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Completed Projects

Immigration and Fertility (Vera Botelho, University of Southern Denmark, project period: April 2001-April 2004)

By Vera Botelho

The general objective of this project is to examine the fertility patterns of foreign-born women in Denmark and assess to which extent fertility patterns differ from women born in Denmark. Another purpose is to identify the factors (socio-economics, cultural, family patterns, education, etc.) that influence the fertility behaviour of immigrant women. The data used was retrieved from several registers (e.g. The Fertility Database).

These research findings show a need for a theoretical framework that accounts for all the important aspects that affect the fertility behaviour of immigrant groups. It became clear, however, that any attempt in this direction has to consider the following basic factors:

- influences from place of origin (particularly ethnic and cultural characteristics related to family and kinship patterns);
- influences from place of settlement (socio-economic context and family policies);
- personal and/or individual characteristics of immigrants (such as level of education)
- the time and type of migration ("forced or spontaneous" dislocation).

In addition, this research also revealed that the type of partnership (whether or not partners belong to the same ethnic group) is another important explanatory factor of fertility behaviour among immigrants. An examination of this aspect shows that a significant number of immigrants are involved in mixed marriages and the rates of fertility among these couples tend to be lower than those involved in non mixed marriages.

The empirical findings for Denmark show that, in recent years, immigrants coming from the so-called Developed Countries, have kept a fertility behaviour that is very similar to that found for the Danish population as a whole, that is, with a Total Fertility Rates (TFR) of approximately 1.7. The exceptions are immigrants from the former Yugoslavia (TFR 2.4) and Bosnia-Herzegovina, whose high rates of fertility seem to be the result of temporary effects of the war faced by that population.

On the other hand, marked differences in fertility behaviour were found within and between immigrants from Less Developed Countries and the fertility regime prevalent in Denmark. It was observed that some of these groups, such as those from Thailand and Iran (TFR 1.8), have quickly converged to the Danish fertility patterns while other groups, particularly those from Turkey (TFR 2.7), Sri Lanka (TFR 2.8), Vietnam (TFR 2.5), though still having on average a higher number of children, show nevertheless signs of convergence to the Danish pattern. Finally, immigrants from Somalia (TFR 5.4), Iraq (TFR 4.0) and Lebanon (TFR 4.1) have kept high and similar rates of fertility to their place of origin, showing no sign of any change in the short time. Their fertility behaviour seems to reflect a combination of their pro-natalistic ideology along with the support of the family policies provided by the Danish society. It is, therefore, these groups of immigrants that deserve special attention from researchers since they are most likely to have a significant impact on the socio-demographic structure of the Danish society.

Current Events and Activities

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New AMID Calendar of Activities

Please see AMID's website for activities in this semester: <http://www.amid.dk/activities/>

AMID Conference

The 13th Nordic Migration Conference takes place 18-20 November 2004 in Aalborg.

The registration deadline is 18 October 2004.

The conference will be a blend of keynote lectures, a roundtable discussion and four parallel panel sessions. There are 13 panels which focus on various migration-related aspects:

1. Forms and Means of Transnational Engagement
2. Barriers to Labour Market Integration
3. Minorities and Marriage: Practices and patterns in and beyond the Nordic countries
4. Migration and the Economic Impact on the Welfare State
5. Religion and Integration
6. Immigrants and Educational Attainment
7. Multicultural Challenges to Citizenship: Equality and diversity in civil society
8. Providing Immigrants with a Voice. Biographical methods as a way to combat the collective narcissism and sociological amnesia of the public discourse on immigrants
9. Policies and Discourses of Immigration and Immigration Control
10. Intersectionality, Diversity, and Normativity - discussing new concepts in research on ethnicity, minorities and migration
11. Social, Organizational, Religious and Political Networks in the Process of Mobilization and Integration – National and international perspectives
12. Integration of Refugees and Asylum Seekers: The reception phase
13. The Size and Nature of the Human Pool behind the Migration Pressure towards Western Europe

See the preliminary conference program: <http://www.amid.dk/ocs/program.php?cf=1>

Conference fees:

- DKK 3,000 (includes lunches, buffet dinner (Thursday) but not the conference dinner on Friday)
- DKK 3400 (same as above as well as the conference dinner on Friday)

Please register via our online conference system: <http://www.amid.dk/ocs/registration.php?cf=1>

Other External Events

Minority Report: Challenging Intolerance in Contemporary Denmark

September 25-October 24, 2004.

Minority Report is an interdisciplinary exhibition project taking place at different locations in Aarhus, Denmark. Minority Report investigates the premises for the more outspoken intolerance towards and among ethnic minorities in Denmark in recent years. The exhibition is the first in a series of recurring international art exhibitions, which the City Council of Aarhus has initiated under the heading *Aarhus Festival of Contemporary Art*.

For further information please see <http://www.minority-report.dk/invitation/>

Ninth International Metropolis Conference – Geneva Switzerland

September 27 - October 1, 2004.

The theme of the conference was cooperative migration management. Workshop themes included (among others):

- Trafficking and Smuggling
- Development and migration
- Labour market and migration
- Identity, culture and citizenship
- Equality, diversity and integration
- The changing dynamics of asylum
- Migration flows and management

For further information please see:

<http://www.metropolis2004.ch/en/news.shtml>

Beyond Multiculturalism?

26-28 October, 2004

On the initiative of the British Embassies in Denmark and Sweden a three-day event will take place in Copenhagen and Malmö. The theme is multiculturalism and how Great Britain, Denmark and Sweden may learn from each other's experiences when it comes to multiculturalism.

For further information and the detailed program please see: <http://www.mah.se/multiculture>

Brief News from the Consortium

Visiting AMID Fellows Autumn 2004

Anastasia Christou, PhD, (earlier affiliated with Sussex University, UK), will be affiliated with AMID (Aalborg University) for the period 15 August-15 December 2004. AC's research is about "Greek

Migrants in Denmark: Transcending Nostalgia and Constructing Identities – Segmented Selves and Diasporic Lives”.

Linda Scharn Fair, PhD candidate (Rutgers University, NJ, USA) will be staying at AMID (SFI) for a year starting September 17. LF's project is titled "The Adjustment of Muslim Women to Danish Society"

Please see AMID's website for further about Anastasia Christou and Linda S. Fair including contact details: http://www.amid.dk/vacancies/vf_current.html

Migration Links

Survey on the Education of Immigrant Children in Europe

Eurydice – The Information Network on Education in Europe has recently published a survey on how 30 European Countries try to integrate immigrant children into society via their educational systems: *Integrating Immigrant Children Into Schools in Europe*. http://www.eurydice.org/Doc_intermediaires/analysis/en/migrants.html

In addition to the comparative analysis, a country report have been published: http://www.eurydice.org/Documents/Mig/en/frameset_immigrant.html

Call for Papers for a Special Issue of *Social Policy & Administration*

Migration Immigration and Social Policy is the draft title for the next special issue of *SP&A* (due out in Dec.2005), which is also to be published in book form (2006) in the Blackwell series *Broadening Perspectives on Social Policy*.

Papers within the following fields are welcome:

- policy debates and developments, at the level of the European Commission, associated with population movements into and within the enlarged EU
- Individual country accounts of policy experience in respect of immigration, integration, multi-cultures/multi-culturalism etc
- Cross-national analyses pertaining to such issues as employment/employability/ employment opportunities, family styles and structures, education, health & health care and the social policy implications of religion
- Prospects for the welfare states as nation states

The normal requirement is for papers of ca. 7000 words. The *SP&A* stylesheet is available for downloading from the journal website: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/submit.asp?ref=0144-5596>

The deadline for receipt of Final Agreed Copy by Catherine Jones Finer is July 1st 2005.

Please contact Professor Catherine Jones Finer for further information: c.j.finer@socialpolicyworldwide.org

Survey: Fewer Ethnic Minorities in Denmark Feel Discriminated Against

A survey performed by Catinét Research shows that ethnic minorities experience less discrimination in everyday life. In contrast, an increasing number of immigrants believe that they are discriminated against by politicians and the media (read whole article (in Danish): <http://www.ugebreveta4.dk/view.asp?ID=6429>

Publications

Recent Publications by AMID Associates in English

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Hedetoft, Ulf (2004) "The Forces Driving Globalization: Modalities, Actors and Processes", in Arne Jarrick and Alf Johansson (eds): *Jorden Runt igen - Nya Bidrag til en Gammal Globalhistoria*. Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis (Stockholm Studies in History, 72). Stockholm: Almqvist and Wiksell, 2004.

Slot, Line Vikkelsø (Country Study ed.: Ulf Hedetoft) (2004) "Migrants, Minorities, Belonging and Citizenship - Globalization and Dilemmas in EU and Small States. The Case of Denmark". *GLOCALMIG Series 3*. IMER/Centre for Development Studies, University of Bergen.

Other Publications

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Cordell, Karl & Stefan Wolff (eds) (2004) *Ethnopolitical Encyclopaedia of Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Fischer, W., B. Herzog-Punzenberger & H. Waldrauch (Country Study ed.: Bauböck Rainer) (2004) "Migrants, Minorities, Belongings and Citizenship: The Case of Austria". *GLOCALMIG Series 2*.

- IMER/Centre for Development Studies, University of Bergen.
- Joons, Sofia (Country Study ed.: Mikko Lagerspetz) (2004) "Migrants, Minorities, Belongings and Citizenship: The Case of Estonia". *GLOCALMIG Series 4*. IMER/Centre for Development Studies, University of Bergen.
- Järvinen, Margaretha (2004) *Hjemløse flygtninge og indvandrere*. København: Hans Reitzels Forlag.
- Kreienbrink, Axel (2004) *Einwanderungsland Spanien. Migrationspolitik zwischen Europäisierung und nationalen Interessen*. Frankfurt am Main: IKO - Verlag für Interkulturelle Kommunikation.
- Lemmergaard, Jeanette (2004): *Tolerance for Ambiguity*. University Press of Southern Denmark.
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- Rezaei, Shahamak (2004): *Det duale arbejdsmarked i et velfærdsstatsligt perspektiv- et studie af dilemmaet mellem uformel økonomisk praksis og indvandreres socioøkonomiske integration. Delrapport 3: Indvandrerejede virksomheders finansierings-former – muligheder og barrierer*.
- Salmenhaara, Perttu & Sanna Saksela (Country Study ed.: Tom Sandlund) (2004) "Migrants, Minorities, Belongings and Citizenship: The Case of Finland". *GLOCALMIG Series 5*. IMER/Centre for Development Studies, University of Bergen.
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The aim of the newsletter is to serve as a complementary information channel to the Academy's website. We invite everyone at AMID and other institutions and organizations that deal with migration issues to contribute with information to be published in this newsletter.

Please send contributions via email to Julie Larsen: julie@ihis.aau.dk

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