



“Social Mobility and Migration. Multidisciplinary Perspectives”

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Social mobility is a crucial topic in the debate and research on migration. The elimination of inequalities in the host communities and the acquisition of competences by migrants and citizens with a migration background are essential in improving their status. The key to the functioning of intercultural societies is economic, social and political participation, dialogue, and the willingness of all parties to be active citizens in a new societal environment. The process of bringing migrants and individuals with migration background to an equal social status in society requires work in the field of legal framework, social affairs, labour market, education and culture. The policies concerning migrants and individuals with migration background should have a holistic approach, focusing on social and economic mobility, education, health, social services and participation in the wider societal life.

The goal of the international, cross-disciplinary conference “Social Mobility and Migration. Multidisciplinary Perspectives” is to create a forum in which dialogue can develop between scholars and practitioners. In this way participants can share knowledge and experience about the challenges of migration and analyse, through a multi-disciplinary approach, the different perspectives of social mobility.

PROGRAM

09:00 – 09:30 OPENING SESSION

- **Werner Stuflesser** – President of EURAC
- **Roberto Bizzo** – Provincial Minister of Labour and Innovation with Competence in Migration, Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy
- **Roberta Medda-Windischer** – Senior researcher, EURAC Institute for Minority Rights, Coordinator of MigrAlp, Italy
- **Gerhard Hetfleisch** – Director of ZeMiT, MigrAlp partner, Austria

LECTURES

09:30-10:15

- **Marco Martiniello** – Director of the Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège, Belgium
The concept of career in ethnic and migration studies

10:15-11:00

- **Christian Joppke** – Professor of Political Science at the Graduate School of Government, American University of Paris, France

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Minority Rights for Immigrants? Multiculturalism vs. Antidiscrimination

11:00-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:00

- **Dora Kostakopoulou** – Jean Monnet Professor in European Law and European Integration, University of Manchester, UK
A Re-definition of Belonging

12:00-12:30 DISCUSSION

Moderation: **Roberta Medda-Windischer** (Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC, Italy)

For this part of the conference, translation into Italian and German is provided.

12:30-14:00 LUNCH

PANELS

14:00-16:30

PANEL 1 – SOCIAL MOBILITY AND THE CHALLENGES OF AN IMMIGRATION SOCIETY – SEMINAR ROOM 7

- **Mikolaj Stanek** – Spanish Council for Scientific Research, Spain
Alberto Veira – Carlos III University of Madrid
Occupational mobility and migration – evidence from Spain
 - **Yessy Byl** – Athabasca University, Canada
Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program: Human Rights Issues
 - **Esin Yilmaz-Basceri** – Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Integration without social mobility: a case of Turkish immigrants in Germany
 - **Gerhard Hetfleisch** – ZeMiT, Austria
The living standard as a factor for integration: education, application of education and endangering of poverty of migrants in Tyrol
- Moderator: **Armin Brugger** (ZeMiT, Austria)

PANEL 2 – NETWORKS, MEDIATORS AND INTER-MEDIATORS IN THE LABOUR MARKET – SEMINAR ROOM 8

- **Laura López-Sanders** – Stanford University, US
Embedded and External Brokers: the Distinct Roles of Intermediaries in Immigrant Labor Market Incorporation

- **Giovanna Zanolla** – Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC, Italy
Social Networks and Economic Integration for Migrants. A Case Study from South Tyrol
 - **Elena Vidal-Coso** – Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
Daniela Vono de Vilhena (University of Bamberg, Germany),
The impact of informal networks on labour mobility: the case of immigrants' first job in Spain
 - **Philomena de Lima** – University of the Highlands and Islands, Scotland, UK
Adapting to life in Scotland: understanding migrant experiences in small towns and rural areas
- Moderator: **Rainer Girardi** (Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC, Italy)

PANEL 3 – INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION IN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES AND RURAL AREAS – CONFERENCE HALL

- **Ricard Morén-Alegret** – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
Ruralphilia, ruralphobia, urbophilia and urbophobia as useful concepts for better understanding international immigration in small localities
 - **Mike Danson** – University of the West of Scotland, UK
Birgit Jentsch – University of the West of Scotland, UK
International migration and economic participation in small towns and rural areas – cross-national evidence
 - **Marika Gruber** – Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, School of Management, Austria
Integration practices and policies in Austrian municipalities: How municipalities can foster the integration process of people with a migration background – Examples of two Austrian municipalities
 - **Verena Wisthaler** – Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC, Italy
The integration of migrants in the rural area of South Tyrol: first steps towards a new challenge
- Moderator: **Stephan Blassnig** (ZeMiT, Austria)

16:30–17:30 CONCLUDING SESSION
Network and follow-up

REFRESHMENTS

The Chamber of Lawyers will assign two (2) credits for participation in this conference.

The conference will be in English; translation into German and Italian is only provided for the morning session.

No participation fees are required.

MigrAlp (www.eurac.edu/migralp)

The EURAC Institute for Minority Rights, in collaboration with ZeMiT (Centre for Migrants in Tyrol), has developed the Interreg-funded MigrAlp project (2009-2011), in which international migration to South Tyrol (Italy) and Tyrol (Austria) has been analysed and compared. The research results of MigrAlp are summarised in a multidisciplinary publication (to be published June 2011) that provides insight into South Tyrol's diversity management, as well as developments in Austria's political debate on integration, and gives an overview of the historic and demographic developments, legal frameworks and social dimension of migration in the two regions. MigrAlp also explores migration in rural areas, with the

goal of developing an index on integration in selected fields (labour, housing, education, etc.) that will make integration measurable and propose integrative actions to local governments and public administration (publication forthcoming in 2011). The project intends to sensitise the local community in migration and integration in order to combat xenophobia, racism and stereotypes, to promote the advantages of diverse societies, and to foster solidarity between the ethnic groups. In accordance with these aims, the project developed a role-play on anti-discrimination called 'Space Migrants 2513', primarily addressed to schools and youth organisations and a campaign for diversity.