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AUTUMN EVENTS 2017

AMIS Culture Club Film Festival
"Dreaming of Denmark" by documentarist Michael Graversen

27 September 2017
Location: Room 27.0.17. South Campus, UCPH
Time: 4.15 - 6 pm

What does it mean to be a refugee and unaccompanied minor in Denmark? Why do some refugee children and adolescents choose to hide from the authorities, and what kind of life awaits them in Denmark and Europe? Filmmaker Michael Graversen has followed the unaccompanied minor Wasiullah for more than three years. Wasiullah is one of the young refugees who has disappeared from a Danish asylum center. At this AMIS Culture Club event, we will watch "Dreaming of Denmark" and Graversen will reflect on his engagement with the young refugees and the process of making the film.

Graversen graduated documentary director from the National Film and Television School in the UK and holds a BA in Film and Media Studies and Psychology from Copenhagen University.

Everyone is welcome!

National Values and Social Cohesion
Conference at Centre for Advanced Migration Studies

4 - 6 October 2017
Location: Auditorium 22.0.11, South Campus, UCPH.

Western liberal democracies are generally experiencing increasing levels of ethnic and religious diversity. And increases in diversity are accompanied by worries about, e.g., parallel societies, terrorism, nationalism and whether diversity is compatible with redistribution in the form of a robust welfare state. Very often, such worries are framed as concerns about social cohesion. Furthermore, political responses have centred on the aim of preserving/fostering a sense of community, often in the form of shared values or a national identity that may unify citizens.

Speakers:
Clara Sandelind (University of Sheffield),
Daniel Weinstock (McGill University),
Eric Uslaner (University of Maryland),
Gina Gustafsson (Uppsala University),
Garbi Schmidt (Roskilde University),
Karen Nielsen Breidahl (Aalborg University),
Keith Banting (Queens University),
Kristian Kongshej (Aalborg University),
Linda Lapina (Roskilde University),
Matthew Wright (American University),
Nils Holtug (University of Copenhagen),
Patti Lenard (University of Ottawa),
Tim Reeskens (Tilburg University)

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AMIS Culture Club: Film Festival
Strane Straniere by Elisa Amoruso

27 October 2017
Location: Room: 27.0.17. South Campus, UCPH.
Time: 3.15 – 6 pm

The documentary Strane straniere (Strange Strangers) from 2016, directed by Elisa Amoruso is about five women from different countries: Sihem (Tunisia), Radi (Bulgaria), Sonia (China), Ana (Croatia) and Ljuba (Serbia). They have come to Italy in search of love, work, freedom, and sometimes by fate. They came with one life and exchanged it for another, each of them creating their own businesses. Everything happens in one day: their experiences intertwine and give life to a story about the emotions, joys, and trials of what it means to find an identity in a new country. While their individual stories are different, they each share the experience of being strangers in a strange land.

The film will be introduced by a short presentation of Elisa Amoruso by Giuliana Holm, who has just finished her MA thesis on Italian migrant documentaries. Elisa will then give a talk, and after the screening (72 minutes) we will discuss the film with her.

Everyone is welcome!

Martin Lemberg-Pedersen (Global Refugee Studies, Aalborg University)
A Postcolonial Inquiry into Danish Politics of Displacement

13 November 2017
Location: room 15A.0.13, South Campus, UCPH
Time 1.15 - 3 pm

This three-year project examines continuities and ruptures between current and colonial Danish politics on spaces, borders and bodies. It does so by tracing the activities and understandings on displacement, forced migration and its ecological impact, from Danish colonial rule, in particular in the Danish Gold Coast (today Ghana) between 1754-1850 and the Danish West Indies (today US Virgin Islands) between 1754-1917, and comparing these with current Danish and EU refugee and border externalization policies. The project’s theoretical basis is multidisciplinary and based on critical geography, political philosophy, political ecology, racialization and de/postcolonial theory. Methodologically, genealogical inquiry, archival searches, qualitative fieldwork and discursive and normative analyses are combined in order to examine the nexus between forced migration, migration management, the production of racial hierarchies and the humanitarian, socioeconomic and ecological impact of displacement grids on regions holding different roles in capitalist geopolitics. The project asks crucial questions about mobility practices, past and present; thus adding historical, ecological and philosophical depth to Danish and European debates on the rationalities of spaces, borders and bodies...

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AMIS Culture Club Film Festival
River Nomads by Eric Hahonou

23 November 2017
Location: Room: 27.0.17. South Campus, UCPH
Time 2.15 - 4 pm

River Nomads is the first edited documentary of a trilogy. This part intends to answer the question of why Kebbawa fishermen are giving up their seasonal migration and nomadic lifestyle. The answers point towards multiple factors ranging from illiteracy to corruption, overfishing, shifts in religion and climate change.
The movie is part of an ongoing anthropological research about the migration-citizenship nexus by focusing on vernacular representations and practices of citizenship.

Lotte Pelckmans (AMIS, University of Copenhagen) and Eric Hahonou (IDS, Roskilde University) are both anthropologists, having conducted research in West Africa (and the diaspora) on various issues ranging from the legacies of slavery, to citizenship, development, migration and security.

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4th AMIS/MIM Masters Conference on Migration Studies

4 December 2017
Location: Room:22.0.11. South Campus, UCPH
Organizer: AMIS and Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare.

This annual master’s conference provides an opportunity for master's students in Advanced Migration Studies in Copenhagen and International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER) in Malmö to meet and exchange experiences and ideas and to get an impression of the research going on at AMIS and MIM.

This year it will be held in Copenhagen.

Keynote speaker will be professor Ruth Wodak.

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