AMIS events autumn 2018

AMIS Culture Club: Film Screening

We watch the two documentaries ‘Fire under the Ashes’ and ‘Another Danish Spring’, and afterwards the director of ‘Fire under the Ashes’, Arash Setoodeh, will inform about his work.

Fire under the Ashes

Iran and Denmark / 2013 / Documentary / 11 min

Though participation in elections and holding peaceful protests are both democratic acts/rights, they have serious effects on the life of an Iranian couple during and after the Presidential Election in Iran 2009. What caused Sepideh and Bamdad to move from their homeland?

Director: Arash Setoodeh

Another Danish Spring

Denmark and Czech Republic / 2015 / Documentary / 15 min

After making a short film in Denmark, a director has to face the fact that he is not anymore welcome in his home country, Iran. Having a life in limbo, his friend follows him during the asylum process. What is it like to shift from being a voluntary to a forced migrant?

Director: Karl Friis Forchhammer

Time: 7 November 2018, 15:00-17:00

Place: Room: 12.1.62 UCPH South Campus

Organizer: AMIS Culture Club

Book launch: Asylum Determination in Europe

Drawing on new research material from ten European countries, Asylum Determination in Europe: Ethnographic Perspectives brings together a range of detailed accounts of the legal and bureaucratic processes by which asylum claims are decided. The book includes a legal overview of European asylum determination procedures, followed by sections on the diverse actors involved, the means by which they communicate, and the ways in which they make life and death decisions on a daily basis. It offers a contextually rich account that moves beyond doctrinal law to uncover the gaps and variances between formal policy and legislation, and law as actually practiced.
The contributors employ a variety of disciplinary perspectives – sociological, anthropological, geographical and linguistic – but are united in their use of an ethnographic methodological approach. Through this lens, the book captures the confusion, improvisation, inconsistency, complexity and emotional turmoil inherent to the process of claiming asylum in Europe.

Authors: Nick Gill is Professor of Human Geography, University of Exeter, UK. Anthony Good is Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh, UK.

Nick Gill will be presenting the book.

Time: 9 November 2018, 10:00-12:00

Place: Room: 22.0.11

Organizer: AMIS/CAMP

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Conference: Diversity, Values and Social Cohesion

Increasingly, immigration gives rise to ethnic diversity in liberal democracies. One worry about diversity, which plays an important role in both academic and public debates, is whether diversity tends to drive down social cohesion and therefore the basis for well-functioning democratic institutions and egalitarian welfare states. In response to such worries about immigration, states tend to emphasize national identities and shared values as a basis for social cohesion and to engage in various forms of nation-building. But what, exactly, is the relation between national values, shared values and various aspects of social cohesion? Do shared values somehow facilitate identification and hence, for example, trust and solidarity? What roles do in-group bias and out-group prejudice play in societies characterized by diversity? How, more generally, is social cohesion created and maintained in diverse societies? And what forms of difference can and should be accommodated in liberal democracies?

Programme:

10.00-11.15 Elizabeth Theiss-Morse (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
Discussant: David Miller (University of Oxford)

11.15-11.30 Break

11.30-12.45 Bo Rothstein (Gothenburg University)
Discussant: Kristian Kongshøj (University of Aalborg)

12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.00 Andrew Mason (University of Warwick)
Discussant: Nils Holtug (University of Copenhagen)
15.00-15.15 Break

15.15-16.30 John Dovidio (Yale University)

Discussant: Bjørn Hallson (University of Copenhagen)

Time: 29 November 2018, 10:00-16:30

Place: Room: 15a.0.13 UCPH South Campus

Organizer: AMIS

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