barzoo Eliassi, Linnaeus University

Never at home: Barriers to immigrant integration in Sweden and Denmark. Crystal Brown, University of Oregon
STREAM SUMMARIES

Digitalization and migration Digitalization has long been seen as a silver bullet for industry and society. Within the public sector, governments have competed in notions of accelerated digitalization with the general assumption that digitalization will solve many of the prevailing challenges of society.

In the wake of this, initiatives such as Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and other applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within the field of migration control have been put forward e.g. the recent EU project, iBorderCtrl, which aims to use machine learning technology as a means for classifying mobile populations claims, including but not limited to credibility assessment of asylum claims. In light of this, with few exceptions, critical examination of the implications of digitalization in the context of mobility and migration management are still developing.

With the current global political challenges in mind, the inclusion of under-represented groups such as newly-arrived refugees and other migrants becomes significantly important. This requires an increased understanding of how, in practice, digitalization actually unfolds among these groups, how it enters “migration management”, and what the implications are of all this. Previous research in many fields has pointed to marginalization and disenfranchisement of these groups, both in the labour market and society at large.

While the critical studies have alerted us to some of the challenges brought about by the increasing digitalization, we still lack a comprehensive understanding of how digitalization facilitates, contributes and maintains inclusion and exclusion in practice. We are of the view that lack of such understanding regarding the effects of digitalization reduces every proposal to a superficial engagement, risking detrimental effects on our societal challenges.

Education, learning and migration Global migration, communication and collaboration across borders bring important challenges and opportunities for education and learning in multicultural societies. Growing ethnic and linguistic diversity among teachers and students, for example, can be evidenced in different education/training contexts. And an increasing number of language courses, civic orientation courses or vocational education/training courses are organized to facilitate immigrants’ integration into the host countries.

Research on multicultural societies and schools in a variety of countries has over the past decade repeatedly shown that many immigrants and their children are marginalized and generally do worse than other students in educational/training institutions at different levels of the education system. A broad view of education as multicultural and inclusive has been neither officially proclaimed nor realised, although schools and training colleges are responsible for providing high quality education and training or all their students.

The important challenges, which remain for education and training in general, and in the context of migration in particular, are to incorporate the history and perspective of its learners and to adjust its teaching practices to benefit all its learners and to thereby contribute to facilitating equality and opportunity for all.
Health, risk, and resilience: Transcending the biological, the psychological, the social, and the structural in migration and integration

Health is more than pulse and blood pressure; it transcends the biological, the psychological, the social, and the structural. Health, in all its existential complexity, is fundamental to the enjoyment of all human rights.

Due to the syndemic nature of migration, substantial impacts on health can occur through exposure to cumulative risk factors relating to disparity, structural violence, and social condition. Migrating populations have largely suffered interpersonal and structural trauma, such as having been exposed to conflicts of war and extreme poverty, having lost family and close relations, and having suffered bodily harm, sexual violence, and torture, as well as oppression, neglect, and maltreatment. Beyond other social vulnerabilities, harsh living circumstances involved in pre, during, and post-migration, also contribute to a number of health-related issues in all those affected.

Notwithstanding this, substantial barriers in seeking health care exist for migrants, and discrimination, neglect, and prejudicial attitudes amongst health care practitioners have been reported. Clinicians have also been found to struggle with a variety of difficulties, ethical dilemmas, and other conflicts in transcultural health care encounters. Cultural stigma, low health literacy, and low healthcare utilization amongst migrant populations further compound existing problems.

This stream aims to highlight health as it relates to migration, as well as the fundamental role of health in integration. The objective is to present empirical research and critical academic debate exploring risk and resilience in migrant health and transcultural care, in theory, policy, and practice.

Living conditions and agency among migrant children and families

The aim of this stream is to gather papers from different disciplines about research on living conditions and agency of migrated children and families. The lives and agency of migrants, children, individuals and families are shaped by external conditions and institutional frameworks, but also by migrant’s own strategies in relation to these structures.

The strategies also depend on the individual resources and social capital imbedded in social networks. These networks can be local and transnational and more or less supportive depending on the social context. This stream wishes to discuss further the interaction between institutional conditions, social network resources and children's and families' own livelihood strategies in new countries.

We focus on individuals' own experiences and strategies as well as professionals’ views on their work and interaction with migrated children and families within, including social services and child protection, parental support and education groups, special efforts aimed at migrated children and families in health care settings and schools.

Family ties and transnationalism

Migration is a highly significant phenomenon in the world. This phenomenon changes the nature of family and specifically family ties dynamics.

Family is recognized as a resource and institutions that provide the basis for trust and collective actions. The family dynamics influence different aspects of diasporas’ lives.
including, career choice, education, business development, family social capital, religion, and acculturation, leading to integration into the country of residence. As diasporas are aware of global sustainability challenges, the creation of social enterprises to sustain family ties and support diasporas’ communities become important.

Family ties are becoming increasingly diverse and international due to global mobility and intercultural marriages. Such transnational configuration of the family makes its influences on diasporas more dynamic because their lives are embedded in family relations and networks within and beyond one country. How transnational family ties influence everyday life and choices of diasporas needs to be further investigated.

**Migration and cities: Social institutions, political governance and integration** Migration is primarily an urban phenomenon, and one that creates new economic, social and political challenges for migrants and host communities. This stream turns attention to the urban dimension of migration and migration-related diversity.

What implications does migration have for the city and social cohesion, how do cities respond to both the challenges and opportunities offered by migration and diversity?

**Organising Civil Society for building inclusive societies** In the midst of the migration crisis and the resurgence of the radical right, the civil society at large is experimenting with novel organizational forms to organize the social, political, and economic inclusion of migrants. From activist and community groups to migrants and neighbourhood associations, cooperatives, and social entrepreneurs, these citizen initiatives are leading inclusive practices in sectors as diverse as the arts, education, employment, entrepreneurship, health and housing.

Many terms are used to refer to such initiatives. Some are of recent coinage, such as “social innovation”, “social entrepreneurship”, “grassroots innovations” or “community economies”. Others have a longer history, such as civil society organizations, “the non-profit sector”, “local communities”, “social movements”, or “social economy”.

This has led to the introduction of a new language of social action, civic engagement and social entrepreneurship as well as an increased focus on the centrality of civil society initiatives for building more inclusive societies and resilient economies. It has also led to a discussion of what social, economic and political imaginaries these civil society initiatives are advancing as their work, in practice, with migration and integration challenges. Nevertheless, the institutional, economic and socio-cultural challenges these initiatives meet are many, and differ from one context to another one.

**Organizing labour market integration** The integration or inclusion of foreign-born persons, in particular recent refugees and especially migrant women, into the labour market and society, post the 2015 peak of refugee arrivals to Sweden, remains one of biggest challenges for Nordic welfare states. Solutions for the challenge are sought on many levels, local, regional, national and transnational, and today involve a plethora of public, private and volunteer organizations.

We are particularly interested in examining both challenges and opportunities created by novel initiatives driven by the public sector, the private sector, and the civil society; as well as the complications and opportunities of connecting these activities across sites.
Organizing migration: beyond the imperial

The organization of migration has always involved the interplay of public and private power throughout the modern project. Overall, the structure of contemporary migration law, policy and practices reflects Northern dominance over states and communities in the South. This also applies to much of migration research today, which is discursively shaped by Northern voices.

With this thematically broad stream, we wish to explore how our understanding of migration and its organization might reach beyond the imperial, both empirically, conceptually and theoretically. How does the interplay between public and private manifest itself today, and what new patterns of dominance do we see emerging? Can the history of migration teach us what factors we should be attentive to in its current organizational structures? How might we break through to a research organization where Southern research perspectives articulate themselves to a proportionate extent?

Privileged Migration: Deconstructing Privilege and Advantage

The notion of ‘a migrant’ is often formulated as an abstract category, ignoring the heterogeneity among migrants depending on, for example, gender, ethnicity, ‘race’ and social background. One reason for this could be an ongoing tendency to underestimate the motives, strategies and experiences of privileged migrants who might not even be categorized as migrants e.g. due to the recognition of various forms of resources, on the basis of whiteness, nationality, financial, educational and cultural resources.

While some migrant groups are defined as a ‘problem’ in the local society, others are classified as ‘expatriates’ without facing devaluation due to, e.g., their alleged unwillingness to integrate.

This stream turns attention to the existing hierarchies of recognition, understandings and conceptualizations of migrant employees. It aims to bring forward new frames, stories and contexts for understanding migrants as a category, exploring migrant privilege and intersections of privilege or advantage. Contributions from a broad range of disciplines are most welcome.

Securitization, migration and integration

Migration flows, integration efforts and the threat of terrorism are increasingly intertwined in policy and practice. Fighting terrorism has during the last decades developed from a responsibility for militaries, intelligence communities and police forces, to a multi-disciplinary problem that engages diverse organizations and professions on international, national and local level. This development has contributed to the securitization of migration and integration policies.

At its most basic level, securitization transforms subjects and policy areas to matters of security. Empirical examples are numerous and world-wide: the closing of regional- and national borders to reduce the risk of terror attacks, enhanced control of migrants’ background in relation to terrorism and diverse integration initiatives that are being reframed as actions to eliminate the so-called breeding ground for terrorism. Public policy and discourse point to the “lack of integration” among migrants as a potential root-cause to terrorism and migrants are conceived as “vulnerable” for radicalization – the gradual pathway leading to terrorism.
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