

Migration and People Movement in Europe: Threat or Benefit?

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Migration is one of the most acute problems of European countries. Flows of migration have been much stronger than projected by the EU-Commission which tries to appease the public alarm. Suggestions for papers, which should be at a fairly advanced stage of preparation are invited for the following topics.

Proposals of papers are invited for the following topics:

I. Changes in the patterns and causes of migration in Europe

1. Patterns of migration into and out of Europe
2. Patterns of commuting at critical borderlines
3. Migration and changes in the class structures of the sending and receiving countries
4. Socioeconomic causes and consequences of migration: Employment and unemployment, income distribution and social exclusion

II. Social, cultural and political aspects of migration

5. Free labour mobility: Positive and problematic implications of a basic value of the EU
6. National citizens interests versus universal human rights of migration and asylum
7. Perceptions, attitudes and fears of the populations related to migration
8. Second Class citizens? Problems of the integration of immigrants
9. Political problems, conflicts and solutions concerning causes and consequences of migration.

Selection of Papers

The Paper Select Committee includes Max Haller (Karl Franzens University of Graz, Austria), David Lane (Cambridge University, UK), Gyorgy Lengyel (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary).

Abstract Submission

Those who wish to participate should submit directly, but not later than March 31, 2007, to Max Haller (address see below):

- (1) An abstract (400 words);
 - (2) a short biographical information, indicating institutional affiliation and position, and present areas of research and publications related to the topic of the conference (400 words).
- Contributors will be notified about the acceptance of their proposal by mid-May, 2007.

Costs/Financial Support

Those who are accepted as paper-givers will be provided accommodation (two nights), lunches and refreshments during the breaks, and a conference dinner on Friday. Contingent contribution towards travel expenses is dependent on further fund raising.

Organizer

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