ISA RC54 International Conference
The Challenge of the Global Migrant.
Bodies on the Move and Cultural Differences

January 19-20, 2017
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In this phase of history the “global migrant” is the new emerging figure. This “challenge” needs the affirmation of cultural differences, due to the various heritages of human groups, with their memories and identities.

This conference aims, therefore, at redefining integration and social cohesion to favour the definition of new policies concerning times, places, sites, bodies and settings. We ask for a substantial support by all people engaged in politics and culture, to build a new cultural framework able to face the new global context. Policies move, and their movement makes things happen. But how do policies move? Who and what make them move? What happens as they arrive and settle in those “elsewheres”? What keeps them moving? Consequently, the present programme tries to provide an accessible but rigorous overview of transnational migration, as experienced by family and kinship groups, ethnic diasporas, immigrant associations and networks of entrepreneurs. Besides defining the core concept, it explores the implications of transnational migration for immigrant integration and its relationship to assimilation.

The connections between the places of origin and destination as well as onward and return movements are an integral component of migration. Transnational approaches certainly have not yet inspired a coherent theory or set of theories. They, rather, can be more adequately described as a perspective that has entered the study of manifold cross border phenomena. This programme emerges as a response to the unsatisfactory state of both migration policies and theories. We also hope that Italy could become an example of integration between different peoples: a bridge between Africa, Asia and Europe, thanks to its geographic position, history and culture, and that it could help other European countries and U.N. member states.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
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h 9.30-10.00 Welcome by Authorities and Presentation of the Conference

h. 10.00-11.30 Panel 1
REDEFINING INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION

Chair: Roberto Cipriani, University Rome 3, AIDU President
h 10.00-10.10 Introduction
h 10.10-10.30 Rossana Salerno, Kore University, Enna, Italy
The Body and the Sacred. The Interreligious Dialogue

h 10.30-10.50 Kejie Huang, Humboldt University of Berlin
The Construction of Ethnic Identity of Chinese Descendants in Berlin

h 10.50-11.10
Chetan Sapkota and Khagendra Limbu, New Conscious Society, Nepal
Politics, Religion and Human Migration in Nepal

h 11.10-11.30
Hande Unsal, Ondokuz Mayis University, Samsun, Turkey
History of Dual Nationality in Turkey: Changing Understandings and Rules

h. 11.45-13.15 Panel 2
STRANGERS AT OUR DOOR. THE PANIC OF EUROPE AND MIGRANT’S WANDERING
Chair: Luigi M. Solivetti, Sapienza University, Rome
11.45-11.55 Introduction

11.55-12.15
Ladan Rabari, Ghent University, Belgium
Gender, Migration and Embodiment: Story of a Muslim Migrant Woman Living in Belgium

h 12.15-12.35
Charis Anastasopoulos, University of Cologne, Germany
The Greek Discourse on Germany and German Migrants in Greece

h 12.35-12.55
Marxiano Melotti, Niccolò Cusano University, Rome
Beyond Lampedusa. Migrant Bodies between Heritage, Tourism and Cultural Policies

h 12.55-13.15
Maria João Guia, University of Coimbra, Centre for Legal Research, Portugal
7 Mortal Common Points on the Crimmigration and the Criminalisation of the Immigration

h 13.15-13.30 Discussion

h 14.30-16.00 Panel 3
THE CHALLENGES OF MIGRATION AND INTEGRATION
Chair: Umberto Melotti, Inst. Maghreb-Europe and Schweizerische Akademie für Entwicklung
14.30-14.40 Introduction

h 14.40-15.00
Emanuela C. Del Re, Niccolò Cusano University and Rome 3 University, Rome
Migrations in the Mediterranean: from Current Stalemate to Structural Response

h 15.00-15.20
Mariusz Węgrzyn, University of Gdansk, Poland
Popliberal Culture - Weakness and Strength of the West
Alessandra Sannella, University of Cassino, Italy
Social Inclusion of Asylum Seekers and Health Protection

Marco Omizzolo, Co-operative In Migrazione, Rome
Indians in Latina Province: Organization, Work and Human Trafficking

16.15-17.45 Panel 4
PEACE BUILDING. EMERGENT INEQUALITIES AND INTERSECTING DYNAMICS
Chair: Ugo Melchionda, President of Centre IDOS and past Project Manager of IOM, Rome

Francesco Maniglio, International Center for Advanced Studies in Communications of Latin America, Quito, Ecuador
The Brain Migration and the Global Social Injustice

Paul Masembe, Shalom for Africa, Kampala, Uganda
Peace Building and African Ownership

Anthony Abayomi Adebayo, Department of Sociology, Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Nigeria
Governance, Poverty in Africa and Africa-Europe Migration Issues: Towards a Coordinated Europe Response for an Integral Global Development

Mônica Mesquita and Lia Vasconcelos, MARE Centre, Lisbon, Portugal
Alternatives to the Socioeconomic-Environmental Sustainability: The Body of Migrant in the Neo-Extractivist World

16.15-16.25 Introduction

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9.30-11.00 Panel 5
BODIES ON THE MOVE, SYMBOLS AND RITUALS. CONSTRUCTING HERITAGE
Chair: Bianca Maria Pirani, Sapienza Univ. Rome, ISARC54 Program Coordinator and President

Hasan Saliou, Faculty of Mass Communication, AAB College, Pristina, Kosovo
The Image of the Host Country in the Memory of Migrant

Olga Borodkina, Saint Petersburg University, Russia
Social Integration of Chinese Migrants in Russia: Problems and Prospects

h 10.20-10.40 Fareeda Griffith, Denison University, USA
Knowledge, Access and Practice. An Examination of the Social Determinants of Health Disparities among Somali Women

h 10.40-11.00 Francesca Conti, The American University of Rome, Italy
New Italians Hit the Arena: Sport, National Identities and Social Change

h. 11.15-12.45 Panel 6
MOVING AND GETTING ON. DEVELOPING THE CAPABILITIES OF PEOPLE AND CHANGE

Chair: Javier Fiz Perez, European University of Rome, Italy
h 11.15-11.25 Introduction

11.25-11.55 Caroline Schöpf, Joint Research Group on Migration, China, Baptist University, Hong Kong, and Max Weber Foundation, Germany
Cultural Difference or Cultural Inequality? An Extended Case Study of the Experience of “Cultural Difference” between Highly Skilled South Asian and White Sojourners in Hong Kong

h 11.55-12.15 Alena Perizkova, Department of Sociology, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic
Migrant Pregnant Body. Risk as Visible Issue

h 12.15-12.35 Jiyeon Lee and Grace H. Chung, Seoul National University, South Korea
Till the Birth of One Skilled Marriage Migrant Woman Manager in South Korea: A Case Study

h 12.35-12.55 Monika Kochowicz, Norwegian Social Research, Oslo, and Akershus University College, Norway
Living in Diversity. Polish Migrant Teenagers Experiences of Intercultural Education and Civic Engagement in Various Learning Settings in Oslo

h 15.00-16.30 Panel 7
ENCOUNTERING DIFFERENCES AND EXPRESSING MERGED IDENTITIES: WHAT TO DO?

Chair: Elkhonon Goldberg, New York University School for Medicine, USA
h 15.00-15.10 Introduction

h 15.10-15.30 Uma Sarmistha, University of Florida, USA
Indian IT Workers in USA and Transnational Practices and their Impact on Job Satisfaction and General Life

h 15.30-15.50
Lihong Huang, Norwegian Social Research, Oslo and Akershus University College, Norway
Ewa Krzaklewska, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland
Paula Pustułka, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Migration Toward Gender Equality. Comparing attitudes and family practice
h 15.50-16.10

Nadjhia Normil-Skakavac, Virginia State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Petersburg

Haitian Boat People and the Mexican Wetbacks: A Theoretical Perspective of Crimmigration Laws in the U.S.

h 16.10-16.30

Tseng Hsun-hui, Song Jin and Lu Chia-hung Ben, Gender Studies Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Rethinking Migrant Entrepreneurship. Migrant Women and Small Business in Neoliberal Taiwan
h 16.30-18.00

Final discussion