Call for Papers: Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies - OMICS

Conference November 6-9, 2019, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

General call for papers – also see specific calls under each Sub-theme

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

Migration and integration today involve a myriad of actors such as international and regional bodies, state agencies and municipalities, companies, interest groups, community-embedded, civil society organizations as well as individuals, including migrants, who design, implement reproduce, participate in, and replicate individual or collaborative initiatives aimed at facilitating migration and integration.

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

From a coordination and organizing perspective, this myriad of actors and activities separated in time and space poses not only far-reaching challenges, but also great opportunities.

These challenges and opportunities demand novel and critical research and interdisciplinary approaches from a range of disciplines, such as anthropology, educational sciences, health sciences, information technology, international studies, law and human rights, management and organization studies, migration studies, political science, social work and sociology. This to rethink how migration shapes and produces inclusion and exclusion around the world – from welfare states in the Global North to the states of the Global South.

The Centre on Global Migration and the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg, therefore invites scholars from many disciplines and all parts of the globe to the Organizing Migration and Integration in Contemporary Societies Conference, 6–9 November, 2019, in Gothenburg, Sweden.
Organising committee

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Subthemes

- Digitalization and migration
- Education, learning and migration
- Living conditions and agency among migrant children and families
- Family ties and transnationalism
- Health, risk, and resilience: Transcending the biological, the psychological, the social, and the structural in migration and integration
- Migration and cities: Social institutions, political governance and integration
- Organising Civil Society for building inclusive societies
- Organizing labour market integration
- Organizing migration: beyond the imperial
- Privileged Migration: Deconstructing Privilege and Advantage
- Securitization, migration and integration

Keynote speakers

E. Tendayi Achiume, Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and a Research Associate with the African Centre for Migration and Society at the University of Witwatersrand.
Barbara Czarniawska, Senior Professor at Gothenburg Research Institute at the School of Business, Economics and Law at University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
Achille Mbembe, Research Professor of History and Politics at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research in Johannesburg, South Africa and a Visiting Professor in the Department of Romance Studies at the Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University, USA.
Jenny Phillimore, Professor of Migration and Superdiversity at the Department of Social Policy, Sociology and Criminology at the University of Birmingham, UK, and director of the Institute for Research into Superdiversity.
Thomas Spijkerboer, Professor of Migration Law at the Amsterdam Centre for Migration and Refugee Law of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and currently a Raoul Wallenberg Visiting Professor of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Lund University, Sweden.

Deadlines and important dates

May 15th: deadline for abstracts
June 15th: Decisions regarding selection of abstracts
September 1st: registration
September 15th: the full program is announced
October 9th: Deadline for submission of full papers

Centre on Global Migration (CGM) is an interdisciplinary research centre with participation from all faculties at the University of Gothenburg.
CGM aims to serve as a hub for collaboration between researchers, professionals and civil society, and to foster interdisciplinary research on migration and integration.