

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:45-9:30: Conference Opening

Permanent Secretary **Claes Nilas**, The Ministry for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs

Secretary-General **Finn Andersen**, The Danish Cultural Institute, and President for the European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC)

9:30 - 10:15: Keynote: Manolo Abella, Chief Technical Adviser, ILO Asia, Thailand

- Vulnerability of Migration Policy to Economic Shocks

Plenary 1: 10:15-11:30

Labour Mobility in a Global Economic Downturn

(Sponsored by The Rockwool Foundation)

Moderator: **Torben Tranæs** (The Rockwool Foundation's Research Unit)

This plenary session will focus on the prospects for labour mobility within the climate of a global economic downturn and recession. Although North America and Europe are set to experience low or negative growth in the coming years, China, India and other parts of the world are on track for economic growth of between 7-9%. How will global labour markets respond to this new competitive landscape? Will the West continue to enjoy a steady supply of high and low-skilled labour, or will the legal and institutional barriers to immigration prove too costly relative to better opportunities elsewhere? What will this mean for our understandings of brain-drain, of the attractiveness of the Global North for economic and social opportunity, and of contemporary approaches to migration management and the role of immigration in fuelling a return to economic growth in the Global North? What can the Global North expect of labour mobility in the coming years? Are our policies and programmes agile enough to cope with potential shifts?

Panellists: Christian Dustmann, University College London
Jeni Klugman, UNDP, New York, USA
Jane Leu, Upwardly Global, USA

11:30-11:45: Discussion

11:45-12:05: Coffee

Plenary 2: 12:05-13:20

International Migration and National Welfare – the Challenge of Managing Migration

Moderator: Trine Lund Thomsen, University of Aalborg, Denmark

Immigration and increased labour mobility brings challenges to the institutions and ideals of welfare states. Public discourse on this front seems to pull in two directions, on the one hand acknowledging the need for immigration to fulfil labour demand, but on the other hand expressing

fear of the potentially negative effects of migration on the public institutions that make up the modern welfare state. But how and to what extent does migration challenge welfare states? Does migration as currently accepted and regulated in the Global North increase national welfare? What different forms and durations of migration and mobility are required in order to sustain existing welfare models? Does migration come at the cost of national welfare?

This plenary will explore the issues and tensions that international migration brings to various types of welfare states, such as the Scandinavian welfare model, and will address the question of how different countries manage these contradictory features of contemporary migration. In addition, impacts of the current global financial crisis in relation to how it may influence the relation between immigration and welfare states, will be discussed.

Panellists: Rita Kumar, KIM, Norway
Torben M. Andersen, University of Aarhus, Denmark
Andrew Geddes, University of Sheffield, UK

13:20-13:40: Discussion

13:40-13:45: Information

13:45-14:30: Lunch

14:30-18:00: Workshops

19:00: Reception at the City Hall of Copenhagen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Plenary 3: 9:00-10:15

Challenges to Social Cohesion: The Parallel Lives Debate

Moderator: **Jon Kaldan**, Journalist, The Danish National Broadcasting Network (DR)

Migration is making cities throughout the world increasingly diverse. This takes various forms – from ‘global nomads’ shuttling between the financial centres of the world to those in ethnic enclaves living lives more in keeping with homeland traditions. The enclave, once seen in settler societies as a place of transition in the integration process, has in some cities become a preferred and permanent destination that offers a comfortable middle class life, satisfying employment, a full range of services, and places for socializing. Enclaves can also, however, exhibit the enduring poverty that once characterized most enclaves, and whether we are talking of middle class or underclass enclaves, they have re-introduced the concern over minority populations leading parallel lives to that of the mainstream population. Such spatial segregation may even foster fear of the growth of radicalism. In this plenary we look at how migration and transnational links are transforming cities and investigate what this means for our ability to live together in bounded areas. As the lustre of multiculturalism is fading in some of our societies, how do different groups, cities and nations tackle the challenges posed by the closed co-existence of different ethnic groups within urban perimeters?

Panellists: Kent Andersson, Deputy Mayor, City of Malmö, Sweden

Giulio Boscagli, Assesore, Lombardia, IT

Nina Glick-Schiller, University of Manchester, UK

Daniel Hiebert, University of British Columbia, Canada

10:15-10:35: Discussion

10:35-11:00: Coffee

Plenary 4: 11:00- 12:15

Border Zones and Mobility – Øresund and Beyond
(Sponsored by Nordic Migration Research - NMR)

Moderator: Ulf Hedetoft

Migration is commonly associated with travel across relatively considerable distances and well-delineated cultural spaces. However, as the Öresund region illustrates, geographical and cultural proximity between two affluent Scandinavian neighbours is no guarantee of seamless mobility and problem-free integration. In fact Denmark and Sweden – and their political and cultural interaction - are an interesting laboratory for the study of cross-national labour migration, divergent asylum policies, and administrative differences in the management of migration flows and intercultural encounters across a bridge, which both marks close historical and cultural affinities as well as a boundary between two sovereign territorial states.

However, border zones too are different, and this plenary will widen the comparative horizon to take a closer look at political, cultural and bureaucratic ways of constructing and managing flows across different borders of Europe, at different types of border regions, and at more or less rigid ways to control, maintain, and ultimately define the border as an archetype of political geography.

The plenary will include comparisons between different European border zones (regions well ensconced in Europe's heartland as well as others liminally located on the fringes of Europe), but will also debate EU initiatives and legislation concerning the governance of cross-border migration and their contradictory impact on the nature of borders, depending on whether these borders are regarded as a barrier to desirable labour migration (and hence as penetrable) or a safeguard of national security (and hence as a guarantee of culture and stability).

Panellists: Orvar Löfgren, University of Lund, Sweden

Sandra Pratt, Former Deputy Head of Unit on Immigration and Asylum in the European Commission's Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security

Marie Sandberg, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

12:15-12:35: Discussion

12:35-14:00: Lunch

14:00-17:30: Workshops

Evening free

Additional meeting: Meeting with UK European Migration Network (EMN) National Contact Point Wednesday 16th September, 1830-2000, Room 17, 1st floor (accessible from Center Hall)

An opportunity to meet the UK EMN NCP and discuss the current and future work of the European Migration Network. *Open to all UK Metropolis delegates.* Refreshments provided.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Plenary 5: 9:15-10:30

Making the Family – Marriage Within and Across Borders

Moderator: **Nana Oishi**, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

Marriage and migration often go hand in hand and down many different aisles, from immigrants accompanied by their spouses, to mail-order brides, and to immigrants and their children marrying spouses from the home country. Due not only to the volume but occasionally also to problems seen to arise from some forms of marriage migration, some states have attempted to regulate these flows. This panel will explore the different ways in which marriage migration takes place, the various motivations underlying marriage migration, how for some marriage has become yet another possible pathway to developed countries, how marriage can bring with it challenges to immigrant integration, and the social and family consequences of marriage migration. One of the more often-discussed aspects of marriage migration is the choice by the second generation of a co-ethnic partner, either someone from within the host society or a transnational co-ethnic partner, over a partner from the mainstream. Furthermore, the panel will consider gender differences in the causes and consequences of marriage migration and will examine the variety of effects of marriage migration on persons of both genders.

Panellists: **Katharine Charsley**, University of Bristol, UK
Nicole Constable, University of Pittsburgh, US
Andrew Bruce, IOM Regional Representative for South East Asia, Thailand

10:30-10:50: Discussion

10:50-11:10: Coffee

Plenary 6: 11:10-12:25

Youth issues: Opportunities and Identities of Opposition

Moderator: **Garbi Schmidt**

Well-publicized incidents of rioting and vandalism involving young immigrants or members of the second generation, together with more serious acts of terrorism, have given rise to a new concern over the identities that these people assume. With whom do they identify and in which groups do they see themselves as members? Public commentators and government officials express concerns that young people of ethnic minority backgrounds have come to identify with groups other than the mainstream of the societies in which they reside. More seriously, some young members of ethnic minority groups adopt an “identity of opposition” to the mainstream, often involving a strong, exclusionist attachment to an ethnic or religious minority group. Based on such loyalties, they come to see mainstream society as worthy of contempt and act accordingly, choosing to withdraw or behave in active opposition to it.

The question remains how we are to understand these identities of opposition? Are we to see them as indications that barriers to integration in the mainstream remain high? Or are we to understand the increasingly public and sometimes violent manifestations of immigrants simply as a contemporary example of what once was called a counterculture, and thereby compatible with processes within the majority population? Alternatively: are we witnessing something historically new and potentially destabilizing for the societies we all live in? How should societies facing these situations think about the incentives that they could offer to members of minority groups? Do young people of immigrant background have an adequate platform for communicating their needs in the societies where they live? Or is a potentially lacking access to political opportunities having negative consequences for how young people manifest their needs and identity, e.g. in the form of violent opposition and radicalization?

Panellists: Friedrich Heckmann, Bamberg University, Germany

Pernille Kjeldgaard, Head of Division of the Office of Integration Service, Municipality of Copenhagen

Abdul Wahid Pedersen, Imam, Denmark

12:25-12:45: Discussion

12:45-14:00: Lunch

14:00-17:30: Workshops

19:30: Conference Banquet

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Plenary 7: 9:15-10:30

Irregular Migration and Labour Market Activities

Moderator: Trine Lund Thomsen, University of Aalborg, Denmark

An increasingly globalised world influences the patterns of international migration in various ways – one being extended irregular migration and subsequent further immigration control. Irregular migration is often linked to the informal labour market, where on the one hand economic gains at times lead to exploitation of foreign workers and on the other hand facilitates opportunities for socio-economic mobility. This rather paradoxical nature of the informal/irregular labour market will be debated and seen in the context of different trades as for example caretaking, domestic work, construction, agriculture, and the sex industry.

The plenary session will discuss the causes and consequences of irregular migration in relation to the socio-economic living conditions of the individuals involved, and how it affects societies concerned, not at least in the light of the current economic crisis. Furthermore, steps towards limiting irregular migration will be discussed.

Panellists: **Laura Agustín**, Independent Scholar, Sweden/UK
Elsbeth Guild, Special Advisor on Economic Migration in the EU, UK
David Kyle, University of California at Davis, US

10:30-10:50: Discussion

10:50-11:15: Coffee

Plenary 8: 11:15-12:30

Democracy and Diversity in Modern Times

Moderator: **Howard Duncan**

Democratic countries from across the globe are quick to recognize the role of immigration in fulfilling labour market demands, but less so when it comes to resolving the role of immigration in shaping their national culture and political identity. Despite the emergence of visibly multicultural societies, national discourse, public institutions and political representation have often been slow to reflect the diversity present in their societies. The enthusiasm that in the 1990s accompanied the development of models to combine political unity with cultural diversity is being replaced in some corners by widespread scepticism and often opposition to multiculturalism as a realistic or desirable project. In this light, can we see the recent prominence of notions of 'integration', 'social cohesion', and even 'assimilation' as signalling a shift toward monocultural national identities or ideals? If so, what are we to make of the marriage between democracy and diversity? Will political unity and identity take precedence over cultural diversity? Are rights to be favoured over representation? Will votes equal voice?

Panellists: **Yvonne Haddad**, Georgetown University, US
Sergio Marchi, Senior Fellow, International Center for Trade & Sustainable Development, Former Commissioner, Global Commission on International Migration
Benjamin Reilly, Centre for Democratic Institutions, AUS

12:30-12:50: Discussion

12:50-13:00 Announcement of the 15th Metropolis Conference

13:00-13:15: Closing of Conference