Every month, MDC members pass news to us of upcoming events, conferences and opportunities from around the world related to migration and diversity. We collate these into this compact newsletter.

MDC Newsletter
October 2013

Conferences and calls for papers

Thursday 17 October 2013, International seminar on the effect of the physical environment in reception centers for asylum seekers, Agora room 3 - main building, 14.00-17.45.

Seminar with visiting research team from Norway, including the following presentations:

- What Buildings Do – presentations of a Norwegian Research Initiative about the Physical Environment in Reception Centers by Eli Stea, Ragne Øvre Thorshaug and Einar Strumse
- The normality and materiality of the dominant discourse – Perspectives from inside a Dutch asylum centre by Robert Larruina and Halleh Ghorashi
- The meaning of housing qualities for homeless people by Åshild Lappegard Hauge

Friday 18 October 2013, Launch of the Migration and Ethnic Diversity PhD Network at UvA, Oudemanhuispoort 4-6, room F0.02. 15.00-17.00

Tuesday 26 November 2013, the Amsterdam Critical Discourse Community are organising a forum for visiting scholar Robert Barsky entitled "Mapping migration discourses around the world" in the VU main building, time and place t.b.a.
Conferences and calls for papers

What: Refugee Voices. International conference organized by the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford
When: 24 March 2014
Where: Oxford, UK
Submission deadline: abstracts by 31 October 2013
Contact: rsc-conference@qeh.ox.ac.uk
More information: website

What: Access to asylum: Current challenges and future directions, Monash University Prato Centre, Faculty of Law
When: 29-30 May 2014
Where: Prato, Italy
Submission deadline: abstracts by 8 November 2013
Contact: law-accessasylumconf@monash.edu
More information: website

What: Special issue “Gendered Fortress Europe” of the Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies
Submission deadline: abstracts by 15 November 2013 in Dutch or English
Contact: redactie@tijdschriftgenderstudies.eu
More information: website

What: A Sea of Troubles? Problematising Migration Law. Organized by the Migration Law Network (in association with Birbeck College School of Law)
When: 28-29 March 2014
Where: London, United Kingdom
Submission deadline: streams or paper proposals by 15 November 2013
Contact: Eddie Bruce-Jones, eddiebrucejones@bbk.ac.uk
More information: website

What: Labour Migration in Hard Times. One-day conference organized by the The Institute of Employment Rights
When: 20 November 2013
Where: London, UK
Programme: here
More information & fees: website

What: Nationalism and Belonging, 24th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN), London School of Economics
When: 1-3 April 2014
Where: London, UK
Submission deadline: abstracts by 30 November 2013
Contact: asen.conference2014@lse.ac.uk
More information: website

What: 3rd Ruppin International Conference on Immigration and Social Integration: Migration trends over the past quarter century. Organized by the Ruppin Academic Center, Israel
When: 19-20 May 2014
Where: Emek Hefer, Israel
Submission deadline: abstracts by 30 November 2013
Contact: Karin Amit, karina@ruppin.ac.il
More information: here
What: Superdiversity: Theory, Method and Practice. International conference organized by the Institute for Research into Superdiversity, University of Birmingham
When: 23-24 June 2014
Where: Birmingham, UK
Submission deadline: abstracts by 10 December 2013
Contact: Ann Bolstridge, a.bolstridge@bham.ac.uk
More information: website

... Events

What: 5th lecture of the Amsterdam Centre for Middle Eastern Studies (ACMES) Lecture Series: "The Umayyad Court and the biography of the prophet Muhammad", delivered by N. Boekhoff-van der Voort
When: 17 October 2013, 16.30-18.00
Where: P.C. Hoofthuis, room 1.04, Spuistraat 134, Amsterdam
More information: website

What: Meeting of the Amsterdam Critical Discourse Community with Jan Blommaert and Fons van den Vijver: "Combining surveys and ethnographies in the study of rapid social change"
When: 23 October 2013, 12.00-13.30
Where: VU main building, room t.b.a.
Contact: acdweb@gmail.com
More information: website

What: Inaugural lecture by Veronique Schutjens, Special Chair of Ethnic Entrepreneurship at the UvA: "Ethnic entrepreneurship: keep looking"
When: 25 October 2013, 16.00-17.00
Where: Aula - Oude Lutherse kerk, Singel 411, Amsterdam
Contact: ACMES@uva.nl
More information: website

What: Invitation to the opening of the Amsterdam Centre for Middle Eastern Studies (ACMES)
When: 14 November 2013, 16.00.
Where: Aula - Oude Lutherse kerk, Singel 411, Amsterdam
Speakers: Joseph Massad (Columbia University) and Saud Alsanusi (author of the award-winning book ‘The Bamboo Stick’), moderator: Hassnae Bouzza
Registration deadline: 10 November 2013
Contact: ACMES@uva.nl
More information: here

What: The Academy of European Law organizes a seminar co-funded by the European Commission on "Improving Conditions Related to Detention: The Council of Europe and International Bodies' Work in Improving Conditions"
When: 14-15 November 2013
Where: Strasbourg, France
Contact: Ramin Farinpour, here
More information: website

What: The fruits of diversity: Chances and strengths. Symposium organized by the Stichting MCNW Multicultureel Netwerk and Eén land één samenleving (in Dutch)
When: 16 November 2013, 10.00-17.30
Where: Utrecht or Amsterfoort t.b.a.
Contact: stichting.mcnw@gmail.com
More information: here
What: The Academy of European Law organizes the seminar "Asylum cases before the ECtHR"
When: 26-27 November 2013
Registration deadline: 10% discount before 26 October 2013
Where: Strasbourg, France
Contact: Killian O'Brien, here
More information: website

What: Advanced ELENA Course on Refugee Protection and the Dublin System: Can They Ever Be Compatible? Organized by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)
When: 6-8 December 2013
Registration deadline: 4 November 2013
Where: Dublin, Ireland
Contact: Daniel Toda Castán, dtoda@ecre.org
More information: website

What: The Netherlands Institute at Athens (NIA) and the Institute for Migration & Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam (IMES) are organising an intensive winter school in collaboration with Greek universities: "Migration in the Margins of Europe"
When: 5-14 January 2014
Where: Athens, Greece
Registration deadline: 31 October 2013
Contact: nia@nia.gr
More information: website

What: Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers with sessions such as "Borders Beyond Securitization: Rethinking the Lines that Bind Us"
When: 8-12 April 2014
Where: Tampa, Florida
Contact: Tuna Tasan-Kok, m.t.tasan-kok@tudelft.nl
More information: website

New

Author: Martin Ruhs (University of Oxford)
View: Table of Contents
View: Chapter 1
More information: website

What: Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration. Examines relevant law stemming from the European Union and the Council of Europe
Authors: FRA (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)
View: free download
More information: website

What: Annual publication of "Transatlantic Trends 2013", for the first time including public opinion polls on migration, integration and diversity in 11 EU member states, Turkey and the United States
Authors: German Marshall Fund
View: find the report here
More information: website
What: On 1 October the new website of The Women and Global Migration Working Group was launched. Established by the Association for Women’s Rights in Development

What: The Global Detention Project of the Graduate Institute Geneva has recently published three working papers on detention:
- Michael Flynn: The Hidden Costs of Human Rights: The Case of Immigration Detention
- Izabella Majcher: “Crimmigration” in the European Union through the Lens of Immigration Detention
- Mariette Grange: Smoke Screens: Is There a Correlation between Migration Euphemisms and the Language of Detention?

... Opportunities

What: Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships of one or two years offered by the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) of the European University Institute
Application deadline: 25 October 2013
Contact: applyfellow@eui.eu
Description of position: website

What: Max Weber Fellowships of the European University Institute
Contact: applyfellow@eui.eu
Description of position: website

What: University of Oxford, Department of Politics and International Relations. Vacancy for a postdoctoral Research Fellow in International Relations (Programme on Power and regions in a Multipolar World - PRIMO)
Application deadline: 25 October 2013
Contact: vacancies@politics.ox.ac.uk
Description of position: website

What: University of Leicester is looking for two Research Associates at the College of Social Science, Department of Sociology to work on the project ‘The UK Citizenship Process: Understanding Immigrants’ Experiences’
Application deadline: 25 October 2013
Contact: recruitment@le.ac.uk, for informal inquiries: Leah Bassel, LB235@le.ac.uk
Description of position: website

What: The Migrating for Work research Consortium (MiWORC) is looking for a consultant for the project "Improving the quality of statistical data on foreign labour in South Africa" (15 November 2013 - 28 February 2014) at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
Application deadline: 25 October 2013
Contact: Aurelia.wakabwe@wits.ac.za
Description of position: website

What: UvA Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences – Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies and Centre for Urban Studies. PhD position for research project "Visual Culture and Criminal Iconization"
Application deadline: 29 October 2013
Contact: Rivke Jaffe, r.k.jaffe@uva.nl
Description of the position: website
**What:** UvA Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences – Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies and Centre for Urban Studies. Four PhD positions for research project "Public-Private Security Assemblages"

**Application deadline:** 29 October 2013

**Contact:** Rivke Jaffe, r.k.jaffe@uva.nl

**Description of the position:** [website](#)

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**What:** The International Refugee Rights Initiative (IRRI) is looking for a Executive Director, preferably to be based in Kampala, Uganda

**Application deadline:** 31 October 2013

**Contact:** info@refugee-rights.org

**Description of position:** [website](#)