

INVITATION to the workshop

“The role of diverse legal regimes in shaping migrants’ experiences: visible impacts and research challenges”

within IMISCOE RN Research Cluster “Ukrainian migration to the European Union”

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATIONS

This workshop aim is to discuss **the effects of specific policies towards different groups of third-country nationals, including Ukrainian nationals, especially of policies addressing undocumented workers and undocumented residents in the EU**. Its goal is also to address **methodological and ethical challenges in studying the impact of particular policies on migrants’ functioning**.

The main issues to be addressed during the workshop are the following:

- effects of policies aimed at preventing or dealing with irregular migration and undeclared work of migrants EU wide;
- visible differences in the observed effects among EU countries and with regard to particular migrant groups;
- inclusionary role of selected migration policies;
- challenges in researching the effects of particular migration regulations (availability of data; assumed goals vs. real outcomes);
- gaps or limitations in studying the effects of particular migration policies and a way to address them in future research.

The workshop is organized by the **IMISCOE Research Cluster “Ukrainian migration to the EU”** coordinated by the Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw. **The event will be held in the premises of the University of Warsaw, on 2-3 March 2015.**

If you are interested in participation and/or presenting your work, please send your declaration, an abstract (approx. 500 words) and a short bio note **till 21st January 2015** to the local organizer at CMR, Monika Szulecka: m.szulecka@uw.edu.pl.

Workshop details:

Migration of Ukrainian nationals to the EU provides significant empirical data for the analysis of migration and adaptation patterns of third-country nationals and it is also an exceptional comparative case for studies focused on the effects of various national policies and overarching EU migratory regimes in shaping the (ir)regularity of migration flows. Ukrainian migrants constitute a significant share of immigrant populations in a number of EU countries. Due to legal restrictions they often fall into irregularity related to residence or work. This issue is addressed by regularisation campaigns or mechanisms. Other policies, such as liberalisation of access to labour markets for certain groups, aim at enabling migrant legal employment and decreasing the involvement in informal economies. In this context it is of importance to ask **how particular policies counteract (or contribute to) the social, legal or economic exclusion of third-country nationals in the EU**. The mentioned topics have become very important also in the light of the impact of economic crisis experienced by the EU countries, as well as – in the case of Ukrainians – in the light of political crisis and armed conflict in the Eastern part of Ukraine. The workshop is also aimed at developing a **new research proposal around the theme of policies towards irregular migration in the EU countries, their effects as well as methodological challenges in studying them**. Basing on the extensive work focusing on Ukrainian migrants done within the initiative so far, migration from this country may still constitute the main point of reference in proposal of analyses regarding other migrant groups.



Organizational details:

The travel and accommodation costs should be covered by participants. The organizer is able to cover travel or stay expenses for a limited number of participants (early declaration increases chances for getting the support). Notification about the final programme of the workshop will be announced on February 5th at the latest. Please contact Monika Szulecka in case of any further questions.

We hope to meet you in Warsaw in March 2015!