

PhD Workshops organized by AMID/Aalborg University

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Please register for the PhD workshops to Julie Skibsted Larsen (julie@ihis.aau.dk) no later than one week before each seminar. **Participation fee: DKK 200** per seminar (covers coffee breaks and lunch). The workshops are open to all (PhD candidates as well as others).

PhD Workshop on Inclusion in Multicultural Societies

– theoretical and empirical findings

14 September 2007

Venue: Fibigerstraede 2, Room 35

11-12 Prof. [Lise Togeby](#) (Dept. of Political Science, University of Aarhus): *Immigrant participation in Danish local government*

Abstract: In general, ethnic minorities are strongly under-represented in representative bodies; however, there is no rule without exceptions. In the local elections in Denmark in 2001, the number of ethnic minorities who won election to the local councils throughout the country almost corresponded to their percentage of the general population. The explanation for this can be found in the Danish local election system, with its combination of proportional representation and preferential voting. This system is exceptionally conducive to collective mobilization, which results in a relatively high voter turnout among ethnic minorities and a fair representation in local councils. The lecture discusses the turnout and the representation of ethnic minorities in Denmark.

12-12:50 Lunch

13-14 Prof. [Meindert Fennema](#) (IMES, Universiteit van Amsterdam): *Social capital in multicultural societies*.

Abstract: The idea of a multicultural society has many supporters and even more critics. Most of the academic discussion takes place at a philosophical level, either in terms of the embeddedness of human nature (Parekh 2000), the extension of human rights to cultural identity (Young 1990), or the intrinsic human need for recognition (Taylor 1994). Hence the debate on multicultural society has strong moral overtones and revolves around the practical possibilities and ethical desirability of having more than one culture in a polity. Most supporters of multiculturalism believe we have some moral obligation for the protection of minority cultures. This is so because in their view assimilation is an unethical option for immigrants in a host society. Alan Wolfe depicts assimilation as 'a form of symbolic violence' (Wolfe 2003). Critics, on the

other hand, either see multiculturalism as a form of cultural relativism that flies in the face of the liberal theory of equality and universalism (Barry 2001), or see it as undermining national identity (Miller 1995). Neither supporters nor critics seem to be particularly interested in the practical issues of how liberal democracy works in a multicultural society. Yet it is the functioning of democracy that worries so many people who take issue with multiculturalism. We take the predicament of liberal democracy as a starting point for our chapter, which, although theoretical in its aim, uses empirical data collected for the case of Amsterdam to illustrate our theoretical model. In the near future we will be able to present data on more cities.

14-15 PhD presentation: Susi Meret (AMID, Aalborg University): *Radical Right Party ideology in a comparative perspective: the Danish People's Party, the Northern League and the Austrian Freedom Party.*

15-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:15 PhD presentation: Martin Bak Jørgensen (AMID, Aalborg University): *Identifying the political and discursive opportunity structures in Danish integration- and citizenship policy.*

16:15-17:15 Postdoc presentation: Helene Pristed Nielsen (FREIA, Aalborg University): *Does deliberative democracy work in practice? – developing a model for analysing democratic engagement processes.*

18:00 Dinner: Restaurant San Giovanni

Registration deadline: For PhD candidates wishing to present a paper: ASAP, as the vacant slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Others (without paper): 10 September 2007

Paper deadline: 3 September 2007 (send your paper (**max. 25 pages**) to julie@ihis.aau.dk). NB! PhD presentations are limited to 15 minutes – the remaining time is allotted for discussion.

ECTS: 1 for active participation and 2 for paper presentation (3 ECTS in total).

PhD Workshop on Irregular Migration

5 October 2007

Venue: Fibigerstraede 2, Room 35

10:30-12 [Jeroen Doornik](#) (IMES, Universiteit van Amsterdam): *Irregular migration and migration theory*

Abstract: Migration theories generally consider migration processes without taking into account (severe) interventions by governments in countries of origin, transit or destination. Because such interventions are very extensive in the European context (and increasingly elsewhere too) we tend to lose sight of the precise nature of migration processes as economic, social or demographic driven phenomena. By having a closer look at what migration theory suggests and then moving on to the present-day regular and – especially - irregular migration into and through Europe we aim to arrive at a better appreciation of their true dynamics. In conclusion we shall discuss the implications for policy making if aimed at reducing perverse effects of migration control and increasing the benefits of labour migration.

12-13:15 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Post.doc presentation: Kirsten Hviid, Aalborg University: *title tba*

14:30-15:30 PhD presentation: Daniel Gustafsson, Aalborg University: *Researching human trafficking organisations and networks: Methodological challenges and suggestions for a possible way forward.*

18:00 Dinner at Restaurant San Giovanni

Registration deadline: For PhD candidates wishing to present a paper: ASAP, as the vacant slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Others (without paper): 1 October 2007

Paper deadline: 21 September 2007 (send your paper (**max. 25 pages**) to julie@ihis.aau.dk). NB! PhD presentations are limited to 15 minutes – the remaining time is allotted for discussion.

ECTS: 1 for active participation and 2 for paper presentation (3 ECTS in total).

PhD Workshop on Transnationalisation and Development(s): Towards a North-South Perspective

23 November 2007

Venue: Fibigerstraede 2, Room 123

9-10:30 Prof. [Thomas Faist](#) (Bielefeld University): *Transnationalisation and Development(s): Towards a North-South Perspective*

Abstract: The central puzzle addressed in this paper is: On the one hand we observe that public and academic debates in the newest round of the migration-development nexus address mostly one-way flows, the transfer of resources from North or West to South and East. These transfers include financial remittances, human capital, knowledge and even so-called social remittances, such as the export of democracy and human rights. The newest round of the migration-development debate, like the older ones in the 1960s and 1980s, is couched in terms of development and development cooperation. On the other hand, studies taking a transnational approach suggest that we do not see one-way traffic but two-way flows. There is the silent backwash of remittances, that is, a massive flow of resources from South to North. Examples include student tuition fees, "reverse remittances", such as families of migrants paying for their kinfolk to legalize their status. In addressing this puzzle, this paper analyses the migration-development nexus between North/West and South/East in using a transnational lens. The paper addresses three questions: First, the question is what is new and what is old about the new "mantra" of the migration-development nexus. Second, as to sustained cross-border transactions the question comes up whose transnational ties and what kind of transnational ties are good for development? Third, one of the glaring questions is why the new enthusiasm on migration and development now? How is it connected to changing paradigms in development thinking and the overall discursive embedding in the trinity of community & civil society, market and the state. How is it connected to changing geopolitical formations and forms of migration control after the end of the Cold War?

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:45 PhD presentation: Martin Bak Jørgensen, Aalborg University: title tba

12-12:45 Lunch

13-14 PhD presentation: Helle Stenum, Aalborg University: title tba

14-14:15 Coffee break

14:15-15:15 Postdoc presentation: Kirsten Hviid, Aalborg University: title tba

15:15-16:15 PhD presentation: Marta Kindler (Visiting PhD candidate, Warsaw University): title tba

16:15-17:15 PhD presentation [vacant slot]

18:00 Dinner

Registration deadline: For PhD candidates wishing to present a paper: ASAP, as the vacant slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Others (without paper): 19 November 2007

Paper deadline: 9 November 2007 (send your paper (**max. 25 pages**) to julie@ihis.aau.dk). NB! PhD presentations are limited to 15 minutes – the remaining time is allotted for discussion.

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Guest Lectures

Meindert Fennema, Jeroen Doomernik and Thomas Faist will also give guest lectures in connection with the IMER (International Migration and Ethnic Relations) courses of the Culture, Communication and Globalization Master's programme:

Course: Policies of Integration and Diversity (link to course details:
http://www.ccg.aau.dk/e-2007/skema/mig_mbj.htm)

13 September 2007

12:15-14

Session 3: Guest lecture by Meindert Fennema: *Does integration policies matter* – this session discusses the outcome of integration policies and furthermore the issue of immigrant participation in civil society

Venue: Fibigerstraede 2, room 55

4 October 2007

12:15-14

Session 7: Guest Lecture by Jeroen Doomernik: *Religion in the Public Sphere – Turkish Islamic Institutions in the Netherlands and Germany*. This session further discusses how religion, in this case Islam, is contextualized in immigration and integration policies.

Venue: Fibigerstraede 2, room 55

Course: Globalization and International Migration (link to course details:
http://www.ccg.aau.dk/e-2007/skema/mig_kh.htm)

22 November 2007

10-12

Thomas Faist: *The transnational migrant and social development*

Venue: Fibigerstræde 2, room 125.