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News from the Consortium

NEW RESEARCH PROJECT AT AMID: THE INTEGRATION OF ETHNIC MINORITIES

The Academy for Migration Studies in Denmark has been granted funding (DKK 9,090,000 – approx. EUR 1,218,246) from the Danish Strategic Programme for Welfare Research for the project *The Integration of Ethnic Minorities*. The research programme is part of POWER (*Programme on Welfare Research*) which is a collaboration between researchers from the Departments of Economics at the University of Aarhus and the Aarhus School of Business, respectively, as well as the Dept. of Sociology, University of Copenhagen, the Institute for Local Government Studies (akf) and the Danish National Institute of Social Research (SFI). POWER is based on previous research collaboration between the participating institutions and researchers at the Graduate School for *Integration, Production and Welfare* (<http://www.grad-inprowe.dk/>), and it includes research cooperation with AMID and other Danish and foreign researchers in the area of welfare research. The project will be initiated during the fall of 2005 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

Background and Purpose

The project takes its point of departure in the mapping of migration research in Denmark (*Integrationsforskningen i Danmark 1980-2002* ed. by Hedetoft et al.) which AMID carried out for the former Ministry of the Interior (now the Ministry for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs) in 2001-2002. The mapping showed fields in which the research-

based knowledge about the integration of immigrants in Denmark was incomplete or even non-existing.

The purpose of the research programme is hence to remedy this lack of knowledge by provide new knowledge on:

- Why many immigrants are not integrated into the Danish society.
- The effects of measures to integrate more immigrants.
- Conditions which influence the daily encounters between immigrants and native Danes.

With regard to breaking negative social heritage, the project will provide new knowledge on how immigrant children better acquire knowledge at school and how to ensure that more people get an education. In terms of improving the labour-market integration the focus is upon a better utilization of the immigrants' qualifications, the role of social networks and family ties and how the integration process can be improved and how the economic incentives, in relation to both the individual immigrant, the municipalities and the social workers, can further labour-market integration. Concerning special initiatives to further the integration into the Danish society, the role of norms and values is analysed with regard to establishing links between immigrants and the majority population.

The research programme consists of the following six sub-projects:

- Immigrant children's lack of school achievement
- The effects of test scores and school resources on completion of education and subsequent employment
- Utilization of immigrant's qualifications
- The role of social networks and family ties in the process of labour-market integration
- The impact of economic incentives
- Norms and values in the integration process

Description of the Sub-projects

Immigrant Children's Lack of School Achievement

(affiliated researchers: Beatrice Schindler (Institute for Local Government Studies – akf) & Jill Mehlbye (akf))

The starting point for this project is the fact that immigrant children are doing significantly poorer at

school compared to Danish children. The question is which measures can help minority children perform better at school. While there is ongoing research analyzing the impact of school and classroom factors, this research project goes one step further and aims at finding factors in the students' attitudes, language spoken at home and their home environment, and among peers and networks. If the study shows that (some of) these factors are significantly related to the pupils' abilities, then the findings will point at specific priority areas for bilingual families with schoolchildren.

The Effects of Test Scores and School Resources on Completion of Education and Subsequent Employment (affiliated researchers: Beatrice Schindler (akf), Hans Hummelgaard (akf) & Michael Rosholm (University of Aarhus/akf))

The drop-out rates among ethnic minority youth at the vocational upper secondary schools are extremely high for which reason this project will analyze the causes of the high drop-out rates. The focus is upon the importance of the level of education – taking into account differences in the social heritage and other characteristics of ethnic minority youth and native Danish youth, respectively. The project will investigate whether immigrant youth obtain inferior skills compared to Danish youth and whether this can explain why immigrant youth have difficulties getting a job after finishing their education. The project will cover the Commercial and Clerical Employees [HK] as more than 50% of all immigrant youths choose an education within this field.

Utilization of Immigrant's Qualifications

(affiliated researchers: Kræn Blume (akf), Barry Chiswick (University of Illinois, USA), Hans Hummelgaard (akf), Vibeke Jakobsen (SFI), Shahamak Rezaei (Roskilde University)).

In this project the utilization of immigrants' educational qualifications on the Danish Labour Market is examined and, furthermore, whether self-employment is perceived as a means to overcome the *qualification-barrier* in the ordinary labour market. The focus is upon whether there is a notable success rate or problems related to the utilization of immigrants' qualifications in specific trades or types of businesses. One hypothesis is that immigrants – especially during the initial period in Denmark – find jobs for which they are over-qualified. Is it the case that the initial job within certain trades serves as a springboard for other jobs which better match the immigrant's qualifications?

The role of social networks and family ties in the proces of labour market integration

(affiliated researchers: Anna Piil Damm (Aarhus School of Business), Mette Deding (SFI), Vibeke

Jakobsen (SFI) & Aycan Celikaksoy (Aarhus School of Business)).

The focus in this project is on the effect of networks and family ties on labour-market integration, including the effects of lack of contact with people in employment and the importance of attitudes in one's network and family. Among other things, the significance of attitudes towards family formation and gender roles, work-related norms and receiving public welfare benefits will be investigated.

The project addresses three main research questions: 1) Under what circumstances do social networks promote labour-market assimilation? 2) What are the barriers to profiting from social networks? 3) To what extent does the influence of social networks differ for men and women and for immigrants and their offspring?

The impact of economic incentives

(affiliated researchers: Peder J. Pedersen (University of Aarhus (AU)/akf), Michael Rosholm (AU/akf), Leif Husted (akf) & a PhD candidate)).

A non-trivial share of immigrants are better off in a strictly financial sense by collecting a public sector transfer income and saving the fixed costs of work compared to their net income in the current or potential job and this is a major problem in Denmark compared to other countries. It will be analyzed whether no or lack of economic incentives affect the individual immigrant's interest in getting a job, the duration of the job etc. In Denmark central authorities can impose economic incentives on the municipality and the municipality can use economic incentives, for example performance-based wage, to influence the behaviour of the caseworkers. The Ministry for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs has provided the municipalities with economic incentives for finding jobs for immigrants, and the purpose of the project is to investigate whether these economic incentives can be expected to result in more effective integration efforts.

Norms and values in the integration process

(affiliated researchers: Peter Birkelund Andersen (University of Copenhagen (KU)), Peter Luchau (KU) & Garbi Schmidt (SFI)).

The overall purpose of this project is to investigate how norms and values intersect with integration processes. We do not have any in-depth study of the role that such elements play in minority and majority encounters. Hence, the project will investigate the impact of the negotiation, transformation or upholding of cultural values and norms on ethnic minorities' establishment and maintenance of networks, on their interaction with the majority population and participation in the Danish society.

The point of departure will be surveys and qualitatively-based knowledge with the purpose of elucidating attitudes and actual behaviour in relation to

networks, participation, religion and media usage as well as knowledge of democratic values and the basic values and principles of the Danish welfare society..

TWO NEW PHD CANDIDATES

As of 1 October 2005, Helle Stenum is employed at AMID, Aalborg University within the research programme *Irregular Migration* (described in the Newsletter from April 2005). Her PhD project is titled *Selection of the Fittest – Migration Management: mobility, membership and human rights viewed in the light of global, regional and national political and institutional developments*.

Morten Lynge Madsen has also been appointed PhD candidate (as of 1 November 2005) and will be affiliated with the same research programme as Helle Stenum. His PhD project is about *Human Trafficking across Extra-territorialised Borders – a study of irregular migrants' chronic boundary states in Denmark and on the shady side of Europe*.

A more detailed description of the two PhD projects will be available in the next Newsletter.

Helle Stenum and Morten Lynge Madsen will both be enrolled at AMID, Aalborg University (and affiliated with the doctoral school *SPIRIT*).

CURRENT AMID FELLOWS

AMID is currently hosting two Visiting Fellows: Associate professor *Lene Arnett Jensen* (Dept. of Psychology, Clark University, USA), who will be affiliated with AMID for about a year (September 2005-Juni 2006). Lene A. Jensen's research project is on *Identity and civic engagement in immigrant youth (second generation) and their parents (first generation)*.

PhD candidate *Sara Kalm* (Lund University, Sweden) who is staying at AMID for five months (September 2005-January 2006). Sara Kalm's PhD project is titled *Managing Migration – the development of a global migration regime?*

Read more about our visiting fellows, their projects and contact information at AMID's website:
http://www.amid.dk/vacancies/vf_current.html

Current Events and Activities

AMID EVENTS

See the AMID Calendar of Activities at our website for seminars taking place during the Autumn of 2005:
<http://www.amid.dk/activities/index.html>.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Seminar: Linking Migration Management and Foreign Policy in the EU: prospects and problems

Time and venue: 13 Oct., 14:00-16:30, The Main Auditorium, Pakhuset, The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Strandgade 71, st., Copenhagen.

All are welcome – no registration necessary (for further information please contact Simon Turner (stu@diis.dk)).

Conference: The 10th International Metropolis Conference – Our Diverse Cities: Migration, Diversity and Change

Time and venue: 17-21 October 2005 in Toronto, Canada (<http://www.toronto.ca/metropolis/>).

Conference: Migration and Political Theory

Time and venue: 21 oktober 2005, University of Sheffield, UK.

Registration and further information:
http://www.psa.ac.uk/con_and_app/sheffield1.htm

Conference: ETMU Days: Intercultural interaction

Organizers: ETMU: The Finnish Society for the Study of Ethnic Relations and International Migration School of Business and Economics, University of Jyväskylä.

Time and venue: 28-29 October 2005, Finland.

Registration deadline: 15 October 2005

Further information:

<http://www.etmu.fi/index.php?id=69>

Migration Links

Electronic Library: *IOM Archive of Migration Resources in the Middle East*. The library has a search facility where one can find publications on migration-related issues in the Middle East. One may search on for publications based on the following search categories (among others): subject, authors, regions/countries etc. <http://www.egypt.iom.int/eLib>

(Debate) Articles Invited for *The Norwegian Journal of Migration Research*

Hakan Sicakkan at IMER (University of Bergen) and Nora Ahlberg at NAKMI (University of Bergen) are about to take over the chief editor responsibility for *The Norwegian Journal of Migration Research*. The new editors encourage and invite all students, researchers, social workers, and politicians working on IMER-related topics to contribute to the journal with scientific articles (15-25 pages), debate articles (5-10 pages), and book reviews (max. 4 pages). Also, established researchers working in the IMER-field are invited to propose topics for a special issue and

contribute as guest editors. The IMER-field comprises topics such as international migration, ethnic and religious minorities, minorities' health, indigenous peoples' rights, citizenship, human rights, migration policies, refugee and asylum policies, integration and integration policies, identity politics, multicultural society, diversity and diverse society, racism and discrimination, globalization, and international and EU-relations which are related to these topics. The journal is an open arena for research and/or experience-based knowledge exchange on IMER-related topics through contributions that are evaluated by established researchers. The articles should be written either in English or in a Scandinavian language. The journal is a level-1 academic publication. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to the journal's chief co-editor Hakan G. Sicakkan (Hakan.Sicakkan@sfu.uib.no)

Publications

NEW AMID WORKING PAPERS

All the papers are available at:
<http://www.amid.dk/pub/index.html>

38. Ettore Recchi (2005). *Migrants and Europeans: An Outline of the Free Movement of Persons in the EU*.
39. Sara Kalm (2005). *Migration Control Policies as Spatial Organization – mobility, power and geopolitical imaginations*.
40. Dorthe Staunæs (2005). *Zombies and Clones in Diversity Management*.
41. Charles Westin (2005). *Diversity, National Identity and Social Cohesion*.
42. Nauja Kleist & Peter Hansen (2005). *The Big Demonstration – A study of transborder political mobilization*.
43. Tuomas Martikainen (2005). *Religion, Immigrants and Integration*.
44. Kirsten Hvenegård-Lassen (2005). *Realistic Grown-Ups? A comparative analysis on how the formation of an integrated subject is conceived in Sweden and Denmark*.
45. Poul Chr. Mathiessen (2005). *The Demography of the Middle East and North Africa in a Global Context*.
46. Hakan G. Sicakkan (2005) *How is a Diverse European Society Possible? An Exploration into New Public Spaces in Six European Countries*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Castles, S and N. Van Hear, 2005, *Developing DfID's Policy Approach to Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons*.
- Council of Europe (2005) *Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities – Collected Texts* (3rd edition).
- EUMC (2005) *Majorities' Attitudes towards minorities. Key Findings from the Eurobarometer and the European Social Survey*. Vienna: EUMC.
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- Levinson, A 2005, *The Regularisation of Unauthorized Migrants: Literature Survey and Country Case Studies*.
- Ljungberg, Caroline (2005) *The Swedish School and Multiculturalism – a Paradox?* Doctoral dissertation, Malmö: Malmö Studies in International Migration and Ethnic Relations, no. 4.
- Pedersen, Peder J. (2005) "Migration in a Scandinavian Welfare State: The Recent Danish Experience", pp. 59-87 in Klaus F. Zimmermann (ed.) *European Migration. What Do We Know?* Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Ruhs, M. (2005) "Designing viable and ethical labour immigration policies" in *World Migration 2005*, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva.
- Ruhs, M. (2005) "Managing the Immigration and Employment of non-EU Nationals in Ireland". Blue Paper (Policy Paper) published jointly by TCD's Policy Institute and COMPAS.
- Schuster, Liza (2005) "The Continuing Mobility of Migrants in Italy: Shifting between Statuses and Places". *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 31:4, 2005 pp. 757-774.
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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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