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**

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**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 Støa**, **Ragne Øwre 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](#)

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### 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"
Where: Strasbourg, France
Contact: Killian O'Brien, here
More information: website

Registration deadline: 10% discount before 26 October 2013

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

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Author: Martin Ruhs (University of Oxford)
View: Table of Contents
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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

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