

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
3rd Research Conference
“IMMIGRATION, INCORPORATION, AND DEMOCRACY”

VIENNA, NOVEMBER 14-15, 2013

Conference Venue:
Centre for International Development
Sensengasse 3, A-1090 Vienna

Conference Hotel:
Hotel Boltzmann
Boltzmannngasse 8, A-1090 Vienna

Conference Topic

Democracies in nation states are inadequately prepared for dealing with international migration. This is especially the case where nationhood is conceived along ethnic and narrow cultural terms. Conflicts about the proper composition of the demos, questions about adequate representation of diversity, and deficits when it comes to the exercise of equal democratic rights for all residents have since characterized liberal democracies. At the same time, there have also been numerous changes and significant adaptations of administrative processes, legal rules, and institutional arrangements to accommodate an increasingly diverse population.

The conference has two main goals:

First, it seeks to analyze how Austrian and European immigration societies and their institutions have responded to the settlement of immigrants, and how their incorporation has been facilitated and negotiated. It wants to ascertain which modes of democratic innovations have emerged.

Second, the research conference focuses on how immigrants and immigrant communities in Europe/Austria have adapted to the institutional structures of the receiving societies and political systems. It also wants to determine how entrenched local and national arrangements have resisted such adaptations on one hand and how, as a result, immigrant groups have sought to develop alternative forms of involvement or engaged in transnational activities.

Conference Organization:

Overall Responsibility: *Prof. Reinhard Heinisch*, Chair of ARA Working Group on Democracy, Professor of Political Science & Department Chair, University of Salzburg
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PROGRAM

Presentations, no more than 15 to max. 20 min. Discussants, please no more than 15 min. in total

Thursday, November 14th, 2013

Thursday 9.00-9.15

Conference Opening and Welcome

Prof. Reinhard Heinisch, Chair of ARA Working Group on Democracy, University of Salzburg
Prof. Sieglinde Rosenberger, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna

Thursday 9.15-11.45 (includes a 20 min Coffee Break)

Panel 1: Democratic Deficits / Institutional Change & Innovation: Papers examine the institutional adaptation to the challenges of inclusion and representation of an increasingly diverse population. Such works will want to focus on, or compare models ranging from “full inclusion” to “differential inclusion” in order to assess the political, societal, and/or social consequences of their implementation. Themes covered under this topic entail questions of voting rights, procedures of naturalization and regularization, integration policies, and political approaches to immigration. A further interest lies in the question of what kind of new bodies, arrangements, designs, and policies have been created to handle issues of immigration.

Presenters

- **Karima Aziz**, London Metropolitan University. *Trade Unions and Polish Migrants in the UK: The Challenge of Community Organising and Migrant Worker's Activism.*
- **Petra Bendel**, Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. *Shades of Grey: Democracy in European Migration Policy.*
- **David Reichel and Bernhard Perchinig**, International Centre for Migration Policy Development. *The Value of Citizenship. Explaining Naturalisation Practices in Austria.*
- **John Wrench**, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim. *Still no Problem here? Responses to Anti-Discrimination Legislation among Trade Unions in EU Countries.*

Discussants

- **Joachim Blatter, Peter Kirchsclaeger**

Lunch 11.45-13.30 (on the premises)

Thursday 13.30-16.30 (includes a 30 min Coffee Break)

Panel 2: Perception & Categorization / Mobility & Diversity: Papers and presentations focus on the relationship between the perception of diverse populations and immigrant groups and their representation in public discourse, law, and democratic representation. This panel is devoted especially to sociological, anthropological, linguistic-cultural as well as historical and transdisciplinary modes of analysis. An important aspect in this regard is the question of intergenerational mobility in immigrant communities.

Presenters

- **Maren Borkert**, University of Vienna. *What Dialog on Integration?! The Role of Science and Experts in Migrant Integration Policymaking in Austria.*
- **Sara De Jong**, University of Leiden. *The Incorporation of the “Cultural Broker” in the Governance of Migration and Integration.*

- **Francis Garon**, York University, Toronto. *Deliberating Immigration and Integration: Assessing Discursive Representation in the Media.*
- **Sebastian Fietkau**, Mannheim Center for European Social Research. *Economic Fears or Cultural Distance? Perception of Immigrant Groups in Germany.*

Discussants

- **Rahsaan Maxwell, John Wrench**

18.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE: Prof. Rainer BAUBÖCK, European University Institute, IMISCOE Board of Directors, and Coordinator of Standing Group on Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation

20.30 Dinner for all Conference Participants; Restaurant (TBA at the conference)

Friday, November 15th, 2013

Friday 9.00-11.15 (includes a 15 min Coffee Break)

Panel 3: Democratic Innovations / Immigrants' Advocacy: This panel is devoted to studying democratic innovations as well as anti-discrimination initiatives and activities with the goal of discerning effective ways of giving voice to disadvantaged or discriminated migratory groups. In this panel the aspect of change, innovation, and departure from past practices beyond purely institutional adaptations in ways to make societies more inclusive are the focus. Learning from cross-national experiences and best practices are a critical dimension as is the question of what works and what does not.

Presenters

- **Joachim Blatter, Andrea Blättler, and Samuel D. Schmid**, University of Lucerne. *Conceptualizing and Measuring the Political Inclusion of Immigrants: A Comparative Index of 22 European Democracies.*
- **Peter Kirchsclaeger**, Center for Human Rights Education, Lucerne. *The Risk for a Direct Democracy to Become a Dictatorship of the Majority – the Swiss Case and “Lessons Learnt”.*
- **Juan Carlos Triviño**, Pompeu Fabra University. *The Conflictive Politicization of Immigration in the City: Alliances in the Resolution of Diversity-Related Local Conflicts.*

Discussants

- **Sergiu Gherghina, Reinhard Heinisch**

Friday 11.15-12.30

Panel 4: Citizenship / Fundamental Rights / Immigrants' Representation & Participation: The papers under this topic are devoted to studying questions of fundamental rights and coercive state power when dealing with issues of immigration. Papers ask what forms of de-coupling of political rights from national citizenship have occurred and what innovative modes of deliberation, representation, and political communication have been created. This entails a better understanding of how to strengthen the precarious membership of specific migratory groups in institutions (of power) and of finding remedies that are adequate to the differential conditions under which different immigrant groups operate, especially when considering undocumented individuals. The issue of representation in receiving countries includes the examination of migrant associations and their relationship to political parties and civil organizations.

Presenters

- **Sergiu Gherghina**, Goethe University Frankfurt. *Different Countries, similar Challenges? A Comparative Assessment of Immigrant Political Participation in Western Europe.*
- **Julia Wojnowska-Radzinska**, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan. *Criminal Activity of Settled Immigrants as a Basis to Revoke the Protection guaranteed under Article 8 of the ECHR.*

Discussants

- **Francis Garon; N.N.**

Lunch 12.30-13.30 (on the premises)

Friday 13.30-16:00 (includes a 15 min Coffee Break)

Panel 5: *Immigration and Resources:* Papers and presentations examine the questions of resources and contribution of immigration to society, especially also in less familiar contexts such as in rural areas. Here the focus lies on assessing on the one hand the economic costs and benefits of immigration but also the issue of adding conceptual and qualitative innovation due to diverse modes of thinking and new practices.

Presenters

- **Farid Hafez**, University of Vienna. *The Incorporation of Muslim Denominations between Equal Rights and Security Policy as a Challenge to Liberal Democracies.*
- **Rahsaan Maxwell**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. *The overlap between economic and cultural Threat: Accepting racial Minorities in the French national Community.*
- **Elisabeth Scheibelhofer**, University of Vienna. *Incorporation of Refugees in Rural Zones. An interpretive Research Conceptualisation.*

Discussants

- **Maren Borkert, Francis Garon**

16.00—17.00 Final Discussion – What have we learned – where do we go from here?
(Reinhard Heinisch, Sieglinde Rosenberger)

17.00 End of Conference

Conference Participants

- Karima Aziz, PhD Candidate, *Working Lives Research Institute, London Metropolitan University*
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- Dr. Farid Hafez, *Muslim Teachers Training College, University of Vienna*
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- Assist. Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Scheibelhofer, *Department for Sociology, University of Vienna*
- Juan Carlos Triviño, PhD Candidate, *Department of Political and Social Science, Pompeu Fabra University*
- Dr. David Reichel and Dr. Bernhard Perchinig, *Research Officers at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development*
- Prof. Dr. Sieglinde Rosenberger, *Department of Political Science, University of Vienna*
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