

2nd CDCDI International Conference

Challenges Ahead: Integration of Migrants on the European Labour Market

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Call for Abstracts

In the last decades European states developed increasingly selective admission policies for migrants. Thus the migrants' education, skills and networks became salient factors for the successful movement to a destination country. The "human capital" finds relatively easy a place on the contemporary segmented labour markets. Highly skilled migrants have to compete with native workers for jobs associated with a higher social status, which raises the question whether or not the odds of obtaining that job are fair. Furthermore, what happens with the unskilled workers? How do they respond to the labour market needs and demands? How do they prevision their future in the receiving country? Do migration and mobility within the EU balance out, and what are the prospects of both mobile EU citizens and migrants in the receiving countries? These are just a few questions that the second edition of this conference would like to raise during the debates.

Papers from a variety of disciplines (anthropology, social sciences, psychology, history etc.) and sources (academia, public institutions, civil society organisations, independent researchers, practitioners etc.) that fall within the sections listed below are welcome. The list provides the main themes for panel discussions, but the submissions should not necessarily be limited to them.

Proposed Panels:

The non-state actors' involvement in immigrants' economic integration - refers to the support that civil society organisations, trade unions, private networks etc. provide through specific programmes, mainstream measures or ad-hoc actions that ultimately contribute to the migrants' economic integration. The papers addressing immigrant entrepreneurship, employment enclaves or traditional trades are also included under this panel.

Inequalities and discrimination in employment: effects on immigrants' integration – the papers under this topic will look at the influence of inequalities and discriminatory practices in the employment field, on the social expectations and integration prospects of immigrants. Furthermore we would like to approach the individual and contextual factors that generate the vulnerability to discrimination, and the effectiveness of anti-discrimination measures taken at local and national levels.

Measuring migrants' access on the European labour market: policies, practices and indicators – the papers under this panel will cover a variety of topics, such as: the effects of the European/national legal framework on facilitating or hindering immigrants' access on the labour market; analysis of specific or mainstream policies and practices with effects on immigrants' access to employment, and the impact on the quality of employment. We also welcome research that benchmark the immigrants' labour integration or use common employment indicators in assessing immigrants' access on the labour market.

Linking educational achievement and professional integration of migrants in the European space - This panel looks at the impact of education on the integration of first and second-generation migrants, with focus on their professional integration. We welcome papers covering the following topics: policies and approaches for integrating children of migrants in schools; the labour prospects for immigrants who graduate in the EU; the employment outcomes of migrants, and successful practices with migrants in the fields of education and employment.

EU mobility challenges for the national labour systems - Following the crisis period and the continuous increase of unemployment rate across Europe, the national labour markets of member states faced many common challenges but

developed different response strategies. This panel takes special interest in contributions focusing on the role of mobility in developing the national labour systems of EU member states. We welcome submissions exploring the differences and similarities of various national labour markets from a range of theoretical and empirical perspectives: economic, social, political etc.

Public discourse and its impact on immigrants' integration - Due to the economic crisis migration became a very sensitive issue on the European and national public agendas in the past years. Overemphasizing migration in public discourses may have an impact on public policies and general attitudes of both immigrants and receiving societies. This panel aims to analyse the effects of political discourse on immigrants' participation in the social, political and economic life of receiving societies, and ultimately to assess the impact of the public discourse on the immigrant integration process.

Who are the European immigrants? - The panel focuses on the in-depth social research dedicated to the subjects of (labour) migration, their stories, needs and profiles. The aim of this panel is to bring insights from the micro level research in a field dominated by macro-studies. Within this panel we welcome papers covering the following approaches: anthropology, psychology, sociology or interdisciplinary. Work in progress papers are also welcome.

Impact of migration in the country of origin and destination - The panel aims to bring together papers dedicated to the economic, social, cultural, political effects of labour migration both in the origin and destination countries. We are particularly interested in contributions presenting practices of maximizing the positive effects of labour migration and of efficient migration management.

Comparative views on the transposition of EU legislation and its impact on the rights of migrants Immigration is regulated at EU level with the purpose of ensuring equal rights to immigrants in all member states. However, the EU legal framework leaves a margin of appreciation to the member states. Therefore, the national legal framework and the differences in the transposition of EU legislation can lead to differences in the implementation of the rights to work, study or family reunion. This panel welcomes papers that analyze the transposition of EU directives from a comparative perspective,

focusing on the different understanding and implementation of fundamental rights.

How to apply?

300 word abstracts should be sent to conference@cdcdi.ro by 15th January 2015. Please include the title, name of the authors, affiliation and e-mail addresses. The abstracts will be double blind peer reviewed. If your abstract is accepted, you will be notified by 30th January 2015. Please note that in this case the deadline for submitting the full paper is 5th March 2015.

We will reply to all applications with an acknowledgement of receipt. If you have not received any confirmation e-mail from us within 3 days, please consider sending the abstract again.

Important deadlines:

- **15th January 2015** – receipt of abstracts
- **30th January 2015** – notification of accepted abstracts
- **5th March 2015** – receipt of full draft papers

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