NEWS September 2014

New Associate Professor in Migration Studies

PhD Simon Turner will be taking up a position as Associate Professor at the Centre for Advanced Migration Studies in November 2014. Simon is currently Associate Professor at the Center for Refugee Studies Aalborg University, and he has formerly been employed as Senior Researcher and Migration Research Unit Coordinator at DIIS (Danish Institute for International Studies). Among other things Simon will be involved in the new MA in Advanced Migration Studies. We welcome and congratulate Simon with his new position and look forward to working with him.

EVENTS FALL 2014

AMIS Culture Club, Film screening: Dirty Pretty Things by Stephen Frears

Kamel Benkaaba (Department for Media, Cognition and Communication) will introduce the film, and lead the discussion following it. In Dirty Pretty Things we meet Okwe, a kind-hearted Nigerian physician, who must constantly escape from Immigration officers. One day Okwe discovers by chance that an illegal scheme of surgeries is being led by his boss in the hotel in which he is illegally employed. His boss quickly comes up with a tempting proposal: if Okwe accepts to perform the illegal surgeries, he will make a lot of money and receive a legal permit to stay in the U.K.

8. October 2014

Room 27.0.09, University of Copenhagen Southern Campus

Time: 8 pm

Ph.d. Course: Comparative Studies in Migration and Memory

At a time when transnational mobility is both noticeable and controversial, it matters greatly that we better understand the human experience of migration: its subjective histories, social processes and imaginative implications. At a time when the movement of peoples is under intense scrutiny, the case for comparative investigation and analysis is compelling. It is necessary to explore interaction between cultures, the processes of personal recollection in life-story and oral history, as well as public memory expressed in commemorations, museums and representations.

To this end we invite PhD researchers to learn more, and to talk with experts in the field, during a course on ‘Comparative Studies in Migration and Memory’. Students with varied disciplinary interests from across the humanities and social sciences are welcome to attend.
Read more at the website: https://phdcourses.dk/Course/31438

Registration deadline: 3rd October.

Enquiries & questions: Dr Peter Leese (leese@hum.uk.dk).

6-7. November 2014

Room 27.0.09, University of Copenhagen Southern Campus

Organizer: PhD School at the Faculty of Humanities at University of Copenhagen, co-sponsored by AMIS

1st AMIS/MIM Masters Conference on Migration Studies

This Masters Conference organised by AMIS and MIM presents scholars from AMIS, MIM and Roskilde University within the field of migration research. Keynote speaker will be Garbi Schmidt (MIM guest professor in memory of Willy Brandt and Professor at Roskilde University), and the title of her presentation is "The Thing Called Social Cohesion: The Danish Case". Furthermore, there will be presentations by Jonas Helgertz (Lund University), Ioana Bunescu (MIM), Simon Turner (AMIS), Henrik Emilsson (MIM), Linda Lapina (Roskilde University), Christian Groes (Roskilde University) and Marta Padovan-Ozdemir (AMIS).

See the full program at MIMs website, accessible through this link.

10. December 2014

Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM)

Room G124, Gäddan 8, Faculty of Culture and Society, Citadellsvägen 7, Malmö University.

Time: 9 am - 4 pm.

Professor Joseph Carens (University of Toronto): An Overview of the Ethics of Immigration

In his talk, Joseph Carens will provide an overview of his recent book discussing the moral issues raised by immigration into democratic states in Europe and North America. He will address questions such as: On what terms should immigrants and their descendants have access to citizenship? What are the relative responsibilities of immigrants and of the receiving society with respect to economic and social inclusion? How should the legal rights of different categories of immigrants (residents, temporary workers, irregular migrants) resemble or differ from the legal rights of citizens? If we assume that democratic states are morally entitled to exercise considerable discretion over whom to admit, how is that discretion constrained by obligations with respect to non-discrimination, family reunification and the admission of refugees? Finally, should we accept the assumption that states are entitled to control entry or should we challenge it, seeing open borders as a requirement of justice and freedom of movement as a basic human right?

12. December 2014

Room: 21.0.54, University of Copenhagen Southern Campus

Time: 2.15 pm – 4 pm.
IMISCOE Research Group TRANSMIG conference: Transnational Migration: Disciplinary Impacts

AMIS is co-organising this conference with Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM) and the Department of Global Political Studies at Malmö University.

The conference aims to explore the impact of research on transnational migration from the perspective of a range of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities.

Keynote speakers: Nina Glick Schiller (Emerita, Social Anthropology, Manchester) and Thomas Faist (Sociology, Bielefeld).

The final program can be found at www.mah.se/mim on December 1st.

29.-30. January 2015

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AMIS IN THE MEDIA

Director of AMIS, Nils Holtug, blogs on national values and social cohesion in Politiken (in Danish)

See the online blog through this link.

AMIS affiliate Martin Lemberg-Pedersen features in new educational tool

See the full description through this link

AMIS affiliate Martin Lemberg-Pedersen interviewed by Information on the relation between the Refugee Convention, states' border control and migrant fatalities in the Mediterranean (in Danish).

See the full description through this link

AMIS affiliate Martin Lemberg-Pedersen guest in P1 Orientering discussing news that the Italian Mare Nostrum operation will be replaced by a "Frontex Plus"-operation (in Danish).

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