



**Mobile Identities:
Migration and Integration in Transnational
Communities
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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
Barcelona, May 7th, 2015

Palau Macaya
Passeig Sant Joan 108, Barcelona, Spain
Room 4-5



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Which are the real benefits of temporary and circular migration? Which are the profiles of migrants who choose circularity? What are the social and economic benefits and challenges for the host country, the country of origin, and the migrants themselves? How can European countries promote the well-being of migrants involved in temporary and circular migration?

“Mobile Identities. Migration and Integration in Transnational Communities” is a transnational project financed by the European Commission, DG Home, European Integration Fund that aims at evaluating the impact of existing policies on integration in fostering the well-being of migrants involved in temporary or circular migration or in different kinds of transnationalism.

The project intends to explore the existing links between the different kinds of circular/temporary migration and integration processes in European countries. Most European integration policies are in fact rooted on the idea of a long-term permanence of migrants. The logic behind these policies is to consider origin and destination countries as two alternative poles of the migration path. In recent years, many European Governments have regarded circular migration as one possible solution to the challenges posed by the integration of immigrants. In particular, circular migration seemed to provide the opportunity of a “Win-Win-Win approach”, i.e., favoring all interested parties: origin and destination countries as well as migrants and their families.

The overall aim of the project is to evaluate the impact of existing policies on integration in fostering well-being of migrants involved in temporary or circular migration or in different kinds of transnationalism. The project seeks to understand:

- 1) The profiles and needs of transnational migrants in European countries;
- 2) If and how current integration processes in European countries match the needs of transnational migrants; and
- 3) What can be done both in EU and non-EU countries to foster the well-being of transnational migrants.

The attainment of these objectives will permit the development of country specific and EU guidelines for integration measures in receiving countries that work in synergy with pre-measures and conditions in sending countries.

Project partners, associate partners and national experts from EU countries will meet in Barcelona, Spain, on May 7th, 2015 to work jointly on a set of EU policy recommendations on temporary and circular migration for the European decision-makers.



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Workshop Agenda

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- 9:15 *WELCOME COFFEE*
- 9:30 **Welcome greetings**
Joan Subirats, Professor of Political Science and Member of IGOP, Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona
- 9:40 **Presentation of the workshop**
Margarita Leon and Ziyab Ibanez, Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona
- 9:50 **Mobile Identities: key issues and challenges (project presentation)**
Raffaele Bracalenti and Alessia Mefalopulos, IPRS (project coordinator)
- 10:10 **Temporary and circular migration in Europe: national key findings and policy recommendations**
- **UK**
Tomoko Hayakawa, University College London
 - **Germany**
Franziska Pohl, CJD-Hamburg
 - **Netherlands**
Peter Nijkamp and Masoud Gheasi, VU University of Amsterdam
 - **Spain**
Ziyab Ibanez and Miriam Acebillo, Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona
 - **Italy**
Alessia Mefalopulos, IPRS
- 11:30 *COFFEE BREAK*
- 11:50 **Plenary discussion**
- 13:00 *BUFFET LUNCH*
- 14:00 *Round Table*
Temporary and circular migration in Europe: benefits and challenges
Moderator: Raffaele Bracalenti, IPRS President



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Participants:

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Eike Klingberg, Head of the DRK Altenpflegeschule Braunschweig, Germany

Peter Nijkamp, VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands

15:15 COFFEE BREAK

*15:30 **Working groups**
Participants will be divided in 2 groups and will work towards the proposal of EU policy recommendations*

*17:15 **Plenary discussion on EU policy recommendations***

*17:45 **Concluding remarks**
Raffaele Bracalenti, IPRS*

18:00 END OF WORKSHOP

20:30 SOCIAL DINNER (All participants)
Restaurant TBD



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