

# **Transnationalism, Cosmopolitanism, Mobilities: Globalism and its Concepts after the Crash of 2008**

**GLOREA closing conference**

**6-7 June 2013**

**Aarhus University, Denmark**

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The Centre for Global and Regional Ethnographies (GLOREA) in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Society and the Research Programmes of Contemporary Ethnography and Transnational Modernities at Aarhus University, and in association with the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) and the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSSS), is pleased to announce an international graduate student conference to be held at Aarhus University, 6-7 June 2013. Three distinguished keynote speakers will join invited faculty from AU and across Denmark to discuss new PhD research in Sociology, Anthropology and History that reflects the evolving concepts of transnationalism, cosmopolitanism and mobilities in global studies of the last 25 years. Ten outstanding graduate students will be invited from Danish and German institutions to present their work and receive feedback.

The conference poses a question about the historicity of fashionable concepts in the social sciences and humanities. Were the core concepts of global studies -- transnationalism, cosmopolitanism, mobilities -- merely the historical products of a distinctively expansive "global era" that ran approximately from the fall of the Berlin Wall to the global financial crash of 2008 -- but which has now ended? For sure, from the late 1980s on there was an intense effort to develop across the social sciences new concepts and new modes of interdisciplinary research that would transcend the problem of "methodological nationalism", and enable scholars to better grasp the "global transformations" apparently sweeping the planet. From the vantage point of 2013, though, it is clear not only that many of the sweeping claims of the early globalists were overstated, but that the nation-state-society is still arguably centre stage as the dominant form of social organisation on the planet: whether we consider the rollback of regional integration projects such as the EU; the increasing restriction and control of migration, free movement and mobilities; the reassertion of the primacy of national democracy and welfare states; the nationalist self-branding of rising powers; or the outbreak of old fashioned international territorial disputes in East Asia and elsewhere. On the other hand, the continuing surge of new players in Asia and elsewhere may suggest that the characteristically modernist/developmentalist notions of 1990s-origin global theory were

themselves Western-centric in many ways, as the sources of ongoing global economic and political dynamics became ever more decentred.

The Centre for Global and Regional Ethnographies at Aarhus University (GLOREA) was conceived and founded in mid 2008 to develop empirical methodologies able to assess the claims of globalist concepts and theories in relation to grounded evidence -- from both Europe and East Asia -- about the human experience of mobility and transnational life. The conference represents a stock taking of its work during the last five years, as well as an opportunity to bring together its researchers and associates in Denmark and elsewhere.

The conference will be structured around four keynote interventions by the invited distinguished scholars -- who represented a full array of disciplinary perspectives across political sociology, human geography, social anthropology, development and migration studies -- as well as joint sessions with the invited graduate research students. The director of GLOREA, Adrian Favell, will introduce and a panel debate with the invited guests will close the conference. It is open to all faculty and researchers at Aarhus University, as well as other institutions upon registration. ECTS research training credits are available for participating PhD students who complete a reading assignment and submit a paper for the conference.

### **Adrian Favell**

Organiser, Professor of Sociology, Sciences Po, Paris and Director of the Centre for Global and Regional Ethnographies at Aarhus University.

### **Invited Keynotes**

**Eleonore Kofman**, Professor of Gender, Migration and Citizenship at London Middlesex University. Publications include, *Henri Lefebvre: Writings on Cities* (1996), *Gender and International Migration in Europe* (2000 with Annie Phizacklea, Parvati Raghuram & Rosemary Sales), 'Figures of the cosmopolitan' (2005).

[http://www.mdx.ac.uk/aboutus/staffdirectory/Eleonore\\_Kofman.aspx](http://www.mdx.ac.uk/aboutus/staffdirectory/Eleonore_Kofman.aspx)

**Steffen Mau**, Chair of Political Sociology, Bremen International Graduate School of the Social Sciences. Publications include 'Cosmopolitan attitudes through transnational social practices' (2007, with Jan Mewes and Ann Zimmermann), *Social Transnationalism: Lifeworlds Beyond the Nation-State* (2010), *Liberal States and the Freedom of Movement: Selective Borders, Unequal Mobility* (2012)

<http://www.smau.gsss.uni-bremen.de/index.php?id=mau>

**Ninna Nyberg Sørensen**, Senior Researcher and Head of Research Unit on Migration at Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen. Publications include *The Migration-Development Nexus* (2003, with Nicholas van Hear), *Living Across Worlds* (2007), *The Migration Industry and the Commercialization of Immigration* (2012, with Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen)

<http://www.diis.dk/sw77928.asp>

### **Invited Scholars / Discussants**

**Dorte Andersen**, Associate Professor in Border and Regional Studies, University of Southern Denmark

**Niels Brimnes**, Director of Research Programme in Transnational Modernities, Associate Professor in History, AU

**Christina Fiig**, Associate Professor in European Studies, AU

**Karen Gram-Skjoldager**, Assistant Professor in History, AU

**Jan Ifversen**, Vice-Dean, Arts, and Associate Professor in History, AU

**Ann-Christina Lauring Knudsen**, Associate Professor in European Studies, AU

**Martin Munk**, Professor in Sociology, Aalborg University

**David Reimer**, Associate Professor in Sociology of Education, AU

**Mikkel Rytter**, Associate Professor in Anthropology, AU

**Marie Sandberg**, Assistant Professor, SAXO Institute, Copenhagen University

**Hans-Jørg Trezn**, Professor of European Studies, Copenhagen University

**Lisanne Wilken**, Associate Professor in European Studies, AU

**Julian Worrall**, Associate Professor of Architecture, University of Adelaide and Director, LLLABO, Waseda University, Japan

### **Participating PhD students**

**Inken Bartels**, PhD candidate, BGSS, Humboldt University, Berlin

**Carolina Boe**, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Aarhus University

**Sarah Casey**, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Aarhus University

**Emanuel Deutschmann**, PhD candidate, BIGSSS, Jacobs University Bremen

**Mette Ginnervskov Hansen**, PhD candidate, European Studies, AU

**Janne Sølgaard Jensen**, PhD candidate, European Studies, AU

**Noemi Katona**, PhD candidate, Humboldt University, Berlin

**Anna Nikolaeva**, PhD candidate, European Studies, AU

**Sine Plambech**, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Copenhagen University

**Nils Witte**, PhD candidate, BIGSSS, University of Bremen

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Aarhus University, Sudenterhusfonden Konferencecenter, meeting room 2  
Frederik Nielsens vej 2-4, 8000 Aarhus C.

#### **Thursday**

3.00 Welcome & Coffee

3.15 INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS & DISCUSSION / Adrian FAVELL

4.00 PHD PANEL ONE -- EVERYDAY MOBILITIES

Emanuel DEUTSCHMANN

"The social stratification of transnational attachment in Africa, Europe and Latin America"

Janne SOLGAARD JENSEN

"Cosmopolitans of the European space: national detachments and ideas of belonging among Danish international high school students in Aarhus, Denmark"

Mette GINNERSKOV HANSEN

"Does social capital matter? Institutional engagement and student-student interaction in an international educational environment"

Chair: Lisanne WILKEN

Discussants: Steffen MAU, Martin MUNK

5.15 Break

5.30 KEYNOTE LECTURE ONE

Steffen MAU  
University of Bremen

Chair: David REIMER

6.30 Close

7.30 Conference dinner

## **Friday**

### 9.00 PHD PANEL TWO -- TRAFFICKING & SEX WORK

Sine PLAMBECH

"'We can only protect you – if you tell us the truth': Identifying the legitimate suffering body in contemporary migration management"

Noemi KATONA

"Pimps, boyfriends and transnational families: The negotiation of money and emotions by Hungarian sex workers in the Kurfürstenstraße"

Chair: Mikkel RYTTER

Discussants: Eleonore KOFMAN & Dorte ANDERSEN

### 10.00 SPECIAL AU PROJECTS SESSION ONE

Adrian FAVELL & David REIMER

"Varieties of European cosmopolitanism: Mobilities, identities and post-national values in the EU"

Chair: Ann-Christina LAURING KNUDSEN

Discussants: Steffen MAU, Hans-Jørg TRENZ

### 10.45 Coffees / Break

### 11.00 PHD PANEL THREE -- DISENFRANCHISEMENT & DEPORTATIONS

Carolina BOE

"Im/Mobilizations – 'Illegalized' foreign-nationals facing immigration enforcement and the criminal justice system in France and the USA"

Nils WITTE

"Denizenship vs. citizenship: Naturalization decisions of Turkish immigrants and their descendants in Germany"

Chair: Jan IFVERSEN

Discussants: Ninna NYBERG SØRENSEN & Marie SANDBERG

### 12.00 SPECIAL AU PROJECTS SESSION TWO

Ann-Christina LAURING KNUDSEN & Karen GRAM-SKJOLDAGER

"Transnationalism in Historical Studies"

Chair: Christina FIIG

Discussants: Eleonore KOFMAN & Adrian FAVELL

### 12.45 Lunch

2.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE TWO

Ninna NYBERG SØRENSEN  
Copenhagen University

Chair: Mikkel RYTTER

3.00 PHD PANEL FOUR -- TRAVELLERS, BORDERS & MOBILITIES

Inken BARTELS

"The everyday making of the European border regime: An ethnographic approach to the practices of the IOM 'management of migration' in the Southern Mediterranean region"

Anna NIKOLAEVA

"More than just an airport': Visions of the international airport terminal as a multifunctional urban public space"

Sarah CASEY

"From highly skilled to stuck: Integration programs and the portability of cultural capital among highly educated immigrants in Denmark"

Chair: Niels BRIMNES

Discussants: Marie SANDBERG, Dorte ANDERSEN & Julian WORRALL

4.15 Coffee and Cakes

4.30 CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE

Eleonore KOFMAN  
University of Middlesex, London

Followed by PANEL DEBATE  
with

Julian WORRALL and Ninna NYBERG SØRENSEN  
Chaired by Adrian FAVELL

6.30 Ends