

INVITATION to the workshop

“The role of diverse legal regimes in shaping migrants’ experiences: visible impacts and research challenges”

within IMISCOE RN Research Cluster “Ukrainian migration to the European Union”

Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, 2-3 March 2015

AIM OF THE WORKSHOP

This workshop aims to discuss **the effects of specific policies towards different groups of third-country nationals, including Ukrainian nationals, especially of policies addressing undocumented workers and undocumented residents in the EU**. Its goal is also to address **methodological and ethical challenges in studying the impact of particular policies and laws on migrants’ functioning**. Migration of Ukrainian nationals to the EU provides significant empirical data for the analysis of migration and adaptation patterns of third-country nationals and it is also an exceptional comparative case for studies focused on the effects of various national policies and overarching EU migratory regimes in shaping the (ir)regularity of migration flows. The question **how particular policies counteract (or contribute to) the social, legal or economic exclusion of third-country nationals in the EU** is one of the main questions to be addressed during the workshop. The mentioned topics have become very important also in the light of the impact of economic crisis experienced by the EU countries, as well as – in the case of Ukrainians – in the light of political crisis and armed conflict in the Eastern part of Ukraine.

The workshop is also aimed at developing a **new research proposal around the theme of policies towards irregular migration and undocumented work of migrants in the EU countries, their effects as well as methodological challenges in studying them**. Basing on the extensive work focusing on Ukrainian migrants done within the initiative so far, migration from this country may still constitute the main point of reference in proposal of analyses regarding other migrant groups.

During the workshop we will look at migrants’ experiences through the lens of various migration policies and laws. Such issues as economic adaptation of migrants in the light of migration regimes, impact of control policies and regularisation programmes on migrants’ functioning, legal aspects of migratory processes. Participants from a few EU countries, the Czech Republic, the UK, Greece and Poland, will have the occasion to exchange knowledge about the results of relevant studies, share observations based on practical work with migrants, as well as address research gaps and research challenges in order to elaborate common proposal for further studies. The papers presented at the workshop will refer not only to Ukrainian migrants, but also to other migrant groups.

PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP

Monday, March 2nd, 2015

12.00 – 13.30

Session I

'Bouncing of the wall of the Fortress Europe' as a common experience for Ukrainians and other 3rd country nationals

Ignacy Józwiak, Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw

Understanding the influence of armed conflicts on the effectiveness of migration policy on the national and supranational levels. Case of Ukrainian citizens in Poland

Andriy Korniychuk, Institute of Public Affairs, Poland; PhD candidate at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences

'Struggles Against Subjection. Implications of Criminalization of Migration for Migrants' Everyday Lives in Europe. A case study of Ukrainians in the UK'

Dr. Agnieszka Kubal, International Migration Institute, University of Oxford

DISCUSSION

13.50 – 15.20

Session II

Ukrainian labour migration to the Czech Republic in times of economic recession

Dr. Yana Leontiyeva, Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

Remarkable case of an ordinary Ukrainian: integration and legal perspective

Tomas Vercimak, PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague; InBaze Praha

Regularisation programme of 2012 in Poland – social and legal aspects

Marta Górczyńska, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, and **Marta Szczepanik**, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, PhD candidate at the Graduate School of Social Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences

DISCUSSION

15.40 – 17.10

Session III

The effect of control policies on Georgian and Pakistani migrants in Greece

Michaela Marouf, ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation of European and Foreign Policy), PhD candidate at the University of Peloponnese

Determinants of the Ukrainian migration to Greece: The impact of policies and social networks on migrants' decision making

Marina Nikolova, ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation of European and Foreign Policy)

The temporal limbo of irregularity and precarious work – Moldovan female migrants working in the domestic care field in Italy as a case study

Olga Cojocar, Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw

DISCUSSION

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015

10.00 – 11.30

Building on known unknowns: need for studies in the area of legal aspects of mobility processes

Information on recent research studies: time for participants to reflect on the primary findings from the recent studies conducted by them/their institutions; commenting on ongoing studies; discussing identified gaps and research challenges (among others, reflections concerning the impact of the armed conflict in Ukraine on mobility processes; the relation between visa liberalisation processes and migration; the presence of foreign students in Lublin).

Reflections on the meaning of legal status for the economic adaptation of migrants and presenting the proposal of research outline

Monika Szulecka, Centre of Migration Research

11.50 – 13.50

Discussing common project proposal, available sources of funding and further cooperation

PLACE OF THE WORKSHOP

The seat of the Centre of Migration Research, the University of Warsaw
Banacha 2B, Warsaw [see map at www.migracje.uw.edu.pl/en/contact/]

CONTACT

Please contact the local organiser, Monika Szulecka (m.szulecka@uw.edu.pl) in case of any questions regarding the workshop and participation.

PARTICIPATION

The number of seats available is limited. Please inform about your will to participate by Thursday, 26th of February, 2015 at m.szulecka@uw.edu.pl.