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## Ongoing projects

Since June 2001 the following projects have been initiated within AMID:

### Senior research projects:

- Hans Hummelgaard, Vibeke Jacobsen, Helena Skyt Nielsen, Anders Holm, Leif Husted, Kræn Blume Jensen: *'Migration and Labour Market'*
- Ruth Emerek: *'Migration – Breadwinner Models, the Family and the Labour Market'*
- Lisanne Wilken: *'Multicultural Europe – an Analysis of the European Vision of "Multiculturalism" and its Relation to Member-state Perceptions of Immigrant Cultures'*

### Post.doc. projects:

- David May: *'Immigrants' Participation in Civil Society'*

### Ph.D. projects:

- Trine Lund Thomsen: *'Ethnic Entrepreneurship as an Acculturation Strategy. Biographical Analyses of Immigrant Entrepreneurs in six European Countries'* (start: 01.08.2001)
- Kirsten Hviid: *'Immigrant Youth and Delinquency'* (start: 01.09.2001)
- Susi Meret: *'Migration, New Political Cleavages and the Radical Right: A Comparative Analysis of the Danish, Italian and Austrian Case'* (start: 01.10.2001)

## Ph.D. Project abstracts

### **Kirsten Hviid**

Supervisors: Annick Prieur (AAU) and Lars Holmberg (KU)

#### ***Immigrant Youth and Delinquency***

(01.09.2001-01.09.2004)

This research project will be dealing with issues such as immigrant youth, sub-cultural lifestyles and identity-formation, socialisation and socio-economic strategies, crimes and media-coverage, public opinion and stereotyping.

Surveys conducted by Statistics Denmark, published in 1998, show a proportionally higher crime-rate amongst populations of non-Danish/European origin, vis-à-vis the populations of Danish/European origin. Especially the so-called second generation immigrants of non-European origin has a proportionally higher crime-rate compared to similar age groups with a Danish/European background. Results deriving from this survey have initiated a major debate both within the Government and political parties, the media as well as at the local governmental level to take action and initiate programs. This survey as well as some incidents like rape and violence committed by groups of teenagers with immigrant background has been used by the right-wing parties and the media to create an image of the typical second generation immigrant as a prototype of a criminal operating in gangs. Local people demand more control, police and higher penalties for crime committed by this youth group.

However, this statistical material does not take into account various factors which could have important implications for the differences accounted for. Socio-economic factors such as levels of employment, housing, schooling and education, family and social network, are important aspects when considering crime-rates and must be taken into account when dealing with crime-rates

among immigrants. Researchers have proved that other important factors contribute to a higher rate of arrest among immigrants resulting from police practices, such as stereotyping as a way of operating towards suspects.

This project will be dealing with these factors and focus upon important aspects of youth sub-cultural lifestyles and gender identity. This lifestyle can be seen as a response to socio-economic conditions and a way to create a space and place within a life-world which does not offer any prospects for a socially and economically secure future within the boundaries of the family nor the state.

The project will be based on empirical studies amongst youth groups within two major urban settings in Denmark: Aalborg and Karlebo. In both of these two areas a significant population of immigrants in social public housing is situated. This project will be dealing with statistical and qualitative data, based on interviews, observations, surveys, and public research programmes within both national and international social studies.

### **Susi Meret**

Supervisors: Jørgen Goul Andersen (AAU) and Ulf Hedetoft (AAU)

#### ***Migration, New Political Cleavages and the Radical Right: A Comparative Analysis of the Danish, Italian and Austrian Case.***

During the last decades some relevant transformations have characterised the political scene of Western Europe, one of these being the emergence and reinforcement of the radical right in several countries. This event has gained increasing attention within the field of political studies, which is confirmed by the amount of literature now available on this topic. Many of these publications often delineate the features that characterise the radical right parties in Europe

and give country-to-country assessments of those parties which are considered belonging to this political family. In others, the inquiry focuses on a single party, assessing the conditions that have determined its appearance on that country's political scene. Though enlightening, these approaches lack a deeper comparative perspective that could better attempt to give an answer to some relevant questions. For example: why do these parties emerge in certain geographical and socio-political contexts rather than others? What are their roots in the past? What are the common traits and differences among them? Why is anti-immigration and the hostility towards the idea of a multi-ethnic society one of the most relevant issues in their political agendas? Can we consider them "just" as a result of protest, or do they rather represent the ultimate crisis of traditional parties? Who is the electorate supporting them and what can be the reasons of this support?

In order to tackle these and other questions, the choice for this PhD project has been to build the analysis on a three-country comparative perspective. This will look at Denmark, Italy and Austria. For each of these countries, it will be then considered a representative political party belonging to the radical right family: namely, the Danish People's Party (*Dansk Folkeparti*), the Northern League (*Lega Nord*) and the Austrian Freedom Party (*Freiheitliche Partei Österreich*).

The research will be conducted at various levels of analysis, considering both the emergence of a new radical right in relation to the recent socio-economical and cultural transformations experienced by our societies (*macro-societal level*), as well as the *institutional* and *socio-structural level* defined by the three countries' geographical and socio-political boundaries. Within this framework, particular attention will be paid to the augmenting emphasis that these parties give to the issue of immigration and to their

alarmed appeals, which urge to take political action contra the menace that a multi-ethnic society represents for Western national (sometimes even regional) identities and values.

The material used to accomplish this research will be heterogeneous: parties' publications (manifestos, newspapers, journals, pamphlets, etc.) and significant theoretical production will be considered. Emphasis will also be given to the use of empirical data already at hand (election data, election surveys, international social surveys) and particularly to those data that privilege a cross-national, cross-cultural perspective, so enhancing the comparative approach that mainly characterises this project.

### **Trine Lund Thomsen**

Supervisors: Feiwei Kupferberg (AAU) and Ruth Emerek (AAU)

#### ***Ethnic entrepreneurship as an acculturation strategy. Biographical analyses of immigrant entrepreneurs in six European countries***

Migrants most often experience difficulties when facing the acculturation process in a new society. The problems often arise due to structural barriers and discrimination in many parts of society, for example, the labour market which leads to social exclusion. But they can also emerge due to relatively insufficient subjective resources. These factors have an effect on the individual's possibilities of creating a new life and to gain some degree of inclusion in the new society. In the attempt to obtain social inclusion the individual makes use of different kinds of strategies - one of them being "ethnic entrepreneurship". Most mainstream approaches to ethnic entrepreneurship have either a structuralist approach, focusing on ethnic, cultural, legal, political or market structures which produce opportunities and constraints for entrepreneurial activities of migrants, or they have a relational approach, focusing on the

effects of membership in ethnic networks, seeing ethnic entrepreneurship as a collective achievement. In this project I will position myself between the two approaches by regarding ethnic entrepreneurship as a strategy developed in relation to human agency, as a processual development embedded in both the social, economic, legal and political structures and in the biographical process. Ethnic entrepreneurship is thus an individual strategy emerging from the frame of collective opportunity structures.

The aim of this project is to discover to which degree structures within a given society affect the migrants' opportunities in a new society, and how this influences their choice of acculturation strategy. The empirical part of this project will be based on biographical narrative interviews with migrants from six European countries. On the basis of these interviews, a comparative analysis is to be conducted. Comparing the interviews with ethnic entrepreneurs from six countries with their differences and similarities should give a good picture and an understanding of what lies behind the ethnic entrepreneur strategy and how these migrants experience their own situation. Within the samples I will pay special attention to the aspects of gender, ethnicity and subjective resources.

### AMID Opening conference

The international Opening Conference of AMID took place August 29 -30, 2001, at Aalborg University, Denmark. The title of the conference was "Multicultural Citizenship and Integration of Ethnic Minorities". Some 130 delegates took part in the conference. The conference organizers had invited paper proposals within the following five sub-themes:

1. Multicultural Communities: Limits and Opportunities
2. Citizenship and Education

3. Integration, Gender and Ethnicity
4. Immigrants and Labour Market Integration Policies
5. Citizenship, Transnationalism, and Political Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities

About 30 papers were selected among the paper proposals.

The conference keynote speakers and the titles of the keynotes were:

- Professor, Dr. Tomas Hammar, CEIFO, Stockholm, Sweden: "*Multidisciplinary Studies of International Migration, or the Story about "The Ugly Duckling"*".
- Professor Barry Chiswick, Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA: "*But Can They Speak Our Language?: The Linguistic Adjustment of Immigrants*".
- Professor, Dr. Yngve Lithman, IMER, Bergen, Norway: "*Why Integration, and Which?*"
- Associate Professor Bülent Diken, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK: "*Justification and Immigration in the Network Society – A New Ambivalence*".

Selected papers from the conference are now available, or forthcoming, in the AMID Working Paper Series. For further information about the conference--please consult AMID's website. Web video and audio from the conference can be found on the site:

<http://www.humsamf.auc.dk/amid>

### Activities

#### CURRENT EVENTS

During each semester presentations of ongoing research are given within AMID by senior and post.doc. researchers and Ph.D. students not only from the Academy but also

from other research institutes and institutions in Denmark as well as internationally, e.g. in relation to the AMID Visiting Fellow's Programme and invited guest lecturers. These research seminars normally are of 1 1/2 hour's duration and are open to all interested.

### Activities – Spring 2002

For previous activities in 2002, see AMID's website.

#### April

Thursday 4, 14-15:30

Susi Meret (AMID, Aalborg University): "*Migration, New Political Cleavages and the Radical Right: A Comparative Analysis of the Danish, Italian and Austrian Case*"

Thursday 11, 14-15:30

Flemming Mikkelsen, (AMID, Aalborg University): "*Social and Political Movements in Denmark seen in a Transnational and International Perspective*"

#### May

Thursday 2, 14-15:30

Andrew Geddes (University of Liverpool, UK): "*The Spatial and Temporal Reconstruction of Migration Policy as a Challenge for European Governance*"

Friday 3, 10:15-12

Andrew Geddes (University of Liverpool, UK): "*The Impact of EU Article 13 and the Subsequent EU Anti-discrimination Legislation on the UK and France*"

Thursday 16, 14-15:30

AMID Visiting Fellow Svitlana Taraban (York University, Toronto, Canada): "*Queens and Pawns: Writing/Reading Globalization through the Narratives of Female Border-Crossers*"

Thursday 23, 14-15:30

Kirsten Hviid (AMID, Aalborg University): "*Immigrant Youth and Delinquency. A Comparative Study of Youth at Risk*"

Thursday 30, 14-15:30

Flemming Mikkelsen, (AMID, Aalborg University): (in Danish) "*Social og politisk mobilisering af indvandrere og flygtninge i Danmark set i et transnationalt og internationalt perspektiv*"

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All activities take place at Aalborg University, Fibigerstraede 2, Room 35, unless otherwise indicated.

### CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

**The Seventh International Metropolis Conference**, September 9-13, 2002, Oslo, Norway: "*Togetherness in Difference: Citizenship and Belonging*".

For further information on the International Metropolis Conference--please consult their website:

[http://www.international.metropolis.net/frameset\\_e.html](http://www.international.metropolis.net/frameset_e.html)

**12th Nordic Migration Conference: Cultural Diversity and Integration** October 10-12, 2002, Helsinki, Finland. Arranged by CEREN.

For further information see:

<http://sockom.helsinki.fi/ceren/conf.html>

### PH.D. COURSES

**Bourdieu's Sociology** (in Danish): Four separate days in June 2002 at Aalborg University. Associate professor Annick Prieur offers a course intended for Ph.D. students who use or wish to use Pierre Bourdieu's analytical approach in their own research. **Registration may still be accepted by immediate contact to [ap@socsci.auc.dk](mailto:ap@socsci.auc.dk).** More information (in Danish) on: [www.humsamf.auc.dk/spirit](http://www.humsamf.auc.dk/spirit) (look for "Ph.D. courses").

**Discourse Theory and Practice:**

September 26-28, 2002, Vraa Castle, north of Aalborg, Denmark.

The course is organized by *SPIRIT* and AMID, Aalborg University. Organizers: Henrik Halkier and Ulf Hedetoft. For further information please see: [www.humsamf.auc.dk/amid](http://www.humsamf.auc.dk/amid) (click "Activities").

### News from the Consortium

#### **A Survey of the Research Conducted on the Integration of Immigrants in Denmark:**

In 2001 AMID was assigned the task (by the Ministry of the Interior) of mapping research since 1980 (or lack thereof) on the integration of immigrants in Denmark within 28 sub-themes. The task of describing the research on integration was delegated to 25 experts within the areas in question. The individual working papers resulting from this project will be published in the AMID Working Paper Series and will also be available (in the PDF format) at AMID's website.

The project coordinators are Ulf Hedetoft, Kirsten Just Jeppesen and Hans Hummelgaard who will prepare the final report which will include a list of areas in which further research is needed.

#### **The Role of Immigrant Organizations in the Immigration Process in the Nordic Countries:**

AMID is one of the partners in a Nordic project concerning "*The Role of Immigrant Organizations in the Immigration Process in the Nordic Countries*". The project is financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Partner coordinators and partner institutions are: Björn Fryklund, IMER, Malmö (Sweden) Yngve Lithman, IMER, Bergen (Norway) Tom Sandlund, CEREN, Helsinki (Finland)

AMID is the coordinating institution and Flemming Mikkelsen from AMID is the project coordinator.

Kathrine Vitus Andersen from The Institute of Local Government Studies (AKF), began her Ph.D. project in Fall 2001. The title of her project is '*The Encounter between the System and Juvenile Delinquents/Delinquency-threatened Boys with an Ethnic Minority Background*'. Kathrine Vitus Andersen: [kva@akf.dk](mailto:kva@akf.dk)

### Other News

#### **New US State Department Internet Portal on Race and Ethnic Diversity**

A new collection of resources has been added to the web pages of International Information Programs (IIP), dealing with the issues of Race and ethnic diversity in the United States. This portal features US Government policy issues, in-depth topical sub-sites, plus publications and links to other web resources.

To access the Race and Ethnic Diversity portal, please go to:  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/race/>

#### **European Consortium for Political Research (EPRC):**

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/esml/ecpr/>

**ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops**, Turin, Italy, 22-27 March 2002. The workshops are designed to be a forum for substantive discussion on research in progress and collaboration among scholars and are gatherings of approximately 15 to 20 participants from several institutions, lasting about 5 days. The topics of discussion are precisely defined, and only those scholars currently working in the workshop's field are accepted to participate. For further information please visit:  
<http://www.essex.ac.uk/ecpr/jointsessions/turin.htm>

### **The Center for Immigration Studies**

operates two free e-mail information services (listservs) on immigration news. The 4,000-plus subscribers include most of those involved in the field from around the world, including academics, policymakers, INS and other agency personnel, journalists, attorneys, activists from all sides, and others. The services cover developments both in the United States and abroad.

**\*\*CISNEWS\*\*** is a daily list of full-text news items.

**\*\*This Week in Immigration\*\*** is a less-comprehensive weekly roundup of links to immigration news.

To subscribe to either list, go to:  
[http://www.cis.org/mail\\_login.html](http://www.cis.org/mail_login.html)

The Center for Immigration Studies, founded in 1985, is an independent, non-profit research organization in Washington, D.C., that examines and critiques the impact of immigration on the United States. Mark Krikorian is the executive director.

**The Danish "Vejledningstjenesten"** is launching a new site (in Danish) for an overview of tendencies, initiatives and projects on Danish integration of immigrants on the labour market:

[www.vejledningstjenesten.dk](http://www.vejledningstjenesten.dk)

### **Publications**

#### **AMID Working Paper Series**

Tomas Hammar (2/2001). *The Ugly Duckling and the Academy*.

Jeffrey H. Cohen (3/2002). *Social Responses to Migration among Rural Oaxacans: Outcomes in Sending and Receiving Communities*.

Bülent Diken (4/2002). *Justification and Immigration in the Network Society – A New Ambivalence?*

Ulf Hedetoft (5/2002). *Discourses and Images of Belonging: Migrants between "New Racism", Liberal Nationalism and Globalization*.

AMID Working Papers are available for DKK 25 each at the AMID secretariat-- please contact Ms Julie Larsen ([julie@humsamf.auc.dk](mailto:julie@humsamf.auc.dk)). Also, the working papers are available on AMID's website:

<http://www.humsamf.auc.dk/amid/publi.html>

#### **Publications in English**

Bade, Klaus J. (ed.): *Integration und Illegalität in Deutschland*, Rat für Migration e.V., Institut für Migrationsforschung und Interkulturelle Studien (IMIS) der Universität Osnabrück, 2001

Bade, Klaus J., et.al. (eds.): *IMIS-Beiträge, Heft 17/2001 und 18/2001*, Institut für Migrationsforschung und Interkulturelle Studien (IMIS) der Universität Osnabrück, 2001.

Bø, Bente Puntervold (Doctoral Thesis): *Immigration Control, Law and Morality: Visa policies towards visitors and asylum seekers - An evaluation of the Norwegian visa policies within a legal and moral frame of reference*, Oslo University College, 2001.

Guiraudon, Virginie and Joppke, Christian (eds.): *Controlling a New Migration World*, Routledge, 2001.

Hansen, Annie Elise and Hempel-Jorgensen, Amelia: *Inside and Out: A Needs Analysis of the Somali Community in Cardiff*, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cardiff University, 2001.

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Povrzanovic, Maja Frykman: *Beyond Integration. Challenges of belonging in diaspora and exile*, Nordic Academic Press, Lund, 2001.

Rosholm, M., Scott, K. & Husted, L.: 'The Times They are A-Changin': Organizational Change and Immigrant Employment Opportunities in Scandinavia'. *IZA Discussion Paper 258*.

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Mikkelsen, Flemming: *Integrationens paradoks: indvandrere og flygtninge i Danmark mellem inklusion og marginalisering*. Kbh.: Catinét, 2001.

Moldenhawer, Bolette: *En bedre fremtid. Skolens betydning for etniske minoriteter*, Hans Reitzels Forlag 2001.

Slot, Line Vikkelsø: *Betragtninger over nyhedsmediernes (re)produktion af etniske minoriteter som problemdiskurs*, Speciale, Sociologisk Institut, Københavns Universitet, 2001.

Bømler, Tina Ussing: *Når samfundet udstøder*, Socialpædagogisk Bibliotek 2000.

Hummelgaard, Hans og Husted, Leif: (AKF rapport) *Social og etnisk bestemt bosætning - årsager og konsekvenser*, Amternes og Kommunernes Forskningsinstitut, oktober 2001. Rapporten kan læses på AKF's hjemmeside: [www.akf.dk](http://www.akf.dk) eller købes på AKF Forlaget tlf. 33145949-76.

Hummelgaard, Hans (m.fl.): *Uddannelse og arbejde for andengenerationsindvandrere*, Amternes og Kommunernes Forskningsinstitut (AKF) og Centre for Research in Social Integration and Marginalization (CIM), AKF Forlaget, Februar 2002

Bonnerup, Erik (m.fl.): *Befolkningsudviklingen 2001-2021 – mulige udviklingsforløb*. The report can be viewed at: <http://www.inm.dk/publikationer/Befolkningsudvikling/index.htm>

### **About AMID**

The Academy for Migration Studies in Denmark, AMID, is a consortium consisting of researchers at research centers representing three institutions of higher education and two research institutes and supported by the Danish Research Councils of the Humanities and Social Sciences. AMID was established as of January 1, 2001.

The Consortium consists of the following members:

- **Aalborg University**--Department of Sociology, Social Studies and Organization, Department of Economics, Politics and Administration, as well as *SPIRIT* (School for Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Research on Interculturalism and Transnationality and Institute for History and International Studies).

Aalborg University is the host institution and Professor, dr. phil. Ulf Hedetoft the Director of the Academy.

- **The Aarhus School of Business**--CIM (Centre for Research in Social Integration and Marginalization)
- **Aarhus University**--Department of Political Science
- **The Danish National Institute of Social Research** (Socialforskningsinstituttet)
- **The Institute of Local Government Studies** (Amternes og Kommunernes Forskningsinstitut)

In addition three individual research projects are affiliated with AMID. One of these projects is carried out at Aalborg University and two at the University of Southern Denmark.

### About AMID-NEWS

The aim of the newsletter is to serve as a complementary information channel to the Academy's web-site, and also as a forum where everyone can make themselves heard. Therefore, we invite everyone at AMID and other institutions and organizations that deal with migration issues to contribute with information and articles to be published in this newsletter which will also be published on AMID's website:

<http://www.humsamf.auc.dk/amid>

Please send contributions for forthcoming publications to Jesper Poulsen:

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To be included in our mailing lists please send information on your name, position and email address.

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