Economic integration of immigrants is commonly presented as one of key preconditions for integration in other spheres of life (social, cultural, political). Nonetheless it remains unclear how we define – and understand – integration in an economic sense: as unrestricted access of immigrants to the labour market and employment (Penninx 1990), as an ability to obtain an identical or similar position on the labour market as the representatives of the receiving society (Barrett and Duffy 2007; Ager and Strang 2008) or simply as a labour market incorporation. Additionally, most of the theoretical concepts and empirical studies focus on the American or Western European models of immigration (and integration) and do not necessarily address issues such as particularities of temporary migration or the role of migration policies in various phases of the migration transition (Arango 2012).

Therefore the main aims of the conference are:

- To discuss and to challenge existing theoretical and conceptual views on economic integration of migrants considering importance of temporary migration, position of a given country in the migration cycle or tension between opportunities and aspirations (structure and agency);
- To present and to discuss empirical studies on immigrants socio-economic integration/assimilation/labour market incorporation;
- To analyze links between various spheres of integration;
- To discuss the role of human and social capital in immigrants economic performance;
- To assess the importance of migration policies as shaping various levels of socio-economic integration.
March 1st 2018, Thursday

9.00 - 12.00 IMISCOE Editorial Board (closed meeting) (room 256)

12.00 - 17.00 IMISCOE Board of Directors: Plenary and Reflection Sessions (closed meeting) (room 315)

17.00 - 17.15 Opening of the IMISCOE Spring Conference 2018 (room 316)

17.15 - 18.15 British insights into labour market incorporation of immigrants – Professor Stephen Drinkwater, University of Roehampton; Chair: Professor Pawel Kaczmarczyk (room 316)

18.15 - 19.00 Reception (wine & snacks) on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Center of Migration Research

March 2nd 2018, Friday

9.00 - 10.00 Labour market integration: Lessons from the past, Professor Costanza Biavaschi, Norwegian University of science and Technology, Chair: Professor Izabela Grabowska (room 316)

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee & tea break

10.30 - 12.00 Workshop with Yves Breem from OECD on OECD approach to measurement of migrants’ integration, Chair: Prof. Dr. Godfried Engbersen (room 316)

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch (foyer)

13.00 - 15.00 Parallel sessions 1 and 2

Session 1: Integration and assimilation of migrants, Chair: Prof. Dr. Peter Belevander (room 316)

1. European models of economic integration of migrants, Dr. Anna Janicka, Dr. Magdalena Smyk (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw)
2. Economic Integration of refugees in Germany- a question of the institutional framework, Jannes Jacobsen (DIW Berlin)
3. Labor market integration of high-skilled immigrants, Dr. Nonna Kushnirovich (Ruppin Academic Center)
4. Migrant earnings assimilation and partner status in the UK, Dr. Chiara Paola Donegani (University of Wolverhampton), Prof. Stephen McKay (University of Lincoln)
5. Various spheres of integration and settlement intentions of Ukrainian economic migrants in Poland, Dr. Sabina Toruńczyk-Ruiz, Dr. Zuzanna Brunarska (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw)
Session 2: Selectivity of migrants, Chair: Dr. Justyna Salamonska (room 315)

1. Ethnic diversity and economic growth in regions of the Netherlands, Dr. Roel Jennissen, Hanneke Leeuwestein, Prof. Casper de Vries (The Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy, WRR)
2. Mexican Immigration to the US: Selection, Sorting and Matching, Dr. Michal Burzynski (University of Luxembourg), Dr. Pawel Gola (University of Cambridge)
3. Why and how immigrants’ employment has increased in Italy during the recession?, Prof. Maurizio Ambrosini (University of Milan)
4. Doing ethnicity, doing gender? Intersectional analysis of the professional life of the 1.5 generation of Vietnamese migrants in the Czech labour market, Dr. Lenka Formánková, Marta Lopatková, Kristyna Pospíšilová (Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Science)

15.00 - 15.30 Coffee & tea break

15.30 - 17.30 Parallel sessions 3 and 4

Session 3: Human and social capital of migrants, Chair: Prof. Dr. Maurice Crul (room 316)

1. Use of human capital and immigrants’ integration in the European labour markets, Prof. Tiiu Paas, Maryna Tverdostup (University of Tartu)
2. Labour market mobility and social networks: Ukrainian migrants in Warsaw and vicinities, Dr. Ewa Jaźwińska, Prof. Agata Górny, Dr. Marta Kindler (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw)
3. The role of cultural-economic capital in the socio-economic integration of asylum seekers in Switzerland, Nicolas Thorens, PhD Candidate, Prof. Francesca Poglia Miletì (Université de Fribourg)
4. Aspirations and Career Opportunities of Global Elite Migrants, Dr. Irina Isaakyan (European University Institute Florence)
5. Integration of highly skilled migrants, Dr. Agnieszka Bielewska (SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities)

Session 4: Labour market, policy and employment of migrants, Chair: Professor Peter Scholten (room 315)

1. Does native-immigrant wage gap depend on the immigration patterns? – insights from the surveys in Warsaw and in Lublin, Dr. Paweł Strzelecki (Warsaw School of Economics)
2. Labour Market Incorporation of Immigrants in Italy: Patterns and Trajectories of Mobility, Prof. Maurizio Avola (University of Catania, Italy) Giorgio Piccitto, PhD Candidate (University of Milan)
3. Migrant Integration Policies in Europe and Gender: A Comparative Case-Study of Family Reunion and Labour Market Mobility Policies, Kundan Mishra, PhD Candidate (University of Massachusetts)
4. Labour market integration in the context of restricted freedom of work: empirical evidence for Bulgarian migrants in Germany, Vesela Kovacheva, PhD Candidate (University of Münster)
*All speakers of the thematic sessions have kindly submitted full papers! Thank you.

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