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New focus area: Migration, State and Pedagogy

Migration, State and Pedagogy - Migration as prism for pedagogical studies of state formation processes is a new focus area at Department of Media, Cognition and Communication (UCPH) and AMIS.

The overall aim of this research focus area is to develop new fields of study for educational research that can capture the intersections and dynamics between issues/objects of welfare work, migration and state (trans)formation processes across different national, regional, local and institutional settings and contexts.

See the full description through this link.

EVENTS

AMIS Roundtable: The Refugee Crisis

This AMIS Roundtable will discuss the dramatic events characterizing Europe’s current response to refugees. Recently, the UNHCR warned of the existence of a record-breaking 60 million refugees globally. As regards Europe, the war in Syria, ISIS in Iraq and the collapse of the Libyan state has meant a large increase of asylum seekers. The response has been tighter border control, deterrence measures and combatting smugglers. But while fences and Frontex operations are politically salient, comparatively little political good-will has followed the EU Commission’s proposal to resettle asylum seekers or the UNHCR’s call to increase the relocation of refugees.

Roundtable participants: Ninna Nyberg Sørensen (DIIS), Hans Lucht (DIIS), Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen (IMR), Line Richter (Department of Anthropology, UCPH) & Martin Lemberg-Pedersen (AMIS, UCPH).

Time: 7 September 2015, 17:30-20:30
Place: Room 21.0.54, UCPH, South Campus
Organizer: AMIS
Everyone is welcome!

AMIS Public Lecture: Tina Gudrun Jensen

- The Complexity of Neighbourhood Relations in a Multi-Ethnic Social Housing Project in Copenhagen

Based on fieldwork carried out as part of the research alliance on Social Cohesion and Ethnic Diversity (SOCED), this presentation by AMIS affiliate Tina Gudrun Jensen examines the nature of co-existence in a multi-ethnic social housing project in Copenhagen. The variety of neighbourhood practices illustrates a complex social reality characterized by contrasts and ambivalences that represent different orders of identification and interaction and constitute co-existing tendencies of boundary maintenance and conviviality.

Time: 30 September 2015, 15:15-17:00
Place: Room 14.1.67, UCPH, South Campus
Organizer: AMIS
Everyone is welcome!
AMIS Culture Club: Guided tour of multi-ethnic Nørrebro

Nørrebro is known as Copenhagen's ethnically diverse neighborhood. During this tour of the neighborhood we will explore its migration history over the last 130 years, starting with the Swedes of the late 1800s and ending with immigrants from the Middle East in the early 2000s.

Guide: Garbi Schmidt, from the University of Roskilde
Time: 9 October 2015, 17:00
Place: Dronning Louises Bro (Nørrebro Side), 2200 Copenhagen N
Organizer: AMIS
Everyone is welcome!

Book launch: Mobility Makes States – Migration and Power in Africa

Human mobility has long played a foundational role in producing state territories, resources, and hierarchies. When people move within and across national boundaries, they create both challenges and opportunities. In Mobility Makes States, chapters written by historians, political scientists, sociologists, and anthropologists explore different patterns of mobility in sub-Saharan Africa and how African states have sought to harness these movements toward their own ends.

The following authors and editors of the book will be on hand to engage in a lively conversation on the book’s efforts to provide a new voice for African research in the study of the politics of migration:

Simon Turner (AMIS, UCPH), Nauja Kleist (DIIS), Filipa Ribeiro da Silva (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam) & Darshan Vigneswaran (Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, University of Amsterdam).

The event is co-organized by AMIS & DIIS (Danish Institute for International Studies).

Time: 2 November 2015, 15:15-17:00
Place: Room 22.0.11, UCPH, South Campus (KUA)
Organizer: AMIS & DIIS
Everyone is welcome!

AMIS Public Lecture: Eric Uslaner

- Diversity, Segregation, and Trust

Trust is fundamental for a well-functioning society. But some scholars have started to argue that things like diversity have a negative impact on societal levels of trust. Eric Uslaner, Professor of Government and Politics at University of Maryland, however, argues that residential segregation, and not diversity, is the real culprit in lower levels of trust, and that we instead need to look at the policies informing how we live together and what our opportunities are.

Time: 6 November 2015, 10:15-12:00
Place: Room 14.1.67, UCPH, South Campus
Organizer: AMIS
Everyone is welcome!
AMIS Culture Club: Visit to Trampoline House

Trampoline House is an independent community center in central Copenhagen that organizes legal counseling, language classes, social networking, and other services for refugees and asylum seekers. The house also seeks to create dialogue on Danish asylum policies through creative workshops, debates, public campaigns etc. After a presentation of the house, we will join the regular Friday dinner at 6 pm.

Time: 6 November 2015, 17:00
Place: Trampoline House, Thoravej 7, 2400 Copenhagen NV
Organizer: AMIS
Registration deadline 26 October 2015: contact bjoehansen@hum.ku.dk

AMIS Culture Club: Film screening - The Promise

Kamel Benkaaba & Xavier Landes (AMIS, Department for Media, Cognition and Communication, UCPH) will introduce the film, and lead the discussion following it. The Promise (1996) is directed by the acclaimed Belgian filmmakers Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne who won two Golden Palms at the Cannes film festival, for Rosetta (1999) and The Child (2005). The Promise focuses on a teenager, Igor, who works with his father, exploiting a group of immigrant workers from various countries. One of them, an African from Burkina Faso named Hamidou Badolo, falls from a scaffold during a visit from labour inspectors. With his dying words Hamidou asks Igor to promise to look after his wife Assita and their baby child. This tragic event will be the beginning of a deep ethical awakening for Igor.

Snacks and drinks will be served.

Time: 25 November 2015, 20:00
Place: Room 22.0.11, UCPH, South Campus
Organizer: AMIS
Everyone is welcome!

2nd AMIS-MIM Masters Conference on Migration Studies

This annual masters conference is organized by AMIS and MIM (Malmo Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, University of Malmo). It provides an opportunity for master students in Advanced Migration Studies in Copenhagen and IMER in Malmo to meet and exchange experiences and ideas and to get an impression of the research going on at AMIS and MIM. The full program will be available soon at the website amis.ku.dk.

Time: 3 December 2015, 10:00
Place: Room 22.0.11, UCPH, South Campus
Organizer: AMIS & MIM
Everyone is welcome!

IMISCOE Spring Conference (organized by AMIS)


AMIS and IMISCOE jointly organize a conference on controlling migration.

More information will follow on the website amis.ku.dk

Time: 18-19 February 2016
Place: Room 22.0.11, UCPH, South Campus
AMIS in the media (a selection)

**Nils Holtug (AMIS director)**

*Vi glemmer vores principper, når vi diskuterer flygtningepolitik*

*Skal vi spare på verdens fattigste?*

*Hvorfor lader vi dem bare drukne?*

**Martin Lember-Pedersen (AMIS affiliate)**

*Forsker om V’s asyludspil: -Tvivlsomt om det vil afskække flygtninge*

*EUs jagt på menneskesmuglere i modvind*

*P1 Debat: Lyver vi overfor flygtninge?*

**Birgitte Romme Larsen (AMIS affiliate)**

*Lokalsamfundenes modstand mod asylcentre forsvinder hurtigt*

*Forsker: Asylcentre kan være saltvandsindsprøjtning*

*Små lokalsamfund lever fredeligt med asylsøgere*

**Simon Turner (AMIS affiliate)**

*Can you win a war on Facebook? By Simon Turner*

New Publications, 2015 (a selection)

Publications by AMIS affiliates on migration and migrant-related topics:


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