Welcome Message

Welcome to the 14th International Metropolis Conference

I am very pleased that Denmark is hosting this event, the world’s largest international conference on migration and integration issues. We have been looking forward to this conference – to discussing how we improve conditions for people with ethnic minority backgrounds and what people can do for themselves and society.

The main topics of this year’s conference – migration, mobility and national responses to cultural diversity – are serious challenges for all countries, and Denmark is no exception. The current economic crisis, and the rise in unemployment, have lead many countries to adjust their migration policies. For many countries, the challenge is to match inflows with labour demand. However, one point on which I think we all agree, is that the long-term challenge remains important beyond any temporary shocks. The main question in this context is, therefore: How we effectively and dynamic meet future labour-market demand while at the same time integrating immigrants and their children successfully? In Denmark we have launched a series of initiatives in the past years to improve the access to Denmark for foreign workers as well as to make Denmark a more attractive country to migrate to for skilled workers. In addition, Denmark also receives a number of refugees and persons through family reunification each year, and these groups – newcomers as well as people who have been in the country for a span of years – need our attention too. We have realised that integration cannot be taken for granted even among second- or third-generation immigrants from non-Western countries.

Employment has long been seen as the key to successful integration. Although undeniable important, in the past years there has been a growing realisation that employment is not always a comprehensive indicator of integration, especially with regards to certain groups of immigrants with non-Western backgrounds. This has led to an increasing focus on the necessity of a sense of belonging and civic citizenship, that is, on the support of democratic institutions and values like gender equality and tolerance of ethnic, sexual and religious minorities.

Questions of multiculturalism and diversity give rise to lively and important debates in any countries and in many spheres of life. Diversity is desirable and necessary for the development of secure ethnic identities and positive self-feelings, and it is a vital resource for any modern society. But occasionally it also challenges social cohesion.

The programme of this conference includes a number of keynote addresses on very important aspects of the topics of "Migration, mobility: national responses to cultural diversity". The workshop sessions will provide us with the opportunity to share knowledge, expertise and experience from around the world, be it from those who tackle these problems as politicians, as researchers or as field workers. The more we know about one another’s past experiences, the better we will all be able to handle these complex issues in the future.

Thank you for coming to Copenhagen - may we all have a successful conference and a pleasant gathering. I hope you enjoy your stay here, that you will be inspired and take away useful ideas for the future.

Sincerely,
Permanent Secretary Claes Nilas
The Ministry for Refugees, Immigration and Integration Affairs
PLENARY PROGRAMME

Lille Square. Enter City Hall via the main steps in the square, which will take place at the City Hall. If you receive a personal invitation from the Lord Mayor of Københavns (English: City Hall Square) in central Copenhagen, the design for the building being inspired by 1892 and the Hall was opened on September 10th by its impressive front, the golden statue of a knight. The City Hall tower with its 105.6 meters will be.

Wiltonen,

banquet venue by volunteers. If you are arriving by car, there is a parking lot next to the hotel.

The Little Mermaid, the restaurant contains including Poul Henningsen's world-famous cone lamps, the first eight ever produced. With the restaurant experience!
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 Vice-President 1 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 Rockwood Foundation)
MODERATOR:
Torben Tranæs (The Rockwood 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%. 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 Klingman, UNDP, New York, USA
Jane Leu, Upwardly Global, USA

11:30 - 11:45 Discussion

11:45 - 12:05 Coffee

Tuesday, September 15

PLENARY 2
12:05 - 13:20
International Migration - the Challenge of Migrant Flows
MODERATOR:
Trine Lund Thomsen, Univers
Immigration and increased lab receiving states. Publics on the one hand acknowledge, on the other hand express violent and xenophobic sentiments. What extent do migration policies affect the public institutions and how are these institutions accepted and regulated in practice? This plenary will explore the impact of migration on various types of welfare state and on the role of migration in shaping the welfare state in the future.

PANELLISTS:
Torben M. Andersen, University
Andrew Geddes, University of
Rita Kumar, KIM, Norway

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MOnERATOR:
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.

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9:00 - 10:15 PLENARY 3
Challenges to Social Cohesion: The Parallel Lives Debate

MOTERATOR:
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 homelands traditional. 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?

PANELISTS:
Kent Andersson, Deputy Mayor, City of Malmo, Sweden
Giulio Boscagli, Assessor, Lomardia, 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

11:00 - 12:15 PLENARY 4
Border Zones and Mobility – Oresund and Beyond
(Sponsored by Nordic Migration Research – NMR)

MOTERATOR:
Ulf Hedetoft

Migration is commonly associated with travel across relatively considerable distances and well-delineated cultural spaces. However, as the Oresund region illustrates, geographical and cultural proximity between two affluent Scandinavia neighbours is no guarantee of seamless mobility and problem-free integration. In fact Denmark and Sweden – and their political for the study of cross-national administrative differences in the encounters across a bridge, with as well as a boundary between the border zones too are a horizon to take a closer look at and managing flows across regions, and at more or less the border as an archetype of major possibilities.

The plenary will include maps of regions well ensconced in Europe (fringes of Europe), but will also governance of cross-border migration, depending on whether labour migration and hence as a guarantee of culture

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Orvar Löfgren, University of Uppsala
Sandra Pratt, Former Deputy Director-European Commission’s Division
Marie Sandberg, University of Uppsala

12:15 - 12:35 Discussion

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14:00 - 17:30 Workshops

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ADDITIONAL MEETING:
Meeting with UK European Migration Networks (Wednesday 16th September, 18: Hall)

An opportunity to meet the UK European Migration Network provided.

Please contact Kiren.Vadher@ or to confirm attendance.
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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.

Please contact Kren.Vadher@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk for further information or to confirm attendance.
Thursday, September 17

9:15 - 10:30 PLENARY 5

Making the Family – Marriage Within and Across Borders

MODERATOR:
Nana Otshi, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

Marriage and migration often go hand in hand 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.

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

10:30 - 10:50 Discussion

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee

11:10 - 12:25 PLENARY 6

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 'identi a strong, exclusionist attachment such that they come to see n' accordingly, choosing to withdraw as a counterculture, and thereby collation. Alternatively, are we witnessing destabilizing for the societies we think about the incentives? Do young people of immigrant background realize their needs in the societies political opportunities having their needs and identity, e.g. in the

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such loyalties, they come to see mainstream society as worthy of contempt and act ac-
cordingly, 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 manifesta-
tions of immigrants simply as a contemporary example of what once was called
acounterculture, and thereby compatible with processes within the majority popula-
tion? Alternatively: are we witnessing something historically new and potentially
destabilizing for the societies we all live in? How should societies facing these situa-
tions think about the incentives that they could offer to members of minority groups?
Do young people of immigrant background have an adequate platform for communi-
cating 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?

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9:15 - 10:30 PLENARY 7
Irregular Migration and Labour Market Activities

MODERATOR:
Peo Hansen, REMESO, Linköping University, Sweden

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 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.

PANELISTS:
Laura Agustín, Independent Scholar, Sweden/UK
Elspeth 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

11:15 - 12:30 PLENARY 8
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 identity, or is marriage between democracy and acceptance of cultural diversity the way to go? Will votes equal voice?

PANELISTS:
Yvonne Haddad, Georgetown University and George Mason University
Sergio Marchi, Senior Fellow, Institute for Economic Development, Former Commissioner
Benjamin Reilly, Centre for Development Studies, University of Reading

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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?

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