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NEW STAFF AT AMIS

January 15th 2017 Lotte Pelckmans and Trine Brinkmann will be taking up positions as external part-time at Centre for Advanced Migration Studies. We welcome and congratulate Trine and Lotte with their new positions and look forward to working with them.

Trine Brinkmann defended her Ph.D. “When to whisper? Moving refugees psychotramatology beyond the clinic in welfare state Denmark” in June 2016, and has done research within the thematic specialization: Processes and practices of rehabilitation, both on an individual and collective level, psychosocial work with children in refugee families, refugees in Denmark, integration policy, the concept of trauma.

Lotte Pelckmans’ PH.D. is titled: ‘Travelling Hierarchies: Moving in and out of slave status in a central Malian Fulbe Network’, and her specialization is in global issues related to human rights, inequality, migration, slavery, social movements and media in (conflict areas) in West and Central Africa. She recently started working on security, radicalization and terrorism in the Sahel region, with a focus on Mali, Niger and Nigeria.

SPRING EVENTS

Christine Jacobsen (University of Bergen): Times of Migration: Un/documented Lives in Marseille

While migration has most often been studied as a spatial process, recent research points to ‘time’ as crucial to the production and experience of migration and migrant ‘illegality’. In this presentation Jacobsen takes ethnographic fieldwork conducted in Marseille as a point of departure for discussing some approaches to the temporalities of irregular migration. Particular attention will be paid to socially produced conditions of prolonged waiting, as well as the practices through which such conditions are encountered, incorporated and resisted by migrants. The presentation will draw on perspectives from the WAIT-project (a project organized by the University of Bergen).

24. March 2017
Location: Room 27.0.09, UCPH, South Campus
Time 1.15 – 3.00 pm

Humanitarianism and Body Economies

This seminar will discuss humanitarianism from practical, political and conceptual perspectives. Humanitarian takes many forms, ranging from medical assistance to victims of sexual violence in conflict to migration management of displaced populations, and takes its point of departure in the suffering (but also the help-able) body (Fassin 2012). The crisis of humanitarianism is compounded today by the mass displacement of populations who seek asylum outside of their home countries or outside of the global South. How do practices of care within this system contribute to the nurturing of some bodies and the abandonment or displacement of others? How does humanitarianism participate in body economies, how is it subject to forces of capital, and does it undermine its own premise that the suffering body speaks truth to power?

Lectures by:
Miriam Ticktin (Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility)
Finn Stepputat (DIIS)
Henri Myrntiten (International Alert)
AMIS Culture Club: Visit to the Copenhagen Christian Center, International Church

The Copenhagen Christian Center caters for more than 40 different nationalities within the Copenhagen area. This Culture Club event involves participating in the monthly super church service, and after the service we are invited on a tour of the facilities. Due to a limited number of seats at the service, registration is required, see below.

30. April 2017 (Sunday)
Time: 10.00 am
Location of meeting place: Drejervej 15, 2400 Copenhagen NV
Please register your participation by writing to amis@hum.ku.dk

Nationalism
AMIS Conference

In response to immigration and globalisation more generally, nationalism is on the rise. Not only in terms of populist right-wing nationalist parties, but also in terms of an increased focus on the nation and national identity in the political mainstream. This is exemplified by policies and discourses involving cultural canons, citizenship tests, concerns about national values in schools and other major institutions, and more generally efforts towards nation-building. Proponents argue that such policies are necessary to provide for citizens a firm ground to stand on when facing the multiple influences of globalisation, to provide for immigrants a compass for integration, and to provide shared values of the kind required for high levels of social cohesion at the societal level. Furthermore, the interest in nationalism has been mirrored in the research community, where scholars have studied e.g. the basis for support for populist movements, distinctions between different kinds nationalism (such as conservative, liberal, civic and ethnic nationalism), what values citizens are committed to at the national level, and what the impact is of (different kinds of) national identity as regards e.g. social cohesion.

Speakers:
Karen Nielsen Breidahl (University of Aalborg)
Peter Gundelach (University of Copenhagen)
Nils Holtug (University of Copenhagen)
Kristian Kongshøj (University of Aalborg)
Linda Lapina (Roskilde University)
Christian Albrekt Larsen (University of Aalborg)
Sune Lægaard (Roskilde University)
Garbi Schmidt (Roskilde University)
Kristina Bakkær Simonsen (University of Aarhus)

31. May 2017
Location: 27.0.09, UCPH, South Campus
Time: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.


This event launches the interdisciplinary research network Helping Hands: Research Network on the Everyday Border Work of European Citizens, funded by the Danish Research Council 2017-2019. The network gathers researchers (ethnologists, anthropologists, human geographers, borders and migration
scholars) from 6 different countries: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands and Scotland, in order to investigate the different ways in which people in everyday life Europe choose to 'give a helping hand', pursuing their own kind of aid work in support of refugees coming to Europe.

Keynote speakers:
Shahram Koshrawi (Stockholm University)
Heath Cabot (University of Pittsburgh)

31. May 2017
Location: Room 22.0.11, UCPH, South Campus
Time: 10.15 am – 4.00 pm.

Organized by: Centre for Advanced Migration Studies in collaboration with European Ethnology, Saxo Institute, UCPH, Contact person: Marie Sandberg

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