

Cluster A1 International migration and its regulation

The cluster defined three new topics in 2007:

- 1) Post enlargement (2004/2007) migration to the EU
- 2) Continuation of flows (based on the Eurolinks study)
- 3) The future of control

Work on the second topic has already resulted in a Norface proposal that uses the migration systems approach to take a new look at migration flows between Turkey and Europe. The two other groups intend to publish two edited volumes. Moreover, the cluster members who organised an IMISCOE theory conference on transit migration plan to publish several volumes summarising the conference results. Cluster A1 will organise a cluster conference to be held in Budapest or near Warsaw in spring 2009 and a workshop to be held during the annual conference in Stockholm in September 2009. Both of these will serve to 1) prepare publications of the work of previous working periods and 2) further develop areas of future research identified during the cluster meeting in Bilbao. The finalisation and publication of the work carried out over the last two years will be one of the main objectives of the proposed cluster A1 workpackage. In addition, the cluster members intend to identify new areas of research for the new Imiscoe starting in 2009.

Cluster A2 Migration and development

The first objective of Cluster A2 is to complete the editorial work on their book regarding labour migration from accession countries within the EU. Secondly, the cluster will organize a conference aiming to assess critically the current research and policies on remittances, return and their impact on local development. The conference seeks to answer the following questions: What options are available to stimulate the return or circular migration of the highly skilled? To what extent have programmes to promote return migration been successful, and/or cost-effective? How do remittances change over time, both in relation to individual remitters and overall receipts for countries of origin? What options are available to stimulate the flow of remittances to countries of origin? What is the best available evidence on their success? What are the potentials for linking remittances and microfinance? The third objective is to prepare a book on *Distant Development: Migrant diasporas in collective transnational activity* based on the papers presented at the last year conference.

Cluster B3 Migration and citizenship

Cluster B3 plans to focus on one cluster conference in Malmö in April 2009 and a cluster workshop at the 6th annual conference in Stockholm in September 2009. The Malmö B3 cluster conference on 14-16 May 2009: *The implications of citizenship acquisition*, will be hosted by the Malmö Institute for Studies in Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM). The topic of the workshop complements research in the cluster on citizenship legislation and policies by looking at the social, economic and political determinants and consequences of citizenship acquisition for migrants in Europe. A call for papers will be published and selected papers will be invited for the conference.

A second initiative has been proposed by CEDEM (Liège) for a workshop on *The transnational practices of Latin American migrants in Europe*. This workshop will be either held as a separate session during the Malmö cluster conference or at a different point in time and in another country.

For the Stockholm Annual IMISCOE conference, B3 will experiment with a new format. Instead of preselecting workshops according to a cluster research agenda, they will invite proposals for

short workshops from cluster members and will select a maximum of three among these. The intention is to open up such panels for initiatives from inside the cluster in order to broaden the thematic range and to involve groups that may have been left out because their topics do not fall into one of the thematic subclusters. An edited volume on *Diaspora and Transnationalism* (Bauböck and Faist, eds.) based on the IMISCOE theory conference in April 2008 will be submitted in autumn 2008 for publication in the IMISCOE research series in 2009.

Cluster B4 The economic dimension

B4 has been divided in 4 subclusters. Last year's conferences and research projects led to further diversifications of research and network activities of cluster B4 which in the 6th IMISCOE year are planned to be brought together again by concentrating on research- and theory-related questions on economic integration considering on the one hand 'mixed embeddedness' and social networks and on the other hand the role of expert knowledge in shaping debates. Sub-cluster I will organize a conference on *The Economic Impact of Immigration: Contested Knowledge*. The symposium and the workshop will be held on the role of expert knowledge in shaping debates on the economic impact of immigration. The event will take place in London, in January 2009. It will bring together economists, sociologists and political scientists from Europe (especially the IMISCOE network), as well as a number of politicians, journalists, think tanks and NGOs engaged in current debates. Proceedings of this conference will be made available as a textbook (Boswell and Geddes). Sub-cluster II will organize a conference on *Social networks and economic integration of immigrants revisited* (title tbc). This conference will focus on topics as to what extent social capital has impacts on the likelihood of employment and adjusted household income, the effects of interethnic relations on the economic integration of migrants and the significance of interethnic communities, particularly located in big cities. Proceedings of this conference and the conference in Maastricht on '*Social networks and economic integration of immigrants*' last June 2008 will probably be made available as a textbook on 'Economic integration and local contexts' to be published in the IMISCOE publication series. Sub-cluster III will focus on realizing publications and Policy Papers.

Cluster B5 Social integration and mobility, education, housing and health

In the coming 12 months the aim is to further scientific progress on the social integration of immigrants in the areas of housing, health and education. The work package is subdivided into five areas on which they shall focus their attention: i) project work; ii) publishing city reports; iii) an international conference; iv) hosting a cluster workshop; and v) initiatives to generate funding to secure the future of cluster B5 within the IMISCOE network.

1. Research development and project work: - a. GEITONIES - The project has successfully received funding through the European Unions' 7th Framework Programme. The project will focus at the neighbourhood level, in 6 European cities (Vienna, Rotterdam, Warsaw, Thessalonica, Bilbao and Lisbon), with the aim to understand the representations, daily practices and interactions that affect relations between social and ethnic groups; b. MIGHEALTHNET - the health sub-group of Cluster B5 will be focussing efforts on the realisation of the research goals of the MIGHEALTHNET project, for which funding was successfully granted during workpackage 4. This project provides the opportunity for Cluster B5 to network even beyond IMISCOE and work with other experts in the field to increase know-how and the evidence base of good practises in healthcare among immigrants through the creation of online 'wikis' in 16 countries.
2. In the ambit of the GEITONIES project and in accordance with project deliverables, a city report for each respective city collaborating in the project must be prepared. These city reports

will then be published either as an online IMISCOE publication, on the GEITONIES website or as an eventual paper report.

3. An International Conference entitled, *Interethnic Relations: Multidisciplinary Approaches*, in participation with Cluster C7 and C8, May 2009, Lisbon, Portugal

4. Cluster B5 Workshop - 6th Annual IMISCOE Conference, Stockholm, September 2009 – *Methodological Considerations in Cross-Comparative Studies in the field of Immigration, Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations*

5. Initiatives to generate funding to secure the future of cluster B5 within the IMISCOE network – this will mainly involve trying to continue Cluster B5s work into the future through integrating activities and meetings of current projects with IMISCOE activities.

Cluster B6 Linguistic, cultural and religious diversity and related policies

Since Month 9 the cluster has been organized into thematic streams that draw upon key areas of expertise, common interest and current theoretical significance. These streams are: 1) cities of diversity: the spatial nexus; 2) public religion and secular democracy; 3) language policy and practices; 4) ethnic minority and immigrants cultural productions as forms of political expression; and 5) debating cultural differences. During the previous workpackages, the cluster conducted a number of activities directly developing all five streams. The aim of the next workpackage is to organise a 2 day conference with the aim of bringing together and synthesising the theoretical and conceptual findings and ideas of the five B6 subclusters. Each subcluster leader will be asked to present a paper in order to create a coherent edited volume as a result of the conference. The publication of the edited volume will depend on the quality and coherence of the contributions of both the subcluster leaders and the junior scholars. The next workpackage also contains a training element: junior scholars will be given the chance to present and discuss their work as part of the conference, and, depending on the quality of their papers, to publish it in an edited volume.

Cluster C7 Interethnic relations, identity, representation and discrimination

At the annual meeting held at Sussex in 2007 the cluster decided to work on a new edited volume focussing on issues of visibility and invisibility. The approach opened up for integrating the discrimination and representation thematics with the issues of identity and interethnic relations, which have rather dominated cluster work so far. If the manuscript is accepted for publication in the IMISCOE series a policy brief will be written by Charles Westin based on the publication..

At the cluster workshop held this year in Bilbao/Deusto the proposal was made that a focus on future work of the cluster could be to develop a research programme concerning the issue of social cohesion, the third category in the IMISCOE acronym but the one that has been given least attention. For this purpose a mid-year cluster workshop is planned for early February 2009, possibly held in Amsterdam. The research programme will have the aim of being internationally comparative, interdisciplinary and primarily restricted to countries belonging to the European Union. Cluster C7 will also be involved in the IMISCOE Theory conference on *Interethnic relations* in Lisbon 13-15th May 2009. Papers presented at this conference will serve as the basis of an edited volume. Finally C7 will host the IMISCOE Annual 2009 conference.

Cluster C8 Gender, age and generations

During the coming WP period C8 will attain three objectives:

- Finalise the publication of an edited book or journal special issue on 'Gender and the Labour Market', delayed from the previous WP period;
- Organise a two-day conference on 'Moroccan Memories' scheduled for 31 October – 1 November 2008 at the University of Sussex, co-funded by C8 and the Heritage Lottery Fund at Sussex. The conference will host papers on the Moroccan transgenerational experience of migration, settlement, integration and transnationalism in various European countries in a comparative perspective. It will be co-organised by Myriam Cherti, Michael Collyer and Russell King;
- Organise a conference at INED, Paris, in May 2009 which will focus on *Intersections between Gender, Age and Generations*. Co-organised by Stephanie Condon and Russell King, this two-day meeting will invite position papers on the progress achieved since the start of IMISCOE on various C8 themes and, more particularly, explore 'intersectional' topics converging two or more of C8's defining themes – gender, age, generations and also marriage, the family, ageing and life course. Within this conference, certain more specialised themes may emerge – such as marriage, migration and the family – which could be the focus of a separate initiative.

Cluster C9 The multilevel governance of immigrant and immigration policies

During the VI workpackage time span, cluster 9 intends to 1) *finalize and present* to the Editorial Committee the final version of the Joint Studies Publication 'Migratory Policy-Making in Europe'; 2) *promote* a mapping exercise on anti-discrimination policies and practices in Europe; 3) *support the organisation* of an IMISCOE seminar on anti-discrimination policies and practices in Europe. In the Cluster C9 workshop in Bilbao it has been agreed that there is a certain gap within the IMISCOE network with regard to dealing with issues of discrimination and equal opportunities. This gap has also been underlined lately by two evaluation reports of the European Commission. Being aware of the abundant work that has already been realized and published on the matter of anti-discrimination also by IMISCOE members, C9 aims at gathering the dispersed information and embedded knowledge in the network to identify how we, as a researchers on the multilevel governance of immigration and immigrant policies, can contribute to the ongoing debate about the costs and the impacts of discrimination and equal opportunity tools in Europe. They will 1) collect material for a literature review on anti-discrimination policies and practices in Europe to gain better insights into the achievements and short-coming of anti-discrimination policies in the Member States. Special attention will be devoted to the intended and unintended discriminatory practices on the part of public bureaucracies, and of the police forces in particular (e.g. ethnic profiling).