SPRING EVENTS

IMISCOE Spring Conference: Measures of Control: Managing Migration in the 21. Century

The conference is co-organized by AMIS and IMISCOE.

In response to increasing and new patterns of migration, policies of control are increasingly proposed and implemented in Europe and elsewhere. This includes efforts to control numbers of immigrants and in particular the composition of the immigrant group, but also efforts to impact the political, social and cultural integration of immigrants once they have arrived. This conference theorizes control, including its forms, manifestations and limits.

The following keynote lectures are open for everyone (the rest of the programme only for people who have registered):

Adrian Favell (University of Leeds): The Migration Equation in a 'Neo-liberal' World, Thursday 18. February, 4.30 - 6 pm, room 22.0.11

Sarah Fine (Kings College London): Freedom of Movement and Distributive Justice, Friday 19. February, 4.45 - 6.15 pm, room 22.0.11

Michel Agier (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales): Does the Migrant Cause Exist? European 'refugee crisis' and the activation of civil society in the name of humanity

In the wake of the so-called refugee crisis in Europe in 2015, a number of civil society based organisations have emerged, responding the lack of commitment by states to assist refugees in need. These responses operate on a voluntary basis, are often spontaneous and free of bureaucratic structures. The question we address in this seminar is to what degree we may see this as a kind of 'political moment', defying and challenging mainstream management of refugees, or whether in fact this is merely another humanitarian response to 'suffering bodies', thereby reifying the construction of the crisis as purely humanitarian and hence non-political.

The lecture will be followed by responses from: Nils Holtug (AMIS, UCPH), Lene Bull Christiansen (RUC) and Devike Sharma (UCPH).

4 March 2016
Location: Room 15A.0.13, UCPH, South Campus
Time: 1.15 pm – 3.00 pm

AMIS Culture Club: Guided visit to the Hamad Bin Khalifa Civilisation Center

Join a guided tour of the first grand mosque in Copenhagen.

After the tour there is dinner at the mosque restaurant.

Registration is necessary (amis@hum.ku.dk). Upon registration please indicate whether you would like to participate in the dinner as well (the price is 150 DKK for buffet, including beverages).

Deadline for registration is March 15th
Workshop: We-identity and its social and political implications

Political discourse is currently imbued with expressions that presuppose communal awareness and the ability of individuals to think of others as one of us. ‘We’ are the people who have inherited a shared body of values and perspectives on the world, setting the boundaries of the group and what is acceptable for its members as opposed to those who do not belong. However, it is currently a hotly debated topic, both academically and politically, how such a notion of ‘we-ness’ or ‘we-identity’ is established, stabilized and mobilized. In the workshop, questions such as the following will be addressed, drawing on resources from philosophy, social psychology and political science: what is the link between group affiliation and social exclusion? How is the coherence and unity of the we influenced by the combined process of identifying with and dissociating from others? In what ways are group identities mobilized politically, how do conflicts over the content of e.g. national identities play out, and how do such identities impact social goods such as various aspects of social cohesion?

Presentations include:

Nasar Meer (Strathclyde University), Liberal Citizenship and Multicultural Europe

Martijn van Zomeren (University of Groningen), The psychological foundation of “We-ness”: Antecedents and consequences of social identity in political contexts

27 April 2016
Location: Room 22.0.11, UCPH, South Campus
Time 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Co-organized by AMIS and Center for Subjectivity Research

The full program will be available at amis.ku.dk and cfs.ku.dk

AMIS Culture Club, Film Screening: Terraferma by Emanuele Crialese

The Italian movie Terraferma ('Dry Land') from 2011 is directed by Emanuele Crialese, and it tells a story about the meeting of local fishermen from Linosa and immigrants crossing the Mediterranean. The movie addresses, among other things, the dilemma between obeying the law by not assisting with illegal immigration and the moral demand of helping people in immediate need. The screening is opened by Post.doc. Martin Lemberg Petersen (AMIS), who will situate the theme of the movie in relation to the current refugee crisis and the growing number of people trying to reach the shores of Europe from Northern Africa and the Middle East.

28 April 2016
Location: Room 27.0.47, UCPH, South Campus
Time: 7:15 pm

Deniz Neriman Duru (AMIS, UCPH): From Diversity to Conviviality: Intra-EU Mobility and International Migration to Denmark in Times of Economic Recession

This paper explores differences between EU and non EU migrants in accommodating to the Danish flexicurity labour and welfare regime during the economic crisis. A quantitative survey has been
conducted followed by semi-structured qualitative interviews with migrants who moved to Denmark between 2008-2013. It is argued that lack of multicultural policies trigger individualised strategies of accommodation rather than ethnic or national group base integration, favouring a more homogenous group of high-skilled and educated group of workers and students of postgraduate/higher education. Rather than ordered multicultural diversity, we find 'flexicurity diversity' as manifested in patterns of conviviality among the immigrants based on common interests, needs and lifestyles. These migrants depict a socially active profile in building new networks with locals, other foreigners, and their co-nationals and emphasise an inclusive, cosmopolitan and expat identity. Nonetheless, unequal distribution of rights and Danish flexicurity have exclusionary effects, 'securing' social benefits and offering free education and rights for the group of EU migrants, while discriminating towards others.

2 May 2016
Location: Room 27.0.09, UCPH, South Campus
Time: 3:15 pm – 5 pm

**AMIS in the Media (a selection)**

**Nils Holtug (AMIS Director)**
- Confiscating Valuables from Refugees (In Spanish)
- Why a revision of the refugee convention will not solve the refugee crisis (In danish)
- Freedom, borders and refugees (In Danish)

**Martin Lemberg-Pedersen (AMIS affiliate)**
- Denmark as first mover of austerity in Europe (In Danish)
- Questions raised concerning Danish government and IMF on asylum spending numbers (In Danish)

**Birgitte Romme Larsen (AMIS affiliate)**
- Asylum seekers revitalises Langeland

**Simon Turner (AMIS affiliate)**
- Is ethnic tension in Burundi a new Rwanda? (in Danish)
If you are interested in learning more, visit the official website of AMIS or visit AMIS on facebook.

To reply to this email, please write to the mail amis@hum.ku.dk

If you wish to unsubscribe please use this link: Unsubscribe