

CALL FOR PAPERS

MIGRATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE IN EUROPE

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The growing scale and increasingly diversified dynamics of international migration give rise to new questions about social protection and welfare services. International migration in a globalised society involves transnational linkages and responsibilities with significant consequences for social policies and individual and collective social protection arrangements, whether in home or in host societies. Formalised rights to social welfare are essentially a matter of national legislation grounded in assumptions of a relatively sedentary population. However, as a result of international migration, cross-border flows of material assets and cross-border dynamics of social support are central to the experience of social protection in many peoples' lives.

Against this background, our panel aims to develop research exchange and advancement among scholars in international migration, diversity and social protection. This research should also take account of the often disadvantaged position of immigrants in the social stratification of receiving societies, and of the relation between formal and informal social and economic support structures at local and trans-local level. Papers on the following topics are invited:

- (a) Prospects and challenges of diversity in social welfare provision to immigrant and ethnic minority clients (whether at a level of service organization, of practitioners' training and competences, of clients' increasing heterogeneity along ethnic lines, and beyond);
- (b) The critical interface between institutional service provision and bottom-up informal support in migrants' social protection (with a focus both on family-based practices of social support, and on the role of co-ethnic networks and associations);
- (c) Everyday transnationalism and social work practice: coping with the trade-off between (often sedentary) welfare provision, and the potential mobility of ethnic clients and their (sometimes trans-locally anchored) social needs and rights.

The accepted papers will be put together into coherent research panels consisting of four to five paper presentations each. Basak Bilecen (University of Bielefeld) will be the session discussant.

To submit a paper for this research panel, please send title and an abstract (250 words) of your presentation together with your name, title and institutional affiliation to Erica Righard (erica.righard@mah.se) and Paolo Boccagni (paolo.boccagni@unitn.it) **no later than 24 March 2014**.

Accepted participants will be notified by mid-May 2014.

Full papers will have to be uploaded to the conference online system no later than 1 August 2014.