



## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

**Migration, Diasporas and Settlement Forum**

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**ul. Reymonta 4 30-059, Kraków, Poland**

*Please note that this preliminary program is subject to change.*

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## 9h00-9h30

### Welcoming Messages - Co-Chairs



**Dr hab. Jan Brzozowski** - Institute of European Studies at Jagiellonian University, Poland.

He is an economist with a major specialization in international migration research. He is currently an associate professor at Institute of European Studies at Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland and the head of the Jagiellonian Centre of Migration Studies at this university. His professional interests include immigrant, ethnic and refugee entrepreneurship, migrant's socio-economic adaptation, financial and social remittances and migrants' transnationalism.



**Dr hab. Konrad Pędziwiatr** - Cracow University of Economics, Poland

Associate researcher in the Centre for Migration Research, professor in the Department of International Affairs at the Cracow University of Economics, researcher at the Center for Advanced Studies of Population and Religion (CASPAR) and initiator-coordinator of the Multiculturalism and Migration Observatory (MMO).

## 9h30-10h30

### Keynote Speakers



**Dr Min Zhou** - Asia Pacific Center at the University of California, USA

She is currently Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies and Director of the Asia Pacific Center at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is an academician of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

### **Diaspora and Political and Civic Engagement in Countries of Origin and Adoption**

This panel will explore the complex ways in which the ongoing war with Russia has shaped community dynamics within the Ukrainian diaspora that has settled both permanently and temporarily in Canada, Poland, Germany and the United Kingdom and how they seek to provide support to, and engage with Ukraine. This panel will explore the complex ways in which the ongoing war with Russia has shaped community dynamics within the Ukrainian diaspora that has settled both permanently and temporarily in Canada, Poland, Germany and the United Kingdom and how they seek to provide support to, and engage with Ukraine.

- Moderator: **Victor Satzewich** - Department of Sociology, McMaster University
- **Ivan Kozachenko** - Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, Poland
- **Anna Matyska** - Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Warsaw, Poland
- **Natalia Khanenko-Friesen** - Director, Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta,
- **Irina Lapshyna** - Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, University of Osnabruck, and Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv)
- **Tanya Halahuz** - Department of Social Science, Ukrainian Catholic University

### **Poles and Ukrainians in the Diaspora**

The workshop will look at the role of culture in the formation of the Polish and Ukrainian diasporas and real and imagined connections to their roots in defining their identities. Keeping in mind that the diasporas are often composed of established minorities and recent migrants, the speakers will discuss how shared narratives get constructed in the process of identity formation.

- **Sumer Esin Senyurt** - University of Silesia- PhD Candidate
- **Agnieszka Kurzemska** - Cracow University of Economics
- **Jack Jedwab** - Metropolis Institute and Association for Canadian Studies

### **Beyond Categories: Understanding Ethnic Segregation and Diversity through Lived Experiences**

This roundtable will critically examine how migrant identities are categorized in diverse national contexts, exploring the ways these labels shape both individual/collective identities while perpetuating racial inequalities. Through an intersectional life course approach, we prioritize the lived experiences of diaspora members, exploring how their identities evolve and intersect across time, place, and social, cultural and political contexts.

- Moderator: **Tuba Bircan** - Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- **Didem Daniş** - Galatasaray University
- **Ayşe Güveli** - University of Warwick
- **Feriha Nazda** - Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- **Lena Imeraj** - Vrije Universiteit Brussel

**Lunch Break: 12h10 PM - 1:30 PM**

**Bloc B : 1h30 PM - 3:00 PM**

### **■ Migrant and Refugee Entrepreneurship: Implications for Host and Home Countries**

Research shows that immigrants, returnees, and refugees often display higher entrepreneurial rates than non-movers, leveraging international experience to innovate, identify opportunities, and adapt business models. However, the positive impacts of such entrepreneurship remain under-documented, relying mostly on anecdotal evidence. At the same time, these groups face significant barriers when starting and growing businesses. This session explores the dual impact of migrant and refugee entrepreneurship—both its contributions to host and home countries—while addressing the challenges faced by these entrepreneurs. By bridging gaps in knowledge, it seeks to enrich the global discussion on the economic integration of migrants and refugees.

- Moderator and Introduction: **Jan Brzozowski** - Jagiellonian University, Poland
- **Aki Harima** - Tallin University of Technology
- **Natalia Vershinina** - Audencia Business School
- **Nicola D. Coniglio** - University of Bari
- **Anke Lasek** - Krakow University of Economics, Poland
- **Hanna Smaliichuk** - Jagiellonian University, Poland
- **Inna Voznyuk** - Jagiellonian University, Poland

### **■ The Polish Diaspora: Old and New Structures. The Case of a Group of Polish Americans in Seattle, Washington - Roundtable**

The roundtable aims to discuss the Polish American experience in the Pacific Northwest from a multidisciplinary perspective that includes social history, migration and diaspora studies and contemporary migration theory. The past and present of Polish immigrants is discussed in the context of the ethnic and racial dynamics of the local population. The participants represent ethnic leaders and researchers, which means that the social practices of local Polish American groups are analyzed from both the emic and etic perspectives.

- Moderator and Introduction: **Dorota Praszalowicz** - Jagiellonian University, Poland
- **Joanna Kulpińska** - Jagiellonian University, Poland
- **Adam Walaszek** - Committee for Polish Diaspora Studies of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

## **Diasporas Experiences: Similarities and Differences**

Workshop speakers will offer presentations on varying diaspora groups with the aim of identifying what is common to their respective experiences and how they diverge. The comparative lens will provide insights into avenues for further research towards understanding diasporas.

- **Dariusz Niedźwiedzki** - Jagiellonian University in Kraków
- **Joanna Sikorska** - Krakow University of Economics, Poland
- **Zdenek Uherek** - Charles University / Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences
- **Arian Behradfar VALORIZA** - VALORIZA—Research Centre for Endogenous Resource Valorization, Portalegre Polytechnic University, Portugal
- **Rui Alexandre Castanho** - Department of Management, Faculty of Applied Sciences, WSB University, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland
- **Ana Budimir** - Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

## **Emigrant Return Policies, Programs, and Patterns**

Recently, in the context of emigrant recovery policies, academic and political theories that work on emigration explanations, impacts, and challenges, have been given much more attention, compared with the literature on immigrant integration process in receiving communities. From an international perspective, while emigrants conserved associations with country of origin, analysis on how these could strongly begin to intrigue and even stimulate the rates of returns and returnees continues. This session aims at contributing to the debate on policies for the return of emigrants in various countries, and notably in Canada and Israel.

- **Elise Hergiz** - Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Toronto, Canada
- **Arnon Mantver** - CIMI, Israel
- **Jack Jedwab** - President of Metropolis Institute
- **Daniel Staetsky** - Director, European Jewish Demography Unit

**BREAK: 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM**

## **Belongingness: The Role of Dis-/Connectedness in Migrant and Refugee Entrepreneurial Journeys Across Local and Transnational Ecosystems**

Connectedness and a sense of belonging are vital for migrant and refugee entrepreneurs to integrate and access resources, networks, and opportunities within local entrepreneurial ecosystems (EEs). This session will explore how different levels of connectedness, as a precondition for embeddedness, shape migrants' and refugees' entrepreneurial journeys. We will focus on the structural and relational dimensions of belonging, drawing on more than 100 interviews across multiple countries. The session will highlight how interactions with local and transnational actors and institutions can either facilitate or hinder belonging while addressing challenges such as marginalization and exclusion from essential networks.

- Moderators : **Jolanta Maj** - Wroclaw University of Science and Technology, Poland
- & **Alexandra David** - Westphalian University, Institute of Work and Technology, Germany
- **Sabina Kubiciel-Lodzinska** - Opole University of Technology, Poland
- **Maria Ivanova-Gonge** - Abo Akademi University, Finland
- **Maria Elo** - University of Southern Denmark, Denmark
- **Jörg Freiling** - University of Bremen, LEMEX, Germany
- **Tenzin Yeshe** - University of Bremen, LEMEX, Germany
- **Judith Terstriep** - Westphalian University, Institute for Work and Technology, Germany
- **Henrik Barth** - Halmstad University, Sweden
- **Ghazal Zalkat** - Halmstad University, Sweden

## **War and Migration: Migrants' Decision-Making, Settlement and Integration**

Wars and armed conflicts lie in the heart of many migratory movements and have a direct impact on migratory flows. They produce displacement and forced migration intensifying processes of economic, political, social and cultural transformation. The migration decision-making of “war refugees” is gaining growing academic interest, and so is their settlement and integration, sometimes starting with their reception in the destination country. In this workshop we focus on these complementary processes, occurring in various phases of the migration experience and the involvement of diasporic ties in these processes. The workshop includes four presentations.

- Moderator - **Beata Paragi** - Institute of Global Studies, Corvinus University of Budapest
- **Ewa Ślęzak-Belowska** - Krakow University of Economics, Poland
- **Agnieszka Bielewska** - University of Wrocław, Poland
- **Karin Amit** - The Institute for Immigration & Social Integration, Ruppin Academic Center, Israel
- **Svetlana Chachashvili-Bolotin** - The Institute for Immigration & Social Integration, Ruppin Academic Center, Israel
- **Ravit Talmi-Cohn** - Tel Aviv University & Ono Academic College, Israel

## **Diaspora Volunteerism: Mobilization & Leveraging Multiple Identities**

Diasporas have always played an informal role in welcoming newcomers. In both Europe and Canada, diaspora communities helped form Welcome Circles to assist Ukrainians fleeing the current war. This session will examine the mobilization of volunteers to support newcomers – with diaspora identity as an effective starting point for broader engagement and outcomes.

- **Liora Jaffe** - HIAS Europe
  - **Bartosz Piechowicz** - HIAS Poland
  - **Elise Herzig** - JIAS Toronto
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In Poland, the mobilisation of help for refugee assistance and support for Ukraine's war was swift, agile and unprecedented. Decentralised and informal networks of local leaders, amongst them Ukrainian nationals, neighbours, businesses, aid organisations and, crucially, (forced) migrants from Ukraine, formed largely on an ad hoc basis, bypassing insititutionalised mechanisms of control. This research focuses on the development of these networks through which new forms of association and agentic opportunities emerged and, arguably, an emergent framework of local diversity management. Through qualitative social network analysis and mapping techniques from semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders in the city of Krakow, we propose a typology of networks in the civic space, analysing the role of social actors and their positioning, forms of boundary maintenance and types of activities which typified them. Our findings point to the building of novel, informalised systems of trust between diverse stakeholders with deep trans-sectoral and transnational dimensions. We argue that this may lay the foundations for more fragmented yet dynamic civic ecosystems and piecemeal migrant mainstreaming, wherein the agency of diverse, previously marginalised actors, particularly (forced) migrants, becomes the driving force.

- **Karolina Czerska-Shaw** - Jagiellonian University in Kraków
- **Aneta Krzyworzeka** -Jelinowska (University of Warsaw)

## **Examining the barriers and facilitators to healthcare access among migrants from Ukraine to Poland**

Migrants often face significant barriers to healthcare access in host countries, including those related to language and system navigation. This panel session examines these barriers, as well as facilitators to accessing the health care system in Poland among forced and economic migrants from Ukraine. The presentations provide the results of quantitative and qualitative research conducted in Poland since the full-scale invasion of Russia on Ukraine, showcasing the perspectives of migrants, health care providers, and system planners on the challenges experienced and the strategies implemented to alleviate them. In addition, transnational health care use of services in Ukraine is examined.

- Moderator: **Tuba Bircan** - Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- **Konrad Pędziwiatr** - Cracow University of Economics, Poland, **Michał Wanke** - Krakow University of Economics, Poland, **Svitlana Luchik-Musiyezdova** - Krakow University of Economics, Poland
- **Maria Węgrzynowska** - Centre of Postgraduate Medical Education, **Iwona Bielska** - Jagiellonian University Medical College, Poland, **Ilona Nenko** - Jagiellonian University Medical College, Poland, **Iwona Kowalska-Bobko** - Jagiellonian University Medical College, Poland, **Estera Wieczorek** - Jagiellonian University Medical College, Poland, **Natalia Petka** - Jagiellonian University Medical College, Poland, **Maciej Płaszewski** - University of Physical Education Warsaw, Poland
- **Viktoriia Yanovska** - SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland, **Viktoriia Hurochkina** - University of Zielona Gora

## 9h00-9h10

### **Welcoming Message co-Chair**



**Dr. Jack Jedwab** - President of Metropolis Institute, Canada

Dr. Jack Jedwab is President of the Association for Canadian Studies (ACS) and the Metropolis Institute, which oversees Canada's largest conference on immigration and integration

## 9h10-9h55

### **Keynote Speaker**



**Dr Marco Martiniello** - Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies at the University of Liège, Belgium.

BA in Sociology; PhD in Social and Political Science, European University Institute Florence (Italy) He is Research Director at the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (FRS-FNRS). He teaches Sociology and Politics at the University of Liège.



### ■ **Mobility Capital and the Entrepreneurial Experiences of Young Chinese Migrants**

This study explores why young Chinese elites emigrate, maintain fluid mobility, and pursue entrepreneurial goals abroad. Driven by China's "risk society" and hyper-competitive landscape, they leverage oversea residency for mobility while retaining Chinese nationality, balancing exit and return for strategic advantage.

- **Min Zhou** - Asia Pacific Center at the University of California, USA
- **Wenfu Zhang** - University of Warwick, Poland

### ■ **Ukrainian Refugee Entrepreneurs in Moldova: Individual Challenges and Ecosystem Responses**

Since 24 February 2022, more than 12 million Ukrainian refugees have been forced to leave their homes after the outbreak of the war; national labor markets are often unable to offer enough employment opportunities. Research indicates that entrepreneurial activities offer marginalized individuals crucial social and psychological support advantages. This calls for self-employment in a situation where predominantly highly educated women with their children enter the country. This qualitative study researches the needs, challenges, skills, and resources of Ukrainian refugee entrepreneurs in Moldova. This study contributes to illuminating a specific context and processual view focusing on the entrepreneurial journey of refugees.

- **Jörg Freiling** - Bremen University
- **Tenzin Yeshi** - Bremen University

### ■ **Islamophobic Narratives and their Consequences for Muslim Communities**

This roundtable discussion will delve into the complex and pervasive issue of Islamophobia in contemporary Polish politics. We will examine the narratives of two key political figures, Jarosław Kaczyński and Donald Tusk, to understand how Islamophobia has been employed as a political tool by both conservative and liberal forces. By analyzing the specific rhetorical strategies, Polish Islamophobic discourses rooted in historical anti-Islamic pamphlets, which resurfaced in contemporary political narratives, as well as tropes, and framing devices used by these leaders, we aim to illuminate the underlying mechanisms and consequences of Islamophobic discourse in Poland and its effects on Migration as well as Muslim Diasporas in Poland.

- **Karol Wilczyński** - Jagiellonian Center for the Study of Migration
- **Miriam Taylor** - The Metropolis Institute

## **■ (Potential) Return Entrepreneurs in Croatia - Lessons (to be) Learned from Migrant Entrepreneurs and Digital Nomads**

Croatia was among the first countries in the World to introduce the Digital nomad visa and is also attracting an increasing number of immigrants doing 'regular' businesses. However, for centuries, Croatia has traditionally been an emigration country. The Croatian Government is now trying to reach even the third and the fourth generation of Croatian emigrants.

Based on the series of interviews from secondary sources, this session seeks to identify the 'pull factors' for the return entrepreneurs and the measures that influence their return journey. In addition, it aims to identify the lessons that return entrepreneurs can learn from the immigrant entrepreneurs and digital nomads already residing in Croatia. Thus, this research contributes both to current policy debate on the return migration in Croatia and to (emerging) policy debates in (South)Eastern Europe.

- **Ružica Šimić Banović**, PhD - Department of Economics University of Zagreb, Croatia
- **Mirela Marović Omerzu** - President Institute for Creative Education, Croatia
- **Mirela Alpeza, PhD** - Professor Faculty of Economics, J.J. Strossmayer University, Croatia