



Call for Proposals for:

International Emerging Scholars' Conference

Migration, Identity and Politics in Europe

Friday, March 1, 2019 | Carleton University, Ottawa (Canada)

Migration has played a central role in constituting Europe and in facilitating European integration. Most Europeans have experiences of migration in their own family histories. Yet, across Europe, we see the term “migrant” employed in public discourse as code word for “foreigner” standing in opposition to “European.” In recent years, few issues have been more divisive and politicized in European politics than responses to the challenges of migration and refugees.

The Centre for European Studies – Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Carleton University in Ottawa (Canada) is organizing a one-day conference that will illuminate the nexus between migration, identity and politics in Europe. Exploring historical and current cases drawing on disciplinary approaches from history, political science, anthropology, cultural studies, sociology, and geography, this international event will showcase new perspectives and approaches in European migration studies with a particular emphasis on the work of emerging scholars (advanced doctoral students, recent PhDs, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty at the rank of assistant professor).

Identity will be a key term for this workshop as it is a concept that bridges the structural and the subjective realm of migrants' lived experiences. Identity encompasses, on the one hand, how a variety of actors — politicians, institutions, non-governmental organizations, community organizations, and the media — label, classify, and categorize migrants, and on the other, how migrants define their own sense of belonging. Questions of identity are essential to processes of migrant incorporation and acculturation (both from the perspective of migrants and the host society), inform public debates and political discourse about migration at the local, national and European level, and are also reflected in the broader politics of governing mobility in the European Union.

Proposal Submissions:

Papers may employ case studies, engage in comparative approaches, or contribute to broader conceptual and theoretical development in the field. We will be particularly interested in papers that address any of the following issues:

- homelands and diasporas; interethnic politics and interactions between different groups of migrants; decolonization and post-colonial migration;
- memory and migration; gender and migration; religion and migration;
- refugees and migrants, including seasonal and labour migration; intra-European migration; migration from the countries of the former Soviet Union;
- comparative and transnational approaches to migration; anti-immigrant and xenophobic movements;
- comparison and multilevel dynamics of European migration politics (including role of the European Union); European policies of migration management.

Publication:

Drawing on the research presented at the conference, we will be encouraging presenters to contribute to a special issue of the peer-reviewed journal *Review of European and Russian Affairs*.

Keynote speakers:

- Jennifer A. Miller, Historical Studies, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, author of *Turkish Guest Workers in Germany: Hidden Lives and Contested Borders, 1960s to 1980s* (University of Toronto Press, 2018).
- William Walters, Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University, author of *Governmentality: Critical Encounters* (Routledge, 2012) and many other works.

Eligibility:

This conference aims to build a network of emerging scholars engaged in cutting-edge research in the fields of migration and diaspora studies drawing on a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives. Advanced doctoral students, recent PhDs and post-doctoral fellows, and faculty at the rank of assistant professor or equivalent position (for 5 years or less) are encouraged to submit abstracts.

Travel costs for an author whose paper has been accepted for presentation with the conference may be covered by the Jean Monnet Centre for Excellence at Carleton University in accordance with university guidelines; accommodations will be arranged by the organizer. Please specify in your application the departure location for travel to Ottawa.

Deadline to apply:

Please send a recent curriculum vitae/resume and a 250-300 word abstract of your contribution to canadaeu@carleton.ca, copied to martin.geiger@carleton.ca and james.casteel@carleton.ca, no later than **January 11, 2019**. All materials should be included as attachments in a single email with the title line, "Call for Proposals, YOUR NAME".

Proposals submitted will be reviewed on an ongoing basis starting **January 4, 2019** and the organizers will be in touch regarding acceptance.

For queries or more information, please contact one of the conference organizers:

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