



THE HAGUE - THE NETHERLANDS

15th International Metropolis Conference | 4-8 October 2010
Justice and Migration: Paradoxes of Belonging

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The International Metropolis Project is an international network of researchers, policy officials and NGOs sharing a common vision of enhancing migration and diversity policy by applying empirical social science research. It is best known for its major annual conferences, the next of which takes place in The Hague, 4 - 8 October 2010.

Draft Conference Programme

Justice and Migration: Paradoxes of Belonging

The 2010 International Metropolis Conference in The Hague focuses on questions of belonging. It will address various aspects of belonging, including opportunities and challenges they pose in the context of perceptions of legitimacy and processes of migration and integration.

The programme consists of Study Tours, Plenary sessions, Workshops and a Social Programme.

MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2010

13.00 -17.30 **Study tour programme**
(In the cities of The Hague and Rotterdam)

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2010

09.00 -09.30 **Opening**

Opening speeches:

- J. J. van Aartsen, Mayor of The Hague
- Minister of Integration
- Howard Duncan, Co-Chair of International Metropolis

09.30 -10.30 **Plenary session 1**

Justice and Migration

The first plenary session of this conference will take its inspiration from the fact that we are in The Hague, the 'international city for peace and justice' in the Netherlands. This session will examine, from the point of view of elemental principles of justice, the asymmetry

between the right to leave one's country and the right to enter another.

Chair:

Howard Duncan, Co-Chair of International Metropolis

10.00– 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 11.30 **Plenary session 2**

The Right to the City: Urbanisation and International Migration

The process of urbanization is extensive and seems almost unstoppable. Especially in booming Asian and African countries. Although the causes, implications and extent of this phenomenon are tremendously varied, it is clear that there are many similarities between the effects of international and internal migration

The following question will be central in this session: what lessons from managing the diversity resulting from international migration to our cities can we apply to managing the diversity resulting from internal migration and vice versa?

Format:

Round table discussion

Chair:

Leo Lucassen, professor of Social History at Leiden University

Panelists:

- Adrian Favell, Professor of Sociology, University of California Los Angeles
- Leslie Page Moch, Professor of History, Michigan state University, East Lansing
- Fei Ling Wang, Professor at The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta
- Policy makers from Asian and African cities

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Workshops

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.30 Workshops

19.00-21.30 Cultural evening

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2010

09.00-10.30 **Plenary session 3**

Living in Limbo: Forgotten Refugees

The UNHCR has put a premium on finding solutions to protracted refugee situations, situations wherein refugees in large numbers have been displaced for over five years and with little expectation of a quick return to their homeland. Approximately 50 percent of the world's refugees are in protracted situations and durable solutions have been frustratingly difficult to find. This roundtable session will examine these complex and perilous situations and will explore the conditions of successful resolutions in the past and lessons for existing situations.

Format:

Presentation and reflection

Chair:

Jennifer Hyndman, York University

Speakers:

- Rema Hammami, Professor at the Institute for Women's Studies at Birzeit University, Ramallah
- UNHCR-delegate

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 **Plenary session 4**

Fostering Urban Citizenship in a Reluctant Country of Immigration

The Netherlands has long been noted for its progressive, humanistic stance with regard to migration and integration issues. Yet the Dutch approach to immigrant ethnic minorities has come under increasing attack since the late 1980s, especially in recent years. In promoting integration the government places more emphasis on democratic norms, values and behavior. Local governments, for instance The Hague, implement the idea of shared citizenship and explore an alternate framing.

Format:

Round table discussion

Chair:

Mohamed Baba, co-founder and partner Mexit, consultants for Intercultural Management. Yale University World Fellow.

Panelists:

- Rabin Baldewsingh, Deputy Mayor City of The Hague
- Evelien Tonkens, Chair Foundation Refugees International, Endowed Chair Active Citizenship at University of Amsterdam

- Policy makers of major cities

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14:00-15.30 Workshops

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.30 Workshops

18.00-20.00 Visit to Municipal Museum

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2010

09.00-10.30 **Plenary session 5**

The Nexus of Media, Public Opinion and Policy

This plenary session will look at how migration, multiculturalism and integration policy making is shaped by the interactions between politicians, media and publics. Speakers will examine how the attitudes as expressed by media, by elected officials, and by the public are inter-related. They will also look at how to navigate between hate speech and freedom of the press.

Format:

Round table discussion

Chair:

Baukje Prins, reader The Hague University

Panelists:

- Maarten Hajer, Professor of Political Science University of Amsterdam and director Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
- Journalist and editors from different media will be invited as well

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 **Plenary session 6**

The Right to Maintain One's Identity: A Universal Right?

Migrants commonly embark on an integration trajectory and in this process they often claim the right to be different. However, various parts of the native population resist the continuing arrival of newcomers and the concomitant proliferation of diversity. In doing so, they claim the right to maintain their identity and demand that the identity of others is subordinated to theirs.

This roundtable will examine how seemingly contradictory claims of identity and belonging are manifested and how they are addressed in various locations around the globe.

Format:

Round table discussion

Chair:

Jan Rath, Professor University of Amsterdam

Panelists:

- Paul Spoonley, Professor of Sociology Massey University
- Ramon Grosfoguel, Associate Professor of Chicano/Latino Studies University of California
- Sadik Harchaoui, Director FORUM Institute for Multicultural Affairs

12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Workshops
15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30	Workshops
19.00-22.00	Closing dinner

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER 201009.00-10.30 **Plenary session 7****The Role of the Civic Community**

Over the past quarter of a century, the political influence of non-governmental organizations or other 'civil society organizations' has grown precipitously. Democracies see the involvement of NGOs as an extension of the democratic process. But it needs to be asked upon what is the democratic legitimacy of the NGOs themselves founded and how it is that their democratic legitimacy can be established? This session will examine the growing role of the NGO in policy development.

Format:

Presentations and reflections

Speakers:

- Sheela Patel, Founder Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Center
- Nicola Piper, Senior Lecturer, Swansea University

10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00-12.30 **Plenary session 8****Towards Global Governance of International Migration?**

The idea of a global migration regime has been thoughtfully considered by scholars and institutes. Governments tend to regard immigration policy as primarily domestic policy. This panel will take stock of recent attempts to establish a global dialogue on the governance of migration. What would it take to bridge the migration interests of the OECD countries and those of the G77?

Format:

Key note and reflections

Chair:

Demetrios Papademetriou, President of the Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC

Speakers:

- Thanh-Dam Truong, Associate Professor Women, Gender and Development Studies, Institute of Social Studies

12.30-13.00 **Closing session**

Announcement of the 16th International Metropolis Conference to be held in Ponta Delgada, Azores, in 2011

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