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some are inclined to see them as potential terrorists. This is the unfortunate sense that I form when reading the press and listening to radio and TV programs. These circumstances should lead all of us, as researchers and scholars devoted to migration issues, to assume the responsibility of engaging with the media to

From the President: More than a Refugee Crisis

by Gustavo Verduzco

As if it was not already difficult enough for people to flee from desperate circumstances in the Middle East, terrorism has added an extra burden to the quest for refuge. The media coverage had gone wild even before the attacks in Paris earlier this month, but afterwards the rhetoric of panic was inflamed still further. Many in Europe (and elsewhere) are now adjusting their views with respect to the migrants they encounter, especially if they come from the Middle East or nearby Arab and/or Muslim territories.

At the best of times, a (mere) migrant is encountered by many people as an "alien"; now

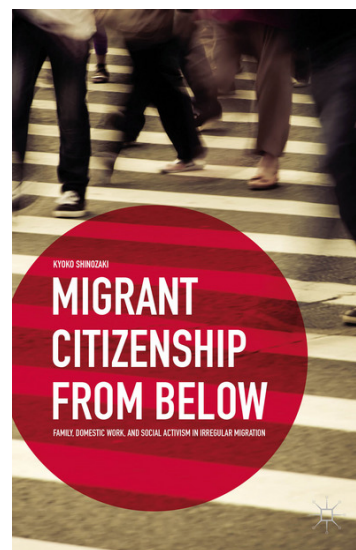
express properly grounded views with respect to our fellow human beings who are now in an even riskier situation. I urge you to do so – it is the minimum we owe to the people we study.

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MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

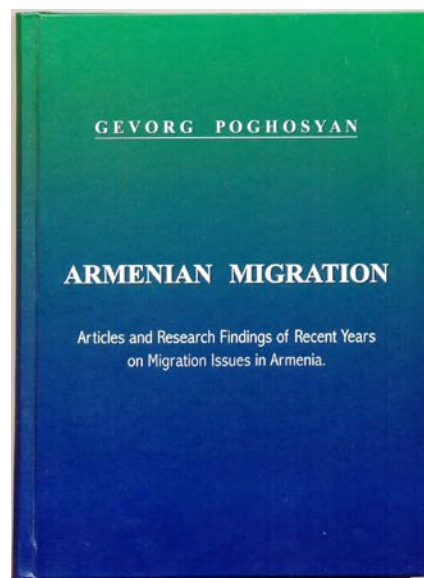
Kyoko Shinozaki, *Migrant Citizenship from Below: Family, Domestic Work, and Social Activism in Irregular Migration*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 ([link to publisher](#))

Migrant Citizenship from Below explores the dynamic local and transnational lives of Filipina and Filipino migrant domestic workers living in Schönberg, Germany. Shinozaki examines their irregular migrant citizenship status from 'above', which is produced by complex interactions between Germany's welfare, care, and migration regimes and the Philippines' gendered politics of overseas employment. Despite the predominant representation of these workers as invisible, these spatially immobile migrants maintain sustained transnational engagements through parenting and religious practices. Shinozaki studies the reverse-gendered process of international reproductive labor migration, in which women traveled first and were later joined by men. Despite their structural vulnerability, participant observations and biographical interviews with the migrants demonstrate that they enact and negotiate migrant citizenship in the workplace, transnational households, religious practices and through accessing health provisions.



Gevorg Poghosyan, *Armenian Migration*. Yerevan, Europrint, 2014. ([link to full text](#))

The publication contains the author's articles and research findings of recent years on migration issues in Armenia. Several of them were published in some format earlier in various publications and presented as reports on international projects. The publication is meant for the specialists and for all those who take interest in the migration processes that have been taking place in the Republic of Armenia in the past 10-15 years.



CALLS FOR PAPERS

THE 18TH NORDIC MIGRATION CONFERENCE IN OSLO MIGRATION AND SOCIAL INEQUALITY: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES – NEW BOUNDARIES

Nordic Migration Research invites proposals for workshops to be held during the 18th Nordic Migration conference, which will take place University of Oslo, Norway August 11-12, 2016. We invite proposals for either single-session workshops or double-session workshops, each session lasting 1.5 hours. Single-session workshops should include 3-4 presentations, while double-session workshops should include 6-8 paper presentations.

We welcome thematic workshop proposals from across all disciplinary fields focusing on a wide range of topics that are relevant for scholars of international migration and ethnic relations. Workshop organizers will in cooperation with the conference organizing committee be responsible for selecting which papers will be presented in each workshop. Deadline for workshop proposals is extended to **1 December 2015**.

To propose a workshop, contact Melina Røe <melina.roe@samfunn.ntnu.no>

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

[Professor Min Zhou](#), University of California, Los Angeles

[Dr Ruben Andersson](#), London School of Economics and Pol. Sci.

[Professor Tjitske Akkerman](#), University of Amsterdam

Global inequalities between countries and regions in terms of income, security, rights, and living conditions are today driving increasing numbers of people into crossing international borders in search of personal safety, economic opportunities and better future prospects. At the same time, social inequality is sharply on the rise within societies across the globe, as traditional structures of work and welfare are rearranged and/or dismantled. In an increasingly globalized world, boundaries of class, nationality, ethnicity, gender and legal statuses are intersecting in new ways, giving rise to changing and new dimensions of inequality within and between both migrant sending and migrant receiving societies.

In this conference we wish to explore the diverse links between international migration and social inequality, in a Nordic, European and global context. We invite scholars from across disciplinary boundaries to engage in a discussion of how these changes can be conceptualized and studied, from a variety of methodological and theoretical perspectives. Contributions are welcomed that reflect on how economic, political, cultural and social factors in origin and destination countries affect migration and shape diverse societies. We welcome papers which discuss how issues such as global inequalities, states policies, legal frameworks, media discourses and cultural boundaries shape the dynamics of migration and migrants' everyday experiences.



GENDER AND RACE IN TRANSNATIONAL MIGRATION STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL

A Coruña- Santiago de Compostela, Galicia (SPAIN), July 4-8, 2016

The idea of the summer school is to encourage a conversation among scholars who are working on questions of Transnationalism using a Gender and/or Race perspective. We would like to explore the intersectionality between these two forms of oppression and its relation to transnational migration. How does sexism and racism articulate the experience of transnational migrants? What are the complex relationships between minorities and



immigrants in terms of gender and racial discrimination? What are the empirical and theoretical insights gained by an analysis that emphasizes on the “intersectionality” between gender and race? What empirical agenda can be developed out of these questions?

Affiliated Faculty Members Include: Nina Glick Schiller, Ruthie W. Gilmore, Peggy Levit, Ramón Grosfoguel, Eleonore Kofman, Laura Oso, Raquel Martínez-Buján, Beatriz Padilla, Bridgit Anderson, Antía Pérez-Caramés

More information: <http://www.dialogoglobal.com/lacoruna/>



3rd International ESS Conference:

Understanding key challenges for European societies in the 21st century

13-15th July 2016, Amphimax, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

The 3rd International ESS Conference will showcase research that uses data from the European Social Survey (ESS) to address a range of substantive issues highly relevant to European societies. It will bring together ESS data users from around the world and working across a range of disciplines to share ideas, discuss their results and showcase the depth and breadth of research made possible by the ESS.

Papers should address one of the substantive topics covered by the ESS from a comparative perspective either cross-nationally and/or across ESS Rounds. Papers which draw out practical and policy implications of findings are encouraged. The use of complementary data (contextual data or data from other surveys) is welcome.

Sessions on migration include: 1) “**Attitudes to immigration in cross-national perspective**”, organized by Anthony Heath, Moshe Semyonov, Anastasia Gorodzeisky, Eldad Davidov, Anu Masso, Peter Schmidt, Jan Ciecuch. 2) “**Researching Migrants’ Well-Being**”, organized by David Bartram.

More information [here](#); deadline for submission: **17 January 2016**

RECENT ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

Paolo Boccagni

2015. "Burden, blessing or both? On the mixed role of transnational ties in migrant informal social support", *International Sociology*, 30(3): 250-68 ([link](#))
2015. "(Super)Diversity and the migration-social work nexus: a new lens on the field of access and inclusion?", *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 38(4): 608-20 ([link](#))
2015. "One (slender) tree, many (social) roots: Revisiting immigrant associations through a case study on Ecuadorians in Italy", *Journal of Civil Society*, 11(1): 62-78 (with Katia Pilati; [link](#))

Ethel Kosminsky

2014. "Os Valores e as Atitudes Religiosas de Homens Judeus na Cidade de São Paulo." In: *Caminhos de Homens: Gênero e Movimentos*. Edited by Marlene Neves Stray, Bruna Krimberg Von Mühlen and Kelly Cristina Kohn. Porto Alegre: ediPUCRS, pp. 177-219.

Kyoko Shinozaki

2014. "Career strategies and spatial mobility among skilled migrants in Germany: the role of gender in the work-family interaction", *Journal of Economic and Social Geography*, 103(5): 526-541 ([link](#)).

Christian Von Mol

2015. "Involving Roma parents: analysing the good practice of a primary school in Ghent", *British Journal of Sociology of Education*. (with C. Waters, N. Clycq, J. Michielsen, C. Timmerman; [link](#))
2015. "Moroccan women in Madrid. Between change and continuity", *Identities. Global studies in culture and power* ([link](#)).
2015. "Falling in love with(in) Europe: European bi-national love relationships, European identification and transnational solidarity", *European Union Politics* (with H. de Valk and L. van Wissen; [link](#)).
2015. "The Reconstruction of a Social Network Abroad. An Analysis of the Interaction Patterns of Erasmus Students", *Mobilities*, 10:3, 423-44 ([link](#)).

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SUBMIT YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

(Not only announcements – there is also scope for longer pieces in the form of op-eds, etc.)

Send submissions for the next issue to David Bartram, d.bartram@le.ac.uk