Global flows of migrants and their impacts on North European welfare states

FLOW Start Conference
Copenhagen Campus 27th – 28th August 2018
A. C. Meyers Vænge 15
Public open conference Monday 27th August

The aim of the conference is to discuss the challenges migration might – or might not – pose on North European welfare states in a truly interdisciplinary way. It brings together leading international scholars from a variety of disciplines.

10:00 – 10:20  
**Welcome and presentation of the FLOW project**  
by Professor Christian Albrekt Larsen, Dept. of Political Science & Professor Henning Sten Hansen, Dept. of Planning, Aalborg University.

10:20 – 11:15  
**The future of settlement patterns, climate changes and migration flows**  
by Professor Peter Marcotullio, Dept. of Geography, Hunter College New York

11.30 – 12.30  
**The welfare magnet thesis revisited**  
by Professor Helga De Valk, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, University of Groningen

12:30 – 13:30  
**Lunch**

13:30 – 14:30  
**Migration, national identity and integration – a theoretical perspective**  
by Associate Professor Per Mouritsen, Dept. of Political Science, Aarhus University

14:45 – 15:45  
**Migration and integration – the German experience**  
by Professor Claudia Diehl, Dept. of Sociology, University of Konstanz

**Drinks and networking**

**Registration**  
Please register by e-mail to Inge Merete Ejsing-Duun ime@dps.aau.dk.  
Deadline is **August 10th** (Participation is free of charge. First come, first served, limited number of seats available).
About the presenters

Peter Marcotullio is Professor in the Department of Geography, Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY). He also holds the Directorship of the CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities (CISC) and is faculty member in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Program at the CUNY Graduate Center. Dr. Marcotullio moved into the Department of Geography from a Distinguished Lectureship (2007 – 2009), where he taught in the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, the Department of Geography and in the CUNY Macaulay Honors College. Over the last decade, Professor Marcotullio has also been an Adjunct in the Urban Planning program, Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation. Member of FLOW advisory board.

Helga De Valk is Professor of Migration and the LifeCourse at the Faculty of Spatial Sciences, Population Research Center, University of Groningen. She is educated within sociology and education research. Her expertise is within the fields of international migration, demographic characteristics and behaviour of migrant populations, family formation, intergenerational relationships.

Per Mouritsen is Associate Professor at Aarhus University. His research areas are citizenship acquisition, immigrant integration and integration policies in the Nordic countries and in North Western Europe. National identity and nationalism. His recent project portfolio includes ‘When do children of immigrants thrive? How schooling and politics affect civic and educational outcomes’, ‘Governing and Experiencing Citizenship in Multicultural Scandinavia’, ‘Active Citizenship in Culturally and Religiously Diverse Societies’, ‘ACCEPT PLURALISM: Tolerance, Pluralism and Social Cohesion: Responding to the Challenges of the 21st Century in Europe’.

Claudia Diehl is Professor of Sociology at the University of Konstanz. Her fields of expertise are international population movements, socio-cultural and identification-related integration processes of immigrants (with a special focus on generational change), as well as ethnic demarcation processes such as xenophobia and discrimination. Prof. Dr. Diehl is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee for Family Affairs at the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. Member of FLOW advisory board.
FLOW working seminar Tuesday 28th August

This seminar for FLOW-participants, the international advisory board and researchers in the field will discuss how to advance the field of migration research in a Northern European perspective. There will be an open exchange of theories and empirical strategies.

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About FLOW

Aalborg University has selected migration as a strategic research area. The university funds the project “Global flows of migrations and their impact on North European welfare states (FLOW)”, 2018 – 2020, with 1.2 million euros.

The FLOW team is constituted by an interdisciplinary group of political scientists, sociologists, geographers, historians and education scientists, coordinated by Professor Christian Albrekt Larsen. The FLOW project analyses migrant flows into Northern Europe, with a special emphasis on climate changes, patterns of socioeconomic and sociocultural integration and best practice within education and labour market policy.

What we can contribute
The members of the FLOW project have special expertise on migration issues in the Nordic context, especially on the Danish context. The members have unique access to and experience with Danish register and survey data on migration issues. The members of the FLOW project embrace the interdisciplinary approach, which is a hallmark at Aalborg University.

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