

CALL FOR PAPERS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRAVEL GRANTS

Transnational formations and ties among migrants and their descendants

Date: August 26th-27th 2013

Place: University of Iceland (Faculty of Social and Human Sciences)

*Research seminar organized by the University of Iceland, Reykjavik
in cooperation with
The Network for Research on Multiculturalism and Societal Interaction*

The seminar topic

New developments in communication technologies have had an important impact on mobility patterns as well as on the experiences and (everyday) practices of contemporary international migrants. Although being far away, migrants are able to participate in the lives of their home communities and maintain close ties with families left behind, thus creating, in this way, transnational social fields that transcend the nation-states' borders as well as enhancing the cultural diversity of the receiving societies.

This workshop will focus on transnational practices performed by today's migrants and their descendants. It aims to discuss the issue in its variety, including such aspects of the phenomenon as transnational families, transnational mothering, long-distance nationalism, remittances and belonging to name just a few. How is transnationalism practiced by migrants and what is the impact of transnational ties on both the sending and receiving societies? What sort of transnational practices do migrants' descendants take part in and what sort of transnational ties do they foster?

PhD students dealing with these and similar topics are encouraged to send an abstract that can be based on an article/chapter draft of PhD dissertation, or other scholarly paper in progress.

Keynote speakers:

Dr. Ayşe Çağlar (University of Vienna)

Professor Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir (University of Iceland)

Application procedure

NB! With funding received from Nordforsk, the organizers announce the application for travel grants for PhD students. This grant covers the travel and accommodation expenses due to participation in the seminar.

A short abstract (max. 150 words) including name, email address and affiliation, and a travel plan should be sent to following national contact persons depending on which university the applicant is affiliated with:

Students affiliated with Danish universities, should send the application to Garbi Schmidt (garbi@ruc.dk); with Norwegian universities to Kari Ludvigsen (kari.ludvigsen@uni.no); with Swedish universities to Mino Alinia (minoo.alinia@valentin.uu.se); with Finnish universities to Auvo Kostianen (aukosti@utu.fi); with Icelandic universities to Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir (unnurd@hi.is); and with Estonian universities to Marion Pajumets (marion@iiss.ee).

Key dates and deadlines

Deadline for submitting abstracts and travel grant applications: Monday July 1st 2013

Acceptance notification: Monday July 8th 2013

Deadline for sending final papers: Wednesday August 14th 2013