

ESF Exploratory Workshop on
**Migrant Legality, and Employment in
Contemporary Europe**

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Main Objectives of the Workshop:

This international workshop will gather around twenty researchers from sociology, anthropology, political science, history and legal studies to discuss the contemporary relationship between migrant legality and employment in Europe. Recent shifts to “chosen immigration” in several European countries, along with covert or open practices of “earned legalisation,” have placed work and employment back at the centre of contemporary migration regulation. Employment has become a key site of focus in the assessment of the civic legitimacy of immigrants: (i) as a condition for entry; (ii) as a basis for legalisation; and (iii) as a requirement for continued residence.

In a cross-national comparative perspective, we will assess how different forms of labour markets, types of welfare states, and regimes of citizenship impact the renewed centrality of work and employment in determining migrant access to legal membership. The employment-legality nexus requires a comprehensive approach capable of grasping simultaneously such complex issues as labour-market trajectories and employment experiences, bureaucratic work and legal procedures, political legitimacy and public representations

Workshop Agenda

Full papers will be distributed among participants four weeks before the workshop. All participants will be kindly asked to read the papers in advance. Each session will have a chair and a discussant. Participants will not present their full papers again: instead, the discussant will briefly summarise and discuss each paper, emphasizing its relation to the theme of the session. Once presenters have responded, discussion will then be extended to all workshop participants. Finally, the chair will synthesize the main outcomes of the session.

Report publication and dissemination

A relevant selection of workshop papers will be submitted as special issue of an international journal devoted to international migration.

FINAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday 9 June 2010

afternoon *arrival*

Thursday 10 June 2010

09.00-09.30 **Welcome of participants**

09.30-9.45 **Opening Remarks**

Sébastien Chauvin (UvA, Amsterdam) and **Blanca Garcés-Mascareñas** (UPF, Barcelona)

09.45-10.00 **Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)**

Pieter Hooimeijer (ESF Standing Committee for Social Sciences - SCSS)

10:00-12:30 Session 1: Theorising Migrant Illegality

Chair: Maurizio Ambrosini

Discussant: Nicholas De Genova

Andrea Rea (Université Libre de Bruxelles): *Beyond Legal and Illegal migration. Theorizing Migratory Careers*

Barak Kalir (University of Amsterdam): *The Challenge of Becoming a Political Subject: Uncovering the REAL Difference between Legal and Illegal migration*

Walter Nicholls (California State University Long Beach): *Negotiation Legality through Collective Mobilizations: The Case of France's Sans Papiers Movement, 1995-1997*

Apostolos Andrikopoulos (University of Macedonia): *Migration, Economic Capital and Symbolic Status among Nigerian Migrants in the Netherlands and Greece.*

Gabriella Lazaridis (University of Leicester): *Civic Stratification, 'Plastic' Citizenship, and 'Plastic Subjectivities' in Greek Immigration Policy: the Case of Migrant Women*

12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

13.30-15.30 Session 2: Employment, Illegality, and Legalisation

Chair: Tesseltje de Lange

Discussant: Gabriella Lazaridis

Iryna Maidanik (National Academy of Science of Ukraine, Kiev): *The Legal Status of Ukrainian Labor Migrants and their Employment Traits in the Receiving Countries*

Anna Krasteva (CERMES, Sofia): *Being a Legal Migrant in Post-Communist Bulgaria*

Judit Juhasz (Panta Rhei Social Research Group, Budapest): *Migration and Irregular Work in Hungary*

Albert Sabater & Andreu Domingo (UAB, Barcelona): *Earned Legalisation by Means of Labour Attachment in Spain: A Sociodemographic Perspective*

15.30-16.00 *Coffee / tea break*

13.30-15.30 Session 3: Is There a Mediterranean Model?

Chair: Blanca Garcés-Mascareñas

Discussant: Andrea Rea

Maurizio Ambrosini (Università degli studi di Milano): *Between Economic Needs and Political Reluctance. Immigration and Work in Italy*

Mattia Vitiello (IRPPS-CNR, Roma): *From Camouflage To Emancipation Through The Labour Market. How Undocumented Immigrants Are Incorporated Into The Italian Welfare State*

Emmanuelle Hellio (Urmis, Nice): *The "Contratación en Origen" between Morocco and Huelva's province (Andalusia). Circular Migration or Injunction to Circulate?*

Martin Baldwin-Edwards (ICMPD, Athens): *Irregular migration as a labour supply: some causes and effects of southern Europe's de facto policy*

18.30 *End of Day One of Workshop*

19.30 *Dinner of all participants*

Friday 11 June 2010

10.00-12.30 Session 4: Labour Unions and Labor Struggles

Chair: Sara Van Walsum

Discussant: Rinus Penninx

Vincent Gay (EHESS, Paris): *The Evolution of the Figure of Foreign Workers in France since the Eighties: the Case of the 1982 and 1984 Strikes in the Car Industry*

Anne Bory (CEE, Paris), **Nicolas Jounin** (CSU, Paris) & **Pierre Barron** (Univ. Paris 8): *Undocumented Workers Striking for Legalization in France: Fighting Civic Precarity, Unveiling Economic Precarity*

Emilien Julliard (EHESS, Paris): *The CGT and the French Illegal Immigrant Workers' Movement: When a Union has to Cope with the Administrative Criteria for Legalization*

12.30-13.30 *Lunch Break*

13.30-15.30 Session 5: Protecting Migrants or Controlling the Labor Market?

Chair: Sébastien Chauvin

Discussant: Martin Baldwin-Edwards

Tesseltje de Lange (UvA): *The Privatisation of Immigration Law*

Elisa Fornale (Palermo College of Law): *Challenges in the Protection of Migrant Rights: the Italian Case*

Sarah van Walsum (VU, Amsterdam): *Family Life or Servitude?*

15.30-16.00 *Coffee / tea break*

16.00-17.30 **Theoretical Perspectives, Scientific Outcomes, and Future Collaboration**

17.30 Concluding Remarks by **Rinus Penninx** (IMISCOE coordinator)

18.00 *End of Workshop and departure*

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