



New migrations from Poland - psychological, sociological and cultural perspectives

Conference, Kraków 23-24 September 2013

CALL FOR PAPERS

Almost ten years after the EU enlargement which paved the way for one of the biggest population movements in post-war Europe, academic studies from various disciplinary perspectives on migrations from Poland have generated a good deal of fascinating research. But as this is a dynamic reality, there is still a lot of dimensions of this social phenomena to account for, conceptualise and debate. Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (*Polska Akademia Umiejętności* - PAU) and the Polish University Abroad in London (PUNO) are inviting scholars to take part in a conference held in Kraków on 23-24 September 2013 which will present the opportunity to share and discuss latest research and developments on migrations from Poland in the aftermath of EU enlargement. The conference is part of a joint programme – “Euromigranci.pl” – led by PAU and PUNO which aims to examine and explore existing research and debates on the position of contemporary Polish migrants in the EU Member States, with special reference to the United Kingdom. The results of the conference will provide a platform of support and a pool of expertise which will be available to various civil society institutions representing them or advocating on their behalf.

We are now calling for submissions of papers which address themes of relevance to the conference. The conference will be divided into three thematic sections corresponding to the following disciplinary approaches to migrations: psychological, sociological and broadly defined cultural studies. While submitting your abstract, please indicate the section of your choice. We welcome submissions for papers in both Polish and English.

Psychological cluster

Despite the on-going and dynamic development of migration studies, research taking a predominantly psychological focus is largely absent from the relevant debates. This section therefore aims at taking a closer look at what psychology has to offer within migration discourses. We welcome papers exploring the intercultural psychology, education and cross-cultural communication, therapeutic experiences with migrants and cultural psychiatry. We wish to focus on language and migration, bilingualism, the situation of children, culture shock, migration crisis, dysfunctional aspects of migration, changes in personality, perceptions of success and dynamics of identity constructions.

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Sociological cluster

The focus of this thematic section is on consequences of migrations at both micro and macro level. In particular we would like to explore the following areas: the relationship between migrations and modernity, shifts of migrants' position at a structural level – upward mobility, degradation, marginalisation; crisis and/or changes in the nature of social bonds; the emergence of new life styles, forms of sociality and behaviour.

Cultural cluster

Given the importance and relevance of culture in the migratory process, this theme offers an exciting area of research into the contemporary development and evolvement of cultural constructions. This section invites papers on the themes of cultural production, cultural hybridity, and syncretic forms of cultural representation. We welcome papers on culture both in its material as well as symbolic dimensions with aspects of trans-border, cultural boundaries negotiations, relationships between the settled and migrating groups, constructions and reconstructions of stereotypes and identities but also on artistic representation of Polish migrations: the development of Polish artists' practice and various influences of the migration process on art.

Participation in the conference is free. After a peer review process, selected papers will be published by PAU editing house. We kindly ask to fill in the attached form and email it by the closing date 15th June 2013 to: konferencja@euroemigranci.pl

Scholars selected to take part will be notified by 5th July. The conference takes place on 23-24 September 2013 in the PAU building in Kraków ul. Sławkowska 17. For further queries, please contact: konferencja@euroemigranci.pl or visit the conference website: www.euroemigranci.pl for additional information.

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