

12th International Metropolis Conference Workshop Program

Overview:

Workshops at the 12th International Metropolis Conference offer an opportunity to discuss research findings, debate policy implications and strengthen comparative links on key issues. The conference will feature more than 75 workshop sessions, which have been selected from an open call for proposals. Sessions include international comparisons and perspectives drawn from research, policy and the non-government sector.

Workshops will take place on the afternoons of Tuesday 9 October, Wednesday 10 October and Thursday 11 October, between 2.15 and 5.30 pm. Please note that some workshops are 90 minutes in length while others are 180 minutes.

Tuesday 9 October, 2007

The Contribution of Cross-Cultural Training to Social Cohesion

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Melon Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Robert Bean, Cultural Diversity Services Limited (Australia) rsbean@bigpond.com

Presenters:

Robert Bean, Cultural Diversity Services Limited (Australia)

Ruth de Souza, Auckland University (New Zealand)

Susanne Weber, Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich (Germany)

Abd Malak, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (Australia)

Abstract:

This interactive workshop examines cross-cultural training. It compares recent research and national developments on its effectiveness in tertiary education and the workplace, as well as its contribution to social cohesion. The role of cross-cultural training in the development of cultural competence will be examined from Australian, German and New Zealand perspectives.

Immigration Policy and Practice in a Globalising World: Country Perspectives

Location: Anzac House, Presidents Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Stephen Dunstan, Department of Labour (New Zealand) stephen.dunstan@dol.govt.nz

Emily Fabling, Department of Labour (New Zealand) emily.fabling@dol.govt.nz

Presenters:

Stephen Dunstan, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Anthony Parsons, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Carlos Iturregui, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (United States)

Martha Justus, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (Canada)

Richard Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand)

Bong-Hwan Kim, University of Manitoba (Canada)

Paul Merwood, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Abstract:

This workshop will bring together policy and academic perspectives on the challenge of developing and delivering immigration policies and services in an environment of increased people flows, heightened security and the need to meet calls for skilled workers. The focus will be on Pacific Rim countries.

Policies and Practices Affecting Teacher Mobility Across National Boundaries

Location: Anzac House, Carlton Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Antoinette Gagné, University of Toronto (Canada) agagne@oise.utoronto.ca

Presenters:

Antoinette Gagné, University of Toronto (Canada)
Jan Dormer, Oriental Missionary Society – OMS International (Indonesia)
Jinah Kim, Ontario Ministry of Education (Canada)
Sunny Lau Man Chu, University of Toronto (Canada)
Ken Cruickshank, University of Wollongong (Australia)
Clea Schmidt, University of Manitoba (Canada)
Maya Cranitch, Australian Catholic University (Australia)

Abstract:

The overall theme for the workshop is an exploration of how teachers educated in different contexts negotiate the complex, and often protracted, transition to working in education systems in another country. Data related to various policies and programs in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Israel, Brazil and Indonesia will be presented.

Historical Memory and Social Cohesion: Armenian and Turkish Migrant Communities

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 8

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Armen Gakavian, Macquarie University (Australia) armen.gakavian@scmp.mq.edu.au
Ahmet Icduygu, Koç University (Turkey) aicduygu@ku.edu.tr

Presenters:

Armen Gakavian, Macquarie University (Australia)
Ahmet Icduygu, Koç University (Turkey)
Hurriyet Babacan, Victoria University (Australia)
Jackie Mansourian, Melbourne PEN Centre (Australia)

Abstract:

Drawing on current theory and international practice, this workshop will explore ways of addressing competing historical narratives of the Armenian and Turkish migrant communities as a way of strengthening social cohesion. It will provide government, civil society and academia with a toolkit for better understanding and addressing painful historical memory.

Transnationalism and Integration: The Paradoxical Relationship

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Perth Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Christine Inglis, University of Sydney (Australia) cinglis@usyd.edu.au

Presenters:

Dan Hiebert, University of British Columbia (Canada)
David Ley, University of British Columbia (Canada)
Kevin Dunn, University of New South Wales (Australia)
Christine Inglis, University of Sydney (Australia)
Richard Manderson, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Yosef Aharonov, University of Sydney, (Australia)
Anne Clarke, Carleton University (Canada)
Raymonde Folco, Parliament of Canada (Canada)
Audrey Kobayashi, Queen's University (Canada)
Lloyd Wong, University of Calgary (Canada)

Abstract:

Transnational linkages and relationships associated with population movements attract both positive and negative evaluations. This workshop explores this paradoxical evaluation of transnationalism by examining the experiences of diverse countries and immigrant groups and through the consideration of factors that contribute to a productive relationship between national, community and individual involvement in transnationalism.

National and Regional Responses to Trafficking: Lessons for a Global Response

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 2

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Susan Kneebone, Monash University (Australia) susan.kneebone@law.monash.edu.au

Presenters:

Susu Thatun, World Vision and United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (Thailand and Australia)

Judy Dixon, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Australia)

Julie Debeljak, Monash University (Australia)

Roger Walker, World Vision (Australia)

Lori Lowe, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Canada) – *To be confirmed*

Abstract:

This workshop will compare national responses to trafficking in developed receiving countries such as the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada. We will also evaluate the response to trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) and in the Philippines.

Immigration, Diversity, and Social Cohesion: Comparisons of Approaches to Multicultural Diversity

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, West Tower Suite

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Jean Kunz, Policy Research Initiative (Canada) j.kunz@prs-srp.gc.ca

Jennifer Bitz, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada) jennifer_bitz@pch.gc.ca

Presenters:

Jean Kunz, Policy Research Initiative (Canada)

Jennifer Bitz, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada)

Peter Li, University of Saskatchewan (Canada)

Fariborz Birjandian, Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (Canada)

Paul Spoonley, Massey University (New Zealand)

Fezeela Raza, Office of Ethnic Affairs (New Zealand)

Tracey White, Ministry of Social Development (New Zealand)

Millsom Henry-Waring, University of Melbourne (Australia)

Ignacio Jimenez, Co-ordinated Advocacy in the Multicultural Sector (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop compares approaches to multiculturalism in Canada, New Zealand and Australia by asking:

- How can inclusive citizenship be developed in countries where individuals and communities are globally connected but diverse in culture, religion and language?
- Are there 'win-win' approaches to multiculturalism? How can they be brought into operation?
- Do different approaches to multiculturalism result in different socio-economic outcomes for ethnic groups across immigrant-receiving countries?

Glimpses from Norway, Australia and Canada: Strategies for Social Cohesion in a Multicultural World

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 6

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Ruth Paintsil, Centre for Health, Dialogue and Development (Norway)

ruth.paintsil@skbo.no

Judy Flanagan, Australian Sports Commission (Australia) judy.flanagan@ausport.gov.au

Rabindra Nath Sabat, South Asian Family Support Services (Canada)

sabatr@yaho.com

Presenters:

Ruth Paintsil, Centre for Health, Dialogue and Development (Norway)

Judy Flanagan, Australian Sports Commission (Australia)

Maaz Abdelkader, Australian Sports Commission (Australia)

Fatima Kourouche, Australian Sports Commission (Australia)

Rabindra Nath Sabat, South Asian Family Support Services (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop will share unique methods on the use of inherent strengths, physical activity and self-help strategies in immigrant communities. These models have proved to be conducive to the promotion of social cohesion in Norway, Australia and Canada.

Involuntary Population Displacement and the Evolving Policy Response

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Fig Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Susanna Price, Australian National University (Australia) susanna.price@anu.edu.au

Presenters:

Dan Gibson, World Bank (China)

Ruwani Jayewardene, Asian Development Bank (Philippines)

His Excellency Nhean Leng, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Cambodia)

Chhorn Sopheap, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Cambodia)

Sim Samnang, Ministry of Economy and Finance (Cambodia)

Chea Sarin, Greengoal (Cambodia)
Faruque Ahmed, Asian Development Bank (Bangladesh)
Hari Mohan Mathur, Council for Social Development (India)
Kamran Sadiq, Sebcon (Pakistan)
Naeem Iqbal, Sungi (Pakistan)
Chris McDowell, Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees and City University
(United Kingdom)
Tulsi Bisht, La Trobe University (Australia)
Sally Sargeson, Australian National University (Australia)
Brooke McDonald, La Trobe University (Australia)
Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide (Australia)
Yan Tan, Flinders University (Australia)
Jessica Rosien, Oxfam (Australia)

Abstract:

Focusing on development-induced population displacement, this workshop brings together researchers, practitioners and civil society to review recent policy developments at the United Nations, among multilateral and private-sector financial institutions, and in the policy/legal frameworks of developing countries. Case studies highlight the importance of getting policies right for those people displaced.

Framing Knowledge Mobilisation Strategies for Policy Development and Civic Engagement: A Transatlantic Comparison

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Sydney Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Khan Rahi, Canadian Community-Based Research Network and Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement (Canada) ksrahi@sympatico.ca

Karen Kraal, Universiteit van Amsterdam and International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion – IMISCOE (Netherlands) k.kraal@uva.nl

Presenters:

John Shields, Centre of Excellence for Research on Immigration and Settlement and Ryerson University (Canada)

Mitchell E. Kosny, Toronto Community Housing Corporation (Canada)

Derek Ballantyne, Toronto Community Housing Corporation (Canada)

Maria Dimopoulos, African/Australian Welfare Council Advisory Group and MyriaD Consultants (Australia)

Narayan Gopalkrishnan, University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia)

Surrendra Santokhi, City of The Hague (Netherlands)

Khan Rahi, Canadian Community-Based Research Network (Canada)

Abstract:

This internationally comparative workshop responds to a growing interest in the linkages between research outcomes, knowledge mobilisation and policy-making processes. It explores what communication strategies and enabling tools have been effective in facilitating the transfer of knowledge across research domains and in translating research outcomes to enhance civic

engagement and policy development. It intends to enhance these linkages from lessons drawn from across research domains, diverse practices and the knowledge networks.

Skilled Workers: Comparing Policy Approaches, Responses and Impacts

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 1

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Lynn Shotwell, American Council on International Personnel (United States)

lynn_shotwell@acip.com

Fernand Comeau, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)

fernand.comeau@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca

Presenters:

Lynn Shotwell, American Council on International Personnel (United States)

Carlos Iturregui, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (United States)

Robert Birrell, Monash University (Australia)

Robert Walsh, Fragomen (Australia)

Anthony Parsons, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Silvano Tocchi, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)

Chris Hubscher, Department of Labor (New Zealand) – *To be confirmed*

Abstract:

The mobility of highly skilled workers has been on the increase since the mid-1990s reflecting the globalisation of labor markets, changes in admission policies, and employer demand. The major countries of admission have struggled to find the appropriate balance and mechanism for admitting talented foreign professionals on a temporary and permanent basis while protecting native workers. This workshop compares the relative successes of policies employed by the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, as well as possible future directions.

Accommodating Diversity: Do Current Critiques of Multiculturalism Miss the Point?

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, East Tower Suite

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Ellie Vasta, University of Oxford (United Kingdom) ellie.vasta@compas.ox.ac.uk

Farida Tilbury, Murdoch University (Australia) f.tilbury@murdoch.edu.au

Amanda Wise, Macquarie University (Australia) amanda.wise@scmp.mq.edu.au

Presenters:

Ulf Hedetoft, University of Copenhagen (Denmark)

Paul Spoonley, Massey University (New Zealand)

Farida Tilbury, Murdoch University (Australia)

Amanda Wise, Macquarie University (Australia)

Ellie Vasta, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

Yvonne Henderson, Western Australia Equal Opportunity Commission (Australia)

Jack Jedwab, Association for Canadian Studies (Canada)

Abstract:

In numerous countries of immigration there is a widespread view that multicultural approaches to immigrant inclusion have failed and that a large part of the blame lies with immigrants themselves. This workshop aims to explore the ideological, political and socio-economic foundations and changes in immigration policy and public discourses in a comparative analysis including European, Canadian, New Zealand and Australian debates.

Religion and Migration: Pathways of Integration

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Pear Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Glenda Lynna Anne Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge (Canada)
glenda.bonifacio@uleth.ca

Presenters:

Ruth DeSouza, Wairua Consulting and Aotearoa Ethnic Network (New Zealand)
Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University (United States)
Glenda Lynna Anne Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop highlights the often-missed connection between religion and policy formulation in im/migrant settlement practices. Case studies from the Middle East, United States, Canada and New Zealand show the intersection between religion and the migration process, utilising shared beliefs to negotiate identity, subject positioning, and integration.

The Difficulty of Measuring Progress on Anti-Racism Initiatives

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 7

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Mary Farrell, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada) mary_farrell@pch.gc.ca

Presenters:

Mary Farrell, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada)
Hurriyet Babacan, Victoria University (Australia)
Ayman Yassini, Canadian Race Relations Foundation (Canada)

Abstract:

Governments embarking on anti-racism initiatives are required, in a democracy, to show outcomes. How can we measure the impact of anti-racism initiatives or determine that progress has been made? The purpose of this workshop is to explore ways to identify performance indicators and best practices to monitor the outcome of anti-racism initiatives adopted by governments in the workplace, in the community, in schools and in public services.

Occupational Health and Safety Issues Affecting Immigrant Workers

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 3

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Sylvie Gravel, Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada) gravel.s@uqam.ca

Presenters:

Donald E. Eggerth, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States)
Michael A. Flynn, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States)
Peter Smith, Institute for Work and Health (Canada)
Sylvie Gravel, Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada)
Sharan Burrow, Australian Council of Trade Unions (Australia)

Abstract:

Countries with extensive immigration policies must examine the economic and political implications of social measures to reduce the exposure of immigrants to occupational and health safety risks. This workshop will look at these issues and reflect on the ethical questions surrounding the reality of economic growth built on immigrant labour.

Protection Elsewhere: The Challenges and Opportunities for International Refugee Protection

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Victoria Suite 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Barry Halliday, Metropolis Project (Canada) barry.halliday@cic.gc.ca
Martin Jones, Centre for Refugee Studies (Canada) martindavidjones@gmail.com

Presenters:

Richard Towle, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Australia)
Martin Jones, Centre for Refugee Studies (Canada)
Michelle Foster, University of Melbourne (Australia)
Savitri Taylor, La Trobe University (Australia)

Abstract:

In recent years, policies such as the Dublin Convention in Europe, offshore processing in Australia and the Canada-United States Safe Third Country Agreement have tried to (re)define who is responsible for the processing of refugee claims and, ultimately, the protection of asylum seekers. This workshop will explore the pitfalls and potential of such ‘protection elsewhere’ policies and will seek to elaborate on the legal framework within which such policies must operate.

Making Foreign Competences Visible: Portfolio and Individual Approaches

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 11

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Ronny Nilsson, City of Malmö (Sweden) ronny.nilsson@malmö.se
Ingela Bergman, City of Malmö (Sweden) ingela.bergman@malmö.se

Presenters:

Kent Andersson, City of Malmö (Sweden)
Ronny Nilsson, City of Malmö (Sweden)
Ingela Bergman, City of Malmö (Sweden)
Emilie Coyle, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)

Karen Gabert, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)
Jan Edgren, Swedish National Commission on Validation (Sweden)
Inge Dahlstedt, Malmö University (Sweden)

Abstract:

We describe how migrants work to prepare a qualifications portfolio with the help of coaching. We discuss the experiences of migrants, coaches and employment officers. Representatives from different countries will give insights into how they work with the targeted groups, and a description of the work with portfolio and coaching will also be given.

Promoting Ethnic Entrepreneurship: Some International Comparisons

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Chris Veldhuysen, FORUM, Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)
c.veldhuysen@forum.nl

Presenters:

Chris Veldhuysen, FORUM, Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)
Agnes Kumar, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)
Jock Collins, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia)

Abstract:

Employment is a key indicator of successful settlement for both migrants and refugees across the world. In an effort to enhance the employment outcomes of new arrivals, governments and migrant organisations are now looking at new ways to promote ethnic entrepreneurship, including the use of ‘micro credits’ and dedicated grants schemes.

Cultural and Organisational Diversity: The Role of Key Players

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Hélène Cardu, Université Laval (Canada) helene.cardu@fse.ulaval.ca

Presenters:

Lucie Héon, Université Laval (Canada)
Marguerite Cassin, Dalhousie University (Canada)
Representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation – UNESCO (France)

Abstract:

This workshop presents points of view on employment integration issues that can arise in various workplace contexts. Strategies employed by minority workers and employer intervention mechanisms are outlined.

Public Policy Responses to Affirmations of Religious Identity: Australia and Canada

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Pear Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Natalie Neville, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada) natalie_neville@pch.gc.ca
Christine Shaw, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)
christine.shaw@immi.gov.au

Presenters:

Diane Fulford, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada)
Thu Nguyen-Hoan, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)
Cameron McAuliffe, University of Western Sydney (Australia)
Faiza Hirji Kassam, Carleton University (Canada)
Yasser Soliman, Islamic Family and Child Care Agency (Australia)
Maureen Postma, Victorian Council of Churches (Australia)

Abstract:

Participants from Canada and Australia will compare their country-specific public policy responses to affirmations of religious identity, including Muslim communities in Australia and various religious communities in Canada. How do both countries reach out to religious groups wishing to affirm their identities in a broader societal context?

Multiple Migration and Hyper-Transnationalism

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 7

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Nana Oishi, International Christian University (Japan) oishi@icu.ac.jp
Daiva Stasiulis, Carleton University (Canada) dstasi@ccs.carleton.ca

Presenters:

Tania Das Gupta, York University (Canada)
Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide (Australia)
Nana Oishi, International Christian University (Japan)
David Zweig, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong)
Fabio Baggio, Scalabrini Migration Center (Philippines)

Abstract:

This workshop examines a growing phenomenon called ‘multiple migration’ where immigrants keep moving across several countries while acquiring multiple citizenship or permanent resident status. By examining its impact on individuals, families, and communities, we will present some policy implications and future research agenda.

Nature and Impacts of Contemporary Temporary Migration

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 3

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Chandra Shah, Monash University (Australia) chandra.shah@education.monash.edu.au
Julian Teicher, Monash University (Australia) julian.teicher@buseco.monash.edu.au

Presenters:

Stephen Castles, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)
Manolo Abella, International Labour Organisation (Thailand)

Pat Conroy, Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (Australia)
Selvaraj Velayutham, Macquarie University (Australia)

Abstract:

Trends in the patterns of migration flows in the last decade suggest that an increasing number of countries are adopting temporary migration programs. These trends are introducing a paradigm shift in international migration patterns. This workshop will discuss temporary migration from a number of perspectives. It will first examine the potential ethical issues that emerge from temporary migration. It will then look at the macro-economic, labour market, industrial relations and social impacts at both the country and individual levels. The discussion will draw out the differences between Asia, Europe and Australia.

Management of Irregular Asylum/Migration Flows in the Asia-Pacific Region

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Victoria Suite 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Savitri Taylor, La Trobe University (Australia) s.taylor@latrobe.edu.au

Presenters:

Nic MacLellan, Oxfam Australia (Australia)

Savitri Taylor, La Trobe University (Australia)

Richard Towle, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees – UNHCR (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop examines how the Asia-Pacific region is responding to irregular asylum/migration flows with particular focus on Indonesia and Papua New Guinea and the capacity-building role being played by Australia in those countries. It also considers what best practices in meeting the protection needs of asylum seekers in the region might look like.

Spotlight on Australia:

Immigrant Integration and Community Cohesion

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Apple Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Andrew Markus, Monash University (Australia) andrew.markus@arts.monash.edu.au

Liudmila Kirpitchenko, Monash University (Australia)

liudmila.kirpitchenko@arts.monash.edu.au

Emma Dawson, Monash University (Australia) emma.dawson@education.monash.edu.au

Presenters:

Andrew Markus, Monash University (Australia)

A. Dharmalingam, Monash University (Australia)

Rosalind Leong, Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau (Australia)

Lejla Voloder, Monash University (Australia)

Rachel Woodlock, Monash University (Australia)

Val Colic-Peisker, Monash University (Australia)

Abstract:

The theory and practice of immigrant integration are examined in the context of immigrant experiences in Australia and Canada. Discussion of key aspects of immigrant integration is based on a 2007 Australian national survey, opinion polls and in-depth interviews conducted among various ethno-cultural groups.

Wednesday 10 October, 2007

Role of Education in Social Cohesion

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, West Tower Suite

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Hurriyet Babacan, Victoria University (Australia) hurriyet.babacan@vu.edu.au

Presenters:

Hurriyet Babacan, Victoria University (Australia)

Hanya Stefaniuk, New South Wales Department of Education and Training (Australia)

Linda Briskman, Curtin University (Australia)

Basil Varghese, Brotherhood of St Laurence (Australia)

Anne Hickling-Hudson, Queensland University of Technology (Australia)

Nihad Bunar, Stockholm University (Sweden)

Athena Vongalis-Macrow, La Trobe University (Australia)

Millsom Henry-Waring, University of Melbourne (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop will explore how education systems and practices affect social cohesion, the acceptance of difference and whether education alone can deliver social cohesion. The topics covered include challenges to social cohesion, the role of public, faith- and ethnicity-based schools, multicultural education, and equity and human rights issues. The workshop will examine national and international policy and educational interventions and will identify examples of good practice.

Migration and Development Home and Away: What Counts as Development?

Location: Anzac House, Presidents Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Pauline Gardiner Barber, Dalhousie University (Canada) pgbarber@dal.ca

Presenters:

Pauline Gardiner Barber, Dalhousie University (Canada)

Mizanur Rahman, National University of Singapore (Singapore)

Deirdre McKay, Australian National University (Australia)

Fabio Baggio, Scalabrini Migration Center (Philippines)

Glenda Lynna Anne Tibe Bonifacio, University of Lethbridge (Canada)

Mervin Singham, Office of Ethnic Affairs (New Zealand)

Mbinglo Alfred Nsodu, Research and Counselling Foundation for African Migrants (Ghana)

Winnie Lem, Trent University (Canada)

Abstract:

Research on migration and development tends to focus on national revenues generated by state facilitation of migration, or upon remittances as a vehicle for diffuse economic improvement. Moving beyond the obvious, this panel explores various modes of exchange

(economic, social, political, and cultural) for consideration in policy dialogues about transnational migration.

New Citizens, New Identities

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 8

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Nils Coleman, Ministry of Justice (Netherlands) n.coleman@minjus.nl

Richard Lewis, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium) richard.lewis@pandora.be

Presenters :

Richard Lewis, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Nils Coleman, Ministry of Justice (Netherlands)

James Jupp, Australian National University (Australia)

Sandra Pratt, European Commission (Belgium)

Dimitria Clayton, Ministry for Intergenerational Affairs, Family, Women and Integration (Germany)

Abstract:

This workshop will examine the factors that turn immigrants into productive citizens who participate in all aspects of society. It will also discuss how the immigration to citizenship progression can be best achieved to produce a sense of belonging to the receiving society and how integration policies may contribute to this goal.

Ethnic Diversity and Entrepreneurship: Australasian, North American, and European Perspectives

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Perth Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Jock Collins, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia) jock.collins@uts.edu.au

Jack Jedwab, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (Canada) jack.jedwab@acs-aec.ca

Presenters:

Jack Jedwab, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (Canada)

Lucia Lo, York University (Canada)

Angeline Low, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia)

David McEvoy, University of Bradford (United Kingdom)

Jan Rath, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)

William McClure, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop aims to present recent research on immigrant entrepreneurship in Australia, Canada and other countries. It explores the economic, social and gender aspects of immigrant entrepreneurship, revisits the theory of ethnic entrepreneurship in light of this research and explores the policy implications for national, sub-national and local governments.

Pioneering Pathways to Inclusion: Recognising Prior Learning in Two Countries

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Apple Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Emilie Coyle, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)

ecoyle@emcn.ab.ca

Karen Gabert, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)

kgabert@emcn.ab.ca

Presenters:

Kris Bennett, Otago Polytechnic (New Zealand)

Emilie Coyle, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)

Karen Gabert, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)

Shannon Marchand, Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry (Canada)

Paul Spoonley, Massey University (New Zealand)

Silvano Tocchi, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)

Betty-Ann Kelly, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Mark Tokarik, Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop will describe the responses of stakeholders in Canada and New Zealand to the issue of prior learning assessment and recognition. It will bring together the perspectives of government, academe, regulatory bodies, and the not-for-profit sector, while highlighting the immigrant experience through a number of case studies.

The Second-Generation in Europe, Australia and North America: Integration and Social Cohesion

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Sydney Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Maurice Crul, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands) m.r.j.crul@uva.nl

Christine Inglis, University of Sydney (Australia) c.inglis@usyd.edu.au

Presenters:

Maurice Crul, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Christine Inglis, University of Sydney (Australia)

Jens Schneider, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Valtolina Giovanni, University of Milan (Italy)

Jeffrey Reitz, University of Toronto (Canada)

Carmel Guerra, Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop will bring together scholars and policy-makers discussing the position of the second-generation in 21 cities around the world. It will be one of the first meetings where the results of surveys on the second-generation on three continents will be discussed. Central to the discussion will be the relation between educational mobility and social cohesion.

Gaining Economic Advantage through Migration: Policy, Research and Practice Perspectives

Location: 1 Spring Street, Jolimont Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Mary Gurgone, Department for Victorian Communities (Australia) gurgone@iinet.net.au

Presenters:

Donella Caspersz, University of Western Australia (Australia)

Farida Tilbury, Murdoch University (Australia)

Raelene Wilding, La Trobe University (Australia)

Danielle Gallegos, Murdoch University (Australia)

Lorena Cavalieri, Fondazione Silvano Andolfi (Italy)

Mary Gurgone, Department for Victorian Communities (Australia)

Jim Gurnett, Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers (Canada)

Abstract:

The workshop aims to consider international and cross-disciplinary issues on gaining economic advantage from migration. The themes are addressed by presenters from universities, government agencies, NGO and private sector organisations in Australia, Canada and Italy. The workshop will explore the impact of language, culture, employment, access, visible differences and interventions to facilitate economic independence of immigrants. The presenters consider industrial issues, systemic barriers, personal prejudice, social capital, the policy context, labour market integration programs and international comparisons.

The Settlement and Integration of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: An International Comparison of Outcomes

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 1

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Barry Halliday, Metropolis Project (Canada) barry.halliday@cic.gc.ca

Martin Jones, York University (Canada) martindavidjones@gmail.com

Presenters:

Barry Halliday, Metropolis Project (Canada)

Soojin Yu, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (Canada)

Susan McGrath, York University (Canada)

Patricia Wood, York University (Canada)

Leah Nichles, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Vicki Mitsos, Goulburn Ovens Technical and Further Education (Australia)

Dieudonne Lulerhe, Discussant (Australia)

Immaculate Bihamba, Discussant (Australia)

Linda Lulerhe, Discussant (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop will bring together experts from Canada and Australia to compare and explore particular challenges of refugee and asylum seeker settlement and integration with an emphasis on systemic and personal obstacles to access to public space and public institutions.

Communicating Hope and Fear: Media, Cultural Discourses and the Alien Presence

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 11

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Andrew Jakubowicz, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia)

andrew.jakubowicz@uts.edu.au

Emma Dawson, Monash University (Australia) emma.dawson@education.monash.edu.au

Natalia Aponiuk, University of Manitoba (Canada) aponiuk@cc.umanitoba.ca

Presenters:

Andrew Jakubowicz, University of Technology Sydney (Australia)

Emma Dawson, Centre for Policy Development (Australia)

Natalia Aponiuk, University of Manitoba (Canada)

Sherry Yu, Simon Fraser University (Canada)

Conrad Gershevitch, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop is an examination of media practice in Australia and comparable liberal democracies. It will discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by new media platforms and the impact of traditional media representation of cultural diversity in developed nations. This examination will highlight the media's contribution to fostering social cohesion in diverse societies, in a period of heightened apprehension and inter-cultural tension.

'Ten-Point Commitment' Towards an Inclusive Urban Society

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Brisbane Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Jun Morohashi, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization –

UNESCO (France) j.morohashi@unesco.org

Lindy Drew, Local Government Association of Queensland (Australia)

lindy_drew@lgaq.asn.au

Presenters:

Margot Prior, Australian National Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – UNESCO (Australia)

Jun Morohashi, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization –

UNESCO (France)

Josefa Gavidí, Suva City Council (Fiji)

Cassie Palamar, Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission (Canada)

Warren McMillan, University of Queensland (Australia)

Jeremy Liyanage, Brisbane City Council (Australia)

Deevah Melendez-Morales, Cairns City Council (Australia)

Lindy Drew, Local Government Association of Queensland (Australia)

Abstract:

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has launched a network of cities united against racism and discrimination. How can we ensure that citizens from culturally diverse communities feel engaged in an on-going dialogue to create a

better place to live together? This workshop will include representatives of local authorities and community organisations from Australia and the Pacific.

From Migration to Inclusion: Promoting Urban Indigenous Youth Engagement

Location: Anzac House, Carlton Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Jaime Opazo, Department of Canadian Heritage (Canada) jaime_opazo@pch.gc.ca

Presenters:

Fred Caron, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (Canada)

Marcos Huaiquilaf Gomez, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (Chile)

Thomas Edwards, Louis Riel School Board – Winnipeg (Canada)

Kinwa Bluesky, Centre for Native Policy and Research (Canada)

Chris Wilson, Flinders University (Australia)

Abstract:

Panelists from Chile, the United States, Canada and Australia will examine challenges and opportunities for Indigenous youth migrating from rural to urban communities. Through the policy lens of culture, citizenship and belonging, the dialogue will explore opportunities to better understand and provide the necessary services for the increasing number of Indigenous youth moving between urban and rural communities. The purpose is to trace the transitional path from migration to inclusion, identify key intervention points and vulnerabilities that should be, or are being, addressed by policy makers, NGOs, and researchers, and learn from successful strategies.

Ethnic Communities in Social Architecture: Constructing Cohesion in Multicultural Societies

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 2

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Rein Sohilait, FORUM – Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)

r.sohilait@forum.nl; rjjsohilait@planet.nl

Chris Veldhuysen, FORUM – Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)

c.veldhuysen@forum.nl

Presenters:

Rein Sohilait, FORUM – Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)

Chris Veldhuysen, FORUM – Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)

Robert Murdie, York University (Canada)

Kirrily Jordan, University of Technology Sydney (Australia)

Domenic Vitiello, University of Pennsylvania (United States)

Abstract:

How can residents in multicultural neighbourhoods best participate in the complex world of social architecture, housing, spatial planning, urban design and community engagement? What is the role of public spaces (and how they are used by residents) and community spaces (mosques for instance) in social cohesion? This workshop will show results of research in Australia (inland New South Wales), Canada (West Central Toronto), the United States (Philadelphia region), and

the Netherlands (Arnhem) and of methods for residents' involvement in the construction of their environment.

From Multiculturalism to Social Cohesion: What Works?

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, East Tower Suite

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Sarah Spencer, University of Oxford (United Kingdom) sarah.spencer@compas.ox.ac.uk

Presenters:

Marilyn Haimé, Ministry of Justice (Netherlands)

Thu Nguyen-Hoan, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Usha George, Ryerson University (Canada)

Rinus Penninx, Universiteit van Amsterdam and International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion – IMISCOE (Netherlands)

Amanda Wise, Macquarie University (Australia)

Abstract:

This will be an evidence-based, policy-focused session addressing 'what works?' in the social integration of migrants, focusing on experiences from Australia, Canada and Europe. With contributions from academics, policy-makers and NGOs, the session will be of particular value to practitioners and to those exploring evidence gaps for a future research agenda.

What Happens in the Family Doesn't Necessarily Stay in the Family

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Victoria Suite 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Madine VanderPlaat, Atlantic Metropolis Centre and Saint Mary's University (Canada)

madine.vanderplaat@smu.ca

Erin Tolley, Metropolis Project (Canada) erin.tolley@cic.gc.ca

Presenters:

Jenny Semple, South Eastern Region Migrant Resource Centre (Australia)

Ruth DeSouza, Wairua Consulting and Auckland University of Technology (New Zealand)

Siew-Ean Khoo, Australian National University (Australia)

Madine VanderPlaat, Atlantic Metropolis Centre and Saint Mary's University (Canada)

Erin Tolley, Metropolis Secretariat (Canada)

Abstract:

The family unit is an essential societal building block, but it is not widely considered in social cohesion research and policy. This workshop will look at the links between so-called 'family matters' and broader social cohesion. The discussion will touch on a number of case studies, including family violence, intergenerational conflict, gender role reversal in immigrant families, and family separation as a result of transnationalism.

Without Borders: The Labour Mobility of Health Professionals

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Melon Room

Length: 90 minutes
Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm
Organiser:

Carol White, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)
carol.l.white@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca

Presenters:

Silvano Tocchi, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)
Donna Brunskill, Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (Canada)
Laetitia J. King, Aga Khan University in East Africa (Nairobi)
Chowdhury Abrar, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh)
Leon Sequeira, Department of Labor (United States) – *To be confirmed*
Gary Raw, Home Office (United Kingdom) – *To be confirmed*

Abstract:

This workshop explores labour mobility policies and practices by engaging Canadian and international participants in a forward-looking discussion with regards to innovative policy approaches and outcomes on mobility issues in the health sector. It will be an excellent opportunity for researchers, NGOs and policy-makers who seek to compare the socio-economic contexts and address the various elements and trends in recognising the qualifications of health professionals across borders.

Reducing Discrimination and Promoting Diversity: Perspectives from Quebec and Victoria

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 6

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

John Wiseman, University of Melbourne (Australia) jwiseman@unimelb.edu.au
Kim Webster, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (Australia)
kwebster@vichealth.vic.gov.au
Patricia Rimok, Conseil des relations interculturelles (Canada)
patricia.rimok@conseilinterculturel.gouv.qc.ca
Gabrielle Berman, University of Melbourne (Australia) gberman@unimelb.edu.au

Presenters:

John Wiseman, University of Melbourne (Australia)
Kim Webster, Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (Australia)
Patricia Rimok, Conseil des relations interculturelles (Canada)
Gabrielle Berman, University of Melbourne (Australia)

Abstract:

Approaches to building relationships between new arrival groups as well as between newcomers and longer term residents in an environment of increasing ethnic diversity will be explored. Two models will be discussed: one from Quebec, Canada, which engages diverse groups in policy decision-making, and the other from Melbourne, Australia, which builds relationships through collaborative activity.

Immigrants Shaping the New Economy

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 7

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Lloyd L. Wong, University of Calgary (Canada) llwong@ucalgary.ca

Karl Froschauer, Simon Fraser University (Canada) froschau@sfu.ca

Presenters:

Christina Ho, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia) – *To be confirmed*

Bernard Wong, San Francisco State University (United States)

David Ip, University of Queensland (Australia)

Bruno Rainville, Simon Harvey and Maxime Fougère, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)

James Chang, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Karl Froschauer, Simon Fraser University (Canada)

Lloyd Wong, University of Calgary (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop examines the impact and role played by highly skilled and entrepreneurial immigrants in the new economy and high-tech sectors of Australia, Canada, and the United States. The policy implications on how these immigrants use their human, social, and economic capital and transnational ethnic networks will also be examined.

Community Engagement and National Security: Government and Police Perspectives

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Pear Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Wayne Hanniman, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Canada) wayne.hanniman@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

Julie Gould, Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet (Australia)

julie.c.gould@dpc.vic.gov.au

Presenters:

Wayne Hanniman, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Canada)

Mark Duckworth, Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet (Australia)

Bill Kelly, Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet (Australia)

David Wright-Neville, Monash University (Australia)

Waleed Aly, Monash University (Australia)

Inghard Ehrenberg, Victoria Police (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop will examine community engagement and community policing in the facilitation of social cohesion and community harmony and the reduction of mistrust between governments and law enforcement agencies and minority communities. The workshop will also examine those jurisdictions that have made the principles of multiculturalism and community engagement central components of their national security operations.

Civic Integration Training for Religious Leaders: A Multifaith Approach

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 3

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Anna Halafoff, Monash University (Australia) anna.halafoff@arts.monash.edu.au

Presenters:

Gary Bouma, Monash University and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – UNESCO (Australia)

Hass Dellal, Australian Multicultural Foundation (Australia)

Anna Halafoff, Monash University (Australia)

Lucy Laitinen, International Organization for Migration (Finland)

Abstract:

This workshop will discuss a recent Monash University and Australian Multicultural Foundation study, which applied a multifaith approach to civic integration training for religious leaders new to Australia. This model has been cited as a best-practice example to be piloted in the United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, Latvia and Denmark in the International Organization for Migration Helsinki's 'Integration: A Multifaith Approach' project, selected for funding by the European Commission's Integration of Third-country Nationals (INTI) program.

Engaging with Diaspora: Strategies for Leveraging 'Identity' and 'Connectedness' in Transnational Populations

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Fig Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Richard Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand) rdb@waikato.ac.nz

Presenters:

Alan Gamlen, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

Wendy Searle, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Suzan van der Pas, University of Waikato (New Zealand)

Jacques Poot, University of Waikato (New Zealand)

Petra Buergelt, Massey University (New Zealand)

Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop develops three themes:

- a comparative analysis of diaspora engagement strategies and policies;
- diaspora engagement: entrepreneur, policy and research perspectives; and
- the 'effective' population base for (trans)national economic and social development.

Missing Minors: Defining a Serious Problem

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Steven Morris, Metropolis Project (Canada) steven.morris@cic.gc.ca

Presenters:

This workshop will be a roundtable. All those in attendance will be encouraged to actively participate.

Abstract:

This will be a roundtable discussion of the under-researched topic of unaccompanied migrant minors who go missing either after making asylum claims or after being released into the care of a responsible adult. The objective is to suggest strategies for future research; the goal: informed policy and program options.

Return to China and India? Subsequent Mobility of Immigrants to Australasia and North America

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Fig Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Richard Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand) rdb@waikato.ac.nz

Presenters:

David Ley, University of British Columbia (Canada)

Sin Yih Teo, University of British Columbia (Canada)

Elsie Ho, University of Waikato (New Zealand)

Paul Merwood, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Wendy Searle, Department of Labour (New Zealand)

Andrew Butcher, New Zealand Asian Studies Society (New Zealand)

Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop develops three themes:

- evidence for return migration of Chinese and Indian immigrants in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States;
- characteristics of subsequent mobility of new settlers from China and India in the four countries; and
- policy implications of return migration in the increasingly competitive market for skilled migrants.

Migration, Social Cohesion and Social Capital

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 6

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Kerry Carrington, University of New England (Australia) kcarring@une.edu.au

Presenters:

Kerry Carrington, University of New England (Australia)

Jim Walmsley, University of New England (Australia)

George Lekakis, Victorian Multicultural Commission (Australia)

Vicki Mitsos, Victorian Multicultural Commission and Goulburn Ovens Institute of Technical and Further Education (Australia)

Li Zong, University of Saskatchewan (Canada)

Abstract:

Australia and Canada are countries that share a long successful history of migration and multiculturalism. The panel will discuss the major contribution that migration makes to the promotion of social cohesion, bridging capital and the development of community life and civil

society in two settler societies – Canada and Australia – noting best practice examples and drawing out policy implications.

What Happened to the Migrant Middle Class? Analysis of International Foreign Credential Recognition

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Melon Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Stephanie Lagos, Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (Australia)

stephanie@mrcne.org.au

Timothy Owen, World Education Services (Canada) towen@wes.org

Lillie Lum, York University (Canada) lum@yorku.ca

Inaam Barakat, Department of Victorian Communities (Australia)

inaam.barakat@dvc.vic.gov.au

Presenters:

Stephanie Lagos, Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre (Australia)

Inaam Barakat, Department of Victorian Communities (Australia)

Abstract:

Strategies for foreign credential recognition (FCR) are receiving growing attention from immigrant-receiving nations. Comparing the experiences of Canada and Australia, this workshop will identify the impact of differences in pre-migration procedures; explore the range of stakeholders engaged in FCR; examine the range of FCR reform strategies being implemented in select fields (medicine, nursing and engineering); and explore the role and efficacy of labour market bridging programs.

Local Governance and Social Inclusion: Comparing Governance Approaches

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 3

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Tobias Schölin, Malmö University (Sweden) tobias.scholin@imer.mah.se

Per Broomé, Malmö University (Sweden) per.broome@imer.mah.se

Presenters:

Qudrat Shah, Bradford Metropolitan District Council (United Kingdom)

Kent Andersson, City of Malmö and Eurocities (Sweden)

Bengt Lövdén, City of Malmö (Sweden)

Orhan Kaya, Eurocities (Netherlands)

Tobias Schölin, Malmö University (Sweden)

Per Broomé, Malmö University (Sweden)

Abstract:

The goal of this workshop is to discuss and compare best practices concerning local governance of social inclusion in Bradford, Malmö and Rotterdam. The workshop will start from descriptions of central government policies, local governance policies for social inclusion and organisational implementation of governance of immigrant integration and ethnic diversity.

Intra-European Workforce Flows

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 7

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

René ten Brug, Immigration and Naturalization Service (Netherlands)

rbrug@ind.minjus.nl

Lukas Gehrke, International Centre for Migration and Policy Development (Austria)

lukas.gehrke@icmpd.org

Presenters:

René ten Brug, Immigration and Naturalization Service (The Netherlands)

Lukas Gehrke, International Centre for Migration and Policy Development (Austria)

Sandra Gendera, International Centre for Migration and Policy Development (Austria)

Philip O'Connell, The Economic and Social Research Institute (Ireland)

Abstract:

During this workshop, the results of a study about intra-European workforce flows will be presented and discussed. It will provide a description of the size, trends, compositions and patterns of workforce flows. Policies concerning labour migration will be discussed, and the results of the study will support policy-making and operational planning.

Thursday 11 October, 2007

An Empirical Comparison of Cross-National Integration Paths

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 11

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Vebjørn Aalandslid, Statistics Norway (Norway) vaa@ssb.no

Presenters:

Pieter Bevelander, Malmö University (Sweden)

Kristin Henriksen, Statistics Norway (Norway)

Martha Justus, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (Canada)

Bruno Rainville, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)

Abstract:

Some studies (among them the 2005 Annual Report of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) suggest that immigrants in the United States and Canada have a higher labour participation rate than immigrants in Northern Europe. The workshop aims at a more thorough comparison of these data, adjusting for factors like reason for migration, country of birth and other demographic characteristics.

Immigration and Community Relations in Japan, Canada, Cyprus and Australia

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 6

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Richard Acheson, Community Relations Commission of New South Wales (Australia)
richard.acheson@crc.nsw.gov.au

Presenters:

Stepan Kerkyasharian, Community Relations Commission of New South Wales (Australia)

Yamawaki Keizo, Meiji University (Japan)

Patricia Rimok, Conseil des relations interculturelles (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop brings together four distinguished international speakers to discuss and debate multicultural policies and their influence on community relations in four very different national contexts. Workshop participants will be challenged to draw policy parallels between these different examples and explore the transnational connections and networks which shape local contexts.

Fear, Human Security, Migrant Integration and Social Cohesion: Issues, Responses and Policies

Location: Anzac House, Carlton Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Hurriyet Babacan, Victoria University (Australia) hurriyet.babacan@vu.edu.au

Presenters:

Hurriyet Babacan, Victoria University (Australia)
Alperhan Babacan, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (Australia)
Khan Rahi, Canadian Community-Based Research Network (Canada)
Sylvie Brdjanovic, Multicultural Affairs Queensland (Australia)
Mervin Singham, Office of Ethnic Affairs (New Zealand)
Clyde Cosentino, Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop explores the linkages between immigrant integration in light of current questioning of multiculturalism, immigration intake programs, identity, and national values in the context of a climate of war on terror, racial profiling and racism. It explores the preconditions for successful integration of immigrants and unpacks the relationship between integration and social cohesion. It will examine which factors lead to fear both in the general population and for arriving immigrants and refugees.

The Lure of Smaller Places: Experiences from Australia, Canada and Germany

Location: 1 Spring Street, Jolimont Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Carola Burkert, Institute for Employment Research (Germany) carola.burkert@iab.de
Michael Clair, Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada) mclair@mun.ca
Lindy Drew, Local Government Association of Queensland (Australia)
lindy_drew@lgaq.asn.au

Presenters:

Luis Arroyo, Gladstone City Council (Australia)
Nellie Burke, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada)
Carola Burkert, Institute for Employment Research (Germany)
Michael Clair, Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada)
Bridget Foster, Association for New Canadians (Canada)
Mitra Khakbaz, University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia)
Lindy Drew, Local Government Association of Queensland (Australia)
Hongchen Yue, University of Manitoba (Canada)

Abstract:

How can smaller jurisdictions compete with larger centres, given the lure of higher wages, more labour mobility and the presence of established immigrant communities? Building on research and experience in Australia, Canada and Germany, this workshop is designed to inform delegates on ‘the smaller centre approach’, as well as to outline successes in competing with larger centres.

Social Cohesion and Cultural Canons: Examples from a Changing Europe

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 7

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Berndt Clavier, Malmö University (Sweden) berndt.clavier@imer.mah.se

Presenters:

Rinus Penninx, Universiteit van Amsterdam and International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe – IMISCOE (Netherlands)
Per-Markku Ristilammi, Malmö University (Sweden)
Björn Fryklund, Malmö University (Sweden)
Maryan Koehler, Durham University (United Kingdom)
Rein Sohilait, FORUM – Institute for Multicultural Development (Netherlands)
Berndt Clavier, Malmö University (Sweden)

Abstract:

In Europe, there has recently been an intense debate concerning the dangers to social cohesion represented by ethnic diversity. Policy-makers from across the political spectrum have argued for the need to mobilise ‘culture’ in order to meet this challenge. We will explore why discussions about social cohesion arise and what their implications are for the groups targeted.

Settlement Planning and Social Inclusion of the ‘Visibly Different’: Social Science and International Policy Perspectives

Location: Anzac House, Presidents Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Val Colic-Peisker, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (Australia) val.colic-peisker@rmit.edu.au; val.colic-peisker@arts.monash.edu.au
Judi Altinkaya, Department of Labour (New Zealand) judi.altinkaya@dol.govt.nz

Presenters:

Val Colic-Peisker, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (Australia)
Farida Tilbury, Murdoch University (Australia)
A. Dharmalingam, Monash University (Australia)
Maryann Wulff, Monash University (Australia)
Millsom S. Henry-Waring, University of Melbourne (Australia)
Judi Altinkaya, Department of Labour (New Zealand)
Paula Kansky, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)
Leah Nichles, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)
Margot Morrish, Manitoba Labour and Immigration (Canada)

Abstract:

This international workshop brings together practical policy and critical academic perspectives on migrant settlement, with a special regard for those for whom settlement is more challenging, including those who immigrated under humanitarian visas (refugees). With the balanced number of academic and government presenters, the panel will be an excellent opportunity for academics and policy-makers to juxtapose, share and discuss their respective perspectives on the issues of migrant and refugee settlement.

Ethnic Diversity and Social Cohesion

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Perth Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Jock Collins, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia) jock.collins@uts.edu.au

Presenters:

Jock Collins, University of Technology, Sydney (Australia)
Dan Hiebert, University of British Columbia (Canada)
Jack Jedwab, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (Canada)
Carlos Teixeira, University of British Columbia (Canada)
David McEvoy, University of Bradford (United Kingdom)
William McClure, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)
Angeline Low, The Institute of Women Leaders (Australia)

Abstract:

In all Western metropolises, formal and informal migration have often been associated with social conflict. The objective of this workshop is to explore the tension between social conflict and social cohesion by comparing recent research on conflicts and inter-ethnic relations in the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada.

Measuring Social Cohesion: Making Use of International Best Practice

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 1

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Chris Attwood, Home Office (United Kingdom), chris.attwood@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
Joseph M. Costanzo, University of Maryland (United States) imgnjoe@aol.com

Presenters:

Chris Attwood, Border and Immigration Agency (United Kingdom)
Ann Singleton, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)
Joseph M. Costanzo, University of Maryland (United States)

Abstract:

The findings from longitudinal studies offer valuable insights into implementing social policies and programs that are practical and beneficial. This workshop will feature best practices for analysing human migration through longitudinal studies. We examine methods and findings of Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States noting how migrants influence societal cohesiveness.

Narratives of Inclusion: Multiculturalism versus Plural Monoculturalism in Liberal Democracies

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 3

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Emma Dawson, Centre for Policy Development (Australia) ejdawson@netspace.net.au
Miriam Lyons, Centre for Policy Development (Australia)
miriam.lyons@newmatilda.com.au

Presenters:

Emma Dawson, Centre for Policy Development (Australia)
Miriam Lyons, Centre for Policy Development (Australia)
Mahama Tawat, University of Otago (New Zealand)

Monima Chadha, Monash University (Australia)

Theresa W. Devasahayam and Soh Tze Min , Civil Service College (Singapore) – *To be confirmed*

Abstract:

This workshop will look at the recent retreat from multiculturalism in Australia, comparing the local experience with that in Europe and the United States. Referencing international debates, the workshop will examine the successes and challenges of multiculturalism internationally, and seek to rescue the concept from recent misunderstanding and misinformation attacks.

Enabling Immigrant Integration: Onsite Overseas, Online and On Arrival

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Apple Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Katrina Murray, Association of Canadian Community Colleges (Canada)

kmurray@acc.ca

Presenters:

Adela Ros, Open University of Catalonia (Spain)

Bob Birrell, Monash University (Australia)

Sean Mailey, Bow Valley College (Canada)

Gregory Mills, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Philip Mondor, Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council (Canada)

Norman McDevitt, Information and Communication Technology Council (Canada)

Katrina Murray, Association of Canadian Community Colleges (Canada)

Yasmine Dossa, COSTI Immigrant Services (Canada)

Abstract:

Panellists from Europe, North America and Australia will explore the dynamic connection between immigration and increasing information and communication flows. They will argue that a holistic approach to labour market integration is required, which goes beyond foreign credential recognition to include information, advice, planning and support in the country of origin.

Challenges in Maternity Care Provision for Immigrant and Refugee Women

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Fig Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Rhonda Small, La Trobe University (Australia) r.small@latrobe.edu.au

Presenters:

Rhonda Small, La Trobe University (Australia)

Vickie Veitch, Department of Human Services Victoria (Australia)

Ruth DeSouza, Auckland University of Technology (New Zealand)

Medina Idriess, Royal Women's Hospital (Australia)

Farida Ahmadi, University of Oslo (Norway)

Paula Hernandez, La Trobe University (Australia)

Touran Shafiei, La Trobe University (Australia)

Melba Marginson, Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition (Australia)

Abstract:

Maternity care will be the focus of this workshop and the following questions will be addressed: How should health care for immigrant and refugee women be provided in a socially cohesive and welcoming society? What are the current challenges? How do we appropriately assess the care provided to ensure optimal outcomes for women and their babies?

Social Cohesion, Networks, and Women's Struggles for Equality Post-Migration

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Pear Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Denise L. Spitzer, University of Ottawa (Canada) dspitzer@uottawa.ca

Presenters:

Ruth DeSouza, West Auckland Living Skills Trust (New Zealand)

Pranee Liamputtong, Latrobe University (Australia)

Marie Des Meules, Public Health Agency of Canada (Canada)

Maria Celeste Qunitino, Technical University of Lisbon (Portugal)

Denise L. Spitzer, University of Ottawa (Canada)

Bilkis Vissandjee, University of Montreal (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop will examine how women maintain social cohesion when aspirations for gender equality conflict with their goals, and/or common goals of families, communities, organisations or governments. Research from several countries and disciplines will be brought together to discuss micro-, meso-, and macro-level factors influencing social cohesion for migrant women.

Efficacy in Racism Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Practice

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Victoria Suite 2

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Madine VanderPlaat, Saint Mary's University and Atlantic Metropolis Centre (Canada)

madine.vanderplaat@smu.ca

Steven Morris, Metropolis Project (Canada) steven.morris@cic.gc.ca

Presenters:

Steven Morris, Metropolis Project (Canada)

Madine VanderPlaat, Saint Mary's University (Canada)

Scot Wortley, University of Toronto (Canada)

Tom Calma, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (Australia)

Helen Szoke, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (Australia)

Avril Bell, Massey University (New Zealand)

Kevin Dunn, University of New South Wales (Australia)

Michael Katz, University of Pennsylvania (United States)

Ayman Al-Yassini, Canadian Race Relations Foundation (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop looks at country-specific laws, policies and programs that are in place to address the hidden and explicit consequences of racism. The objective is to suggest policies and programs that appear to have succeeded or are believed to have failed. The goal is an informed list of policy and program options.

International Perspectives on Policies for Regional Settlement of Immigrants

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Sydney Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Michèle Vatz-Laaroussi, Université de Sherbrooke (Canada) michele.vatz-laaroussi@usherbrooke.ca

Kate Golebiowska, Charles Darwin University (Australia) kate.golebiowska@cdu.edu.au

Presenters:

Chedly Belkhodja, Université de Moncton (Canada)

Hélène Cardu, Université Laval (Canada)

Geneviève Chagnon, Carrefour BLE – Bio Local Emploi (Canada)

Joseph Garcea, University of Saskatchewan (Canada)

Kate Golebiowska, Charles Darwin University (Australia)

Anne Waters, Warrnambool City Council (Australia)

Moussa Guene, PROMIS – Promotion, Intégration, Société Nouvelle (Canada)

Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University (United Kingdom)

Michèle Vatz-Laaroussi, Université de Sherbrooke (Canada)

Abstract:

Policies for regional settlement of immigrants continue to be developed, thus attracting ongoing interest. This workshop will: a) compare policy goals, tools, issues and outcomes, b) discuss how data issues necessary for policy development are being addressed, and c) discuss how research findings can inform policy developments.

Regional Migration Experiences: Perspectives from Australia, Canada and New Zealand

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, Brisbane Room

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Maryann Wulff, Monash University (Australia) maryann.wulff@arts.monash.edu.au

Presenters:

Maryann Wulff, Monash University (Australia)

Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide (Australia)

A. Dharmalingam, Monash University (Australia)

Paul Spoonley, Massey University (New Zealand)

Richard Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand)

Tom Carter, University of Winnipeg (Canada)

Gerald Clement, Manitoba Department of Labour and Immigration (Canada)

Tracey Derwing, University of Alberta (Canada)

Harvey Krahn, University of Alberta (Canada)

Abstract:

Researchers from Australia, New Zealand and Canada will discuss and evaluate regional migration programs in these three countries. Some of the questions the papers will address include: What is the nature of such policies? Have such policies had an effect on the distribution of new arrivals – in what way? What has been the relationship between the policies and socio-economic trends, particularly labour force trends and requirements? What effect have policies had on enticing the flow of new arrivals away from global or gateway cities to smaller second- and third-tier centres in the three countries?

Second-Generation Immigrants in Transnational Contexts

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, West Tower Suite

Length: 180 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Laura Zanfrini, Fondazione Iniziative e Studia Sulla Multietnicita – ISMU (Italy)

l.zanfrini@ismu.org

Fabio Baggio, Scalabrini Migration Center (Philippines) smc@smc.org.ph

Presenters:

Roberta Ricucci, FIERI (Italy)

Laura Zanfrini, Fondazione Iniziative e Studia Sulla Multietnicita – ISMU (Italy)

Fabio Baggio, Scalabrini Migration Center (Philippines)

Urs Watter, Foundation for Population, Migration and Environment – PME/BMU (Columbia)

Helen Lee, La Trobe University (Australia)

Raelene Wilding, La Trobe University (Australia)

Maurizio Pettena (Discussant), Australian Catholic Migration and Refugee Office (Australia)

Richard Manderson, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Abstract:

The workshop intends to examine issues facing second-generation immigrants and the left-behind children of migrants by considering the transnational context of young people's experiences. The regional diversity of the presentations (South America, Asia-Pacific and Europe) and the attention to both countries of destination and countries of origin are expected to shed fresh approaches to research, policy and advocacy.

Recognising Foreign Credentials in Federated Systems: Challenges, Approaches, Best Practices

Location: Mercure Hotel Melbourne, Melon Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Fernand Comeau, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)

fernand.comeau@hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca

Beata Nowakowska, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (Canada)

beata.nowakowska@ontario.ca

Presenters:

Silvano Tocchi, Human Resources and Social Development Canada (Canada)
Catherine Hewson, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (Canada)
Inaam Barakat, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development
(Australia)
Elsie Ho, University of Waikato (New Zealand)
Jaai Parasnis, Monash University (Australia)

Abstract:

This workshop presents and compares approaches, challenges, and best practices with respect to foreign credential recognition among four countries with federated systems (Canada, the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom). The workshop will also explore the pan-European approach to foreign credential recognition by presenting and discussing the Lisbon Convention.

Migration and Development in Transnational Societies: Pacific Perspectives

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, East Tower Suite

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser:

Richard Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand) rdb@waikato.ac.nz

Presenters:

Richard Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand)
Charlotte Bedford, University of Waikato (New Zealand)
Mary Adams, Department of Labour (New Zealand)
Vijay Naidu, University of the South Pacific (Fiji)
Robert Didham, Statistics New Zealand (New Zealand)

Abstract:

This workshop develops three themes:

- contemporary dimensions of transnationalism in Pacific societies;
- the contradictions inherent in strategies to develop transnational societies in situations where mobility of people is often constrained; and
- recent initiatives to improve access to employment for Pacific peoples in countries on the Pacific Rim.

Strategic and Targeted Measures to Increase Employment Among Immigrant Groups

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 8

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organiser: Joh Ekollo (Norway) jje@imdi.no

Presenters:

Alexandra Palt, Haute Autorité de Lutte contre les Discriminations et pour l'Égalité
(France)
Mary Farrell, Canadian Heritage (Canada)
Akhenathon de Leon, Organization Against Public Discrimination (Norway)
Bjørn Halvorsen, Directorate of Integration and Diversity (Norway)

Abstract:

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss strategic and targeted policies and measures that would result in the increased employment of immigrants and, in particular, those who would face many barriers in accessing the labour market. Their implementation and eventual results will also be examined.

Border Control and Trade/Migration Policies

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Vasyl Golovetsky, Simon Fraser University (Canada) vgolovet@sfu.ca

Michele Battisti, Simon Fraser University (Canada) battisti@sfu.ca

Presenters:

Vasyl Golovetsky, Simon Fraser University (Canada)

John Casey, City University of New York (USA)

Don DeVoretz, Institute for the Study of Labor – IZA (Germany)

Sandra Pratt, European Commission (Belgium) – *To be confirmed*

Pieter Bevelander, Malmö University (Sweden) – *To be confirmed*

Abstract:

This workshop's focus is on national borders, including the influence of border control policies on trade and migration and of trade and migration on the cost of maintaining borders, and the ways in which border control is organised.

Exploring the Potential for a Metropolis Wikipedia

Location: Monash City Premises, Seminar Room 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Barry Halliday, Metropolis Project (Canada) barry.halliday@cic.gc.ca

Meyer Burstein, International Consultant (Canada) mb@meyerburstein.com

Presenters:

This workshop is a discussion-based session. All attendees will be encouraged to participate actively.

Abstract:

This workshop will explore the potential for a Metropolis Wikipedia as a tool to build a virtual 'community of communities' providing one-stop, user-driven access to information on a continuously expanding range of topics that relate to society as it develops through immigration.

Identity, Social Cohesion and National Values: A Youth Perspective

Location: Australian National University, Conference Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 2.15 – 3.45pm

Organisers:

Lauren Johnston, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable (Australia)

ljohnston@capeyorkpartnerships.com

Samah Hadid, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable (Australia)

s_hadid1@hotmail.com

Michael Galluzzo, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable (Australia)

u4195018@anu.edu.au

Presenters:

Samah Hadid, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable (Australia)

Michael Galluzzo, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable and ReconciliACTION (Australia)

Merindah Donnelly, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable (Australia)

Michael Bayne, 2007 Australian National Youth Roundtable (Australia)

Maurice Crul, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Les Hetherington, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (Australia)

Abstract:

Social cohesion and issues of identity are strongly linked, but a youth perspective is often excluded from policy development in these areas. This workshop will explore findings from youth-focused research and consultation on national identity and values, as well as highlighting best practices in the area of youth involvement.

International Perspectives on Sudanese (Re)settlement: From Canada to Down Under

Location: Sofitel Melbourne, East Tower Suite

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organiser:

Marija Dragic, Monash University (Australia) marija.dragic@med.monash.edu.au

Presenters:

Max Liddell, Monash University (Australia)

Laura Simich, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and University of Toronto (Canada)

David Este, University of Calgary (Canada)

Emma Langley, Monash University (Australia)

Gatwech Kulang, South Sudan Development Agency (Australia)

Mary Riek, New Hope Foundation (Australia)

Choul Gai, Sudanese Community Association of Australia and South Eastern Region

Migrant Resource Centre (Australia)

Abstract:

Researchers from around the globe will present their studies of the settlement of the Sudanese community. Presentations will look at the Sudan, Canada, and Australia. A panel discussion of Sudanese community leaders from Australia will complement the findings of the research presented.

Migrant Women and the Labour Force: Census, Administrative and Survey Data-based Findings

Location: 1 Spring Street, Room 2

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Michael Haan, University of Alberta, and Statistics Canada (Canada) mhaan@ualberta.ca
Monica Boyd, University of Toronto (Canada) monica.boyd@utoronto.ca

Presenters:

Laura Templeton, University of Alberta (Canada)
Deborah Cobb-Clark, Australian National University (Australia)
Rebecca Valenzuela, Monash University (Australia)

Abstract:

Most immigrant labour market research either explicitly focuses on men or assumes that men and women face similar challenges. This session will challenge the assumption of homogeneity and will feature papers that use results from several data sources to highlight some of the additional barriers faced by immigrant women.

Neighbourhood Houses and Community Centres: Valuing Diversity, Strengthening Civil Society

Location: Australian National University, Conference Room

Length: 90 minutes

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm

Organisers:

Samar Mougharbel, Springvale Neighbourhood House Inc. (Australia)
snh@satlink.com.au
Elena Sheldon, Springvale Community Centre Inc. (Australia) svalecc@satlink.com.au
Mila Waise, Springvale Community Centre Inc. (Australia) mwaise@cgd.vic.gov.au

Presenters:

Samar Mougharbel, Springvale Neighbourhood House Inc. (Australia)
Elena Sheldon, Springvale Community Centre Inc. (Australia)
Mila Waise, Springvale Community Centre Inc. (Australia)
Robert Murdie, York University (Canada)

Abstract:

This workshop explores the role of houses/centres in managing diversity, building community capacity and promoting social cohesion in ever-changing political and socio-demographic context. It will provide useful insight into international practices. Discussions will be focused on roles of houses/centres in shaping civil society and how they can be applied in other jurisdictions and nations