

Newsletter

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Completed Projects

Education and Ethnic Minorities in Denmark (PhD project)

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Project period: April 1, 2002-March 31, 2004

On October 21, 2004 Björg Colding defended her PhD dissertation at Aalborg University. The dissertation is about the education of ethnic minorities in Denmark and is based on the following three articles:

- Dynamics of Educational Progression: Comparing native Danes and Children of Immigrants
- A Dynamic Analysis of the Effect of Family Background and Neighborhood Characteristics on Educational Careers of children of Immigrants and Native Danes.
- Effects of the Sex Composition of Older Siblings and Parental Bargaining Power on the Decision to start an Upper Secondary Education among Ethnic Minorities in Denmark.

By Björg Colding

The objective of this dissertation is to investigate educational behavior of ethnic minorities in Denmark. The focus of the analyses undertaken in the three papers included in the dissertation is, first, to what extent differences in educational choices, and consequently in educational attainment, among ethnic minorities and native Danes can be explained by differences in parental, family and ethnic background and, second, how education resources are allocated among children within ethnic minority families.



A happy Björg Colding after the PhD defence

In sum, the dissertation contributes to the Danish education literature both at the applied empirical level and at the methodological level. The policy implications of the improved understanding of educational choices of ethnic minority children in Denmark and the allocation of resources within families are also discussed below.

Findings & Policy Implications

Two important barriers to educational progression of ethnic minority youth are identified in the dissertation. Very high dropout rates from vocational upper secondary educations are a concern for all ethnic minority groups, and low transition rates from grade school to the upper secondary level and high drop out rates from academic upper secondary educations are additional concerns for the Turks. Work experience of the father significantly reduces the probability of dropping out of vocational upper secondary educations suggesting that better labor-market integration of the father in addition to the obvious short-term benefits on public finances also has important intergenerational long-term benefits. However, the analyses also showed that the aggregate effect of family background and neighborhood characteristics is small and insignificant and that even with background characteristics equal to an average native Dane the dropout rates of ethnic minorities remain much higher than the dropout rate of native Danes. Factors other than weak background

Summer Institute on International Migration,
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graduate and post-graduate students as well as
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<http://www.ishss.uva.nl/SIM/index.html>

Brief News from the Consortium

AMID Conference

The 13th Nordic Migration Conference was held in Aalborg on November 18-20. About 135 people attended the 2½-day conference and the keynote presentations as well as the paper presentations resulted in many fruitful discussions related to migration and integration of ethnic minorities. About 85 papers were presented in the 13 panels that covered different themes such as education, religion, labour-market integration and immigration control.

Many of the papers that were presented at the conference can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.amid.dk/ocs/papers.php?cf=1>. In 2005 some of the conference papers will also be published in the AMID Working Paper Series

The 14th Nordic Migration Conference will be held in Bergen, Norway in 2006. The organizer is IMER Bergen (<http://www.svfuib.no/sfu/imer/>)

The roundtable session at the conference. From left: Ulf Hedetoft, Tom Sandlund, Yngve Lithman, Hakkan Sicakkan and Mikko Lagerspetz (photo by Mati Luik)

New AMID Research Project on Transnational Marriages

Garbi Schmidt (Danish Institute for Social Research, AMID) has received funding for a two-year research project on Marriages among Ethnic Minorities in Denmark: continuity and change from the Danish Research Council for the Social Sciences.

The purpose of the project is to analyse how transnational marriages affect the integration of ethnic minorities (Turks and Pakistanis) into Danish society and, moreover, to investigate the role that marriage plays in the formation of identity structures of ethnic minority youth. The project will analyse central aspects of transnational marriages in four different – but interrelated – sub-projects:

- Understanding Marriages: Expectations and transactions in a transnational perspective (Senior Researcher Garbi Schmidt)
- The Gender of Marriage: The positional challenges of migration seen in a transnational perspective (Post.doc. Fellow Camilla Elg)
- The Transnational Marriage: Pakistani and Turkish couples temporarily residing in Malmø (Research Assistant Mikkel Rytter).
- The Importance of Family Relations for the integration of Family Reunified Persons into the Danish Labour Market (Researcher Vibeke Jakobsen)

The four projects will be initiated in 2005.

New AMID Project on Irregular Migration & Global Regimes of Control

AMID at Aalborg University has received funding for two post.doc. projects on irregular migration & global regimes of control from the Danish Research Agency:

- The EU Migration Policies and their Significance for Denmark (Post.doc. Researcher Lærke K. Holm). The purpose of this project is to analyse the migration and refugee policies of the EU in order to provide a perspective on the position of the Danish immigration policies in a European context.
- Illegal Immigrants from South-east Asia and Eastern Europe, Human Trafficking, Transnational Networks and Social Strategies in Denmark (Post.doc. Researcher Kirsten Hviid). This project will investigate the existence of and the standard of living of irregular immigrants within the EU.

The post.doc. projects will start in the Fall of 2005.

Publications

Recent Publications by AMID Associates in English

Hedetoft, Ulf (2004) Research Programme on Marginalisation, Inequality and Ethnic Relations in Finland: Evaluation Report Helsinki: Academy of Finland (with Liisa Rantalaiho and John Solomos)

- Jakobsen, V. (2004) *Young immigrants from the former Yugoslavia, Turkey and Pakistan: Educational attainment, wages and employment*. PhD thesis, Department of Economics, Aarhus School of Business.
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- Rosholm, M., L. Husted, H. S. Nielsen & N. Smith (2004) "Qualifications, Discrimination, or Assimilation? An Extended Framework for Analyzing Immigrant Wage Gaps". *Empirical Economics*, Vol. 29, 855-883.
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- Togeb, Lise (2004) "It Depends... How Organizational Participation Affects Political Participation and Social Trust Among Second-Generation Immigrants in Denmark". *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, vol. 22, pp. 123-152.
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- Bengtsson, Bo (ed.) (2004) *Föreningsliv, Makt og Integration*. Stockholm: Regeringskansliet.
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- Diken, Bülent & Carsten Bagge Laustsen (2004) *I Terrorens Skygge*. København/Gyting: Samfundslitteratur/Naryana Press.
- Grøndahl, Malene & Carsten Fenger-Grøn (2004) *Flygtningenes Danmarkshistorie 1954-2004*. Århus: Aarhus Universitetsforlag.
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- Holzmann, Robert & Rainer Münz (2004) *Challenges and Opportunities of International Migration for the EU, Its Member States, Neighboring Countries and Regions: A Policy Note*. Stockholm: Institute for Futures Studies.
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- Puuronen, Vesa et al (eds) (2004) *New Challenges for the Welfare Society*. Karelian Institute, University of Joensuu.
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- Tamas, Kristof (2004) *Mapping Study on International Migration*. Stockholm: Institute for Futures Studies.
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