The 3rd Ruppin International Conference on Immigration and Social Integration:
Migration trends over the past quarter century
Ruppin Academic Center, Israel
May 19-20, 2014

Monday, 19th May

08:15-09:00 Gathering and Registration

09:00-09:30 Greetings:
Prof. Shosh Arad, President, Ruppin Academic Center, Israel
MK (member of Knesset) Mr. Shimon Solomon
Mr. Rany Trainin, Deputy Chairperson of the Executive of the Jewish Agency, Israel
Mr. Yehiel Leket, Chairman Zionism and settlement, Jewish National Fund (KKL)
Mrs. Emily Furman, Chairperson of the Public Council. The Institute for Immigration & Social Integration, Ruppin Academic Center.

Moderator:
Dr. Dvora Blum, Director, the Institute for Immigration & Social Integration, Israel

09:30-10:15 Plenary Speech
Speaker: Prof. Katharine Donato, Vanderbilt University, USA

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15 Plenary Panel: Migration trends over the past quarter century
Chair: Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, Hebrew University (Israel)
Discussants:
Prof. Howard Duncan, head of the International Metropolis Project (Canada)
Prof. Gallya Lahav, Stony Brook University (USA)
Mr. Richard Lewis, Institute for European Studies (Belgium)

Coffee Break

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:15 Public opinion, social exclusion and integration
Chair: Prof. Leah Achdut, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)
Attitudes towards immigration: The example of the three Baltic countries, Mauri Sööt (Estonia)
Changing attitudes towards immigration in times of economic crisis. A cross-national and over-time comparison, Prof. Bart Meuleman (Belgium),
Prof. Eldad Davidov (Switzerland) & Prof. Jaak Billiet (Belgium)
Framing and Attitudes towards Asylum Seekers in Israel, Dr. Oshrat Hochman (Israel)
Perceptions of Discrimination by Migrants to East and West Berlin, Prof. Hilary Silver (USA)

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Migration movements
Chair: Prof’ Amnon Caspi, Ruppin Academic center
Rising number of African migrants and refugees across Gulf of Aden, Mr. Osman Hashim Adam (Sudan)
The impact of migration on sending and receiving countries: the case of Cameroon and Italy, Dr. Kouam Ngrocka Valérie Joëlle (Cameroun)
A Blueprint for the Ideal Asylum System, Mr. Yosef Joel Moss and Adv. Sivan Carmel (Israel)

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Migration and children
Chair: Dr. Rita Sever, The Hebrew University (Israel)
Preschool Children with Special Needs in Immigrant Families in Israel: Barriers to Service Utilization and Proposed Solutions, Mr. Yoav Loeff, Mr. Dori Rivkin & Mrs. Ellen Milshtein (Israel)
Separated children in Italy and Europe, Prof. Rita Bichi (Italy)
Caring foreign vulnerable children: the inter-ethnic foster care, Dr. Nicoletta Pavesi (Italy)
UNITAF- Multicultural model of Day care and after school programs for the migrants and refugee children in Tel- Aviv, Ofira Ben-Shlomo (Israel)

Lunch Break

14:00-15:45

Migration and labor market
Chair: Ms. Noa Kaufman, Kav Laoved organization (Israel)
"The Money Magnet" - (In)Mobility and Asian Temporary Labor Migrants in Israel, Dr. Robin A. Harper & Dr. Hani Zubida (USA, Israel)
Remittances of Migrant Citizens, Dr Nonna Kushnirovich (Israel)
I’m not from here. Migration background as predictor of differential economic citizenship across Europe, Dr. Francesco Marcaletti (Italy)
Neither Here Nor There: Transnational identity of French immigrants employed in Israeli-French Companies, Dr. Karin Amit & Dr. Shirly Bar-Lev (Israel)

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Educational system
Chair: Mr. Muhammad Darawshe, Givat Haviva Center (Israel)
The Intricacy of Social Factors that Influence the Roma Children’s Integration in the French Educational System, Mr. Costel Grigoras (France)
How do American immigrants in Israel choose schools for their children? Ms. Adina Schwartz (Israel)
Perceptions and Approaches toward Cultural Diversity Examining the DOPA model among Israeli Educator, Ms. Tony Gutentag, Prof. Gabriel Horenczyk, & Prof. Moshe Tatar (Israel)
Integration of Western Students in the Israeli Education System, Dr. Svetlana Chachashvili- Bolotin & Dr. Sabina Lissitsa (Israel)

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Immigrant families
Chair: Advocate Dr. Merav Shmueli, Ministry of Justice (Israel)
Parental responsibility and immigration: The case of former Soviet Union immigrant parents in Israel, Dr. Liat Yakhnich (Israel)
Migrating Families and Adolescence Facing Crises, Challenges and Opportunities in a Multicultural Society, Dr. Esther Serok (Israel)
The Impact of Immigration Policy on Haitian Families in the Dominican Republic, Dr. Diana Orces (USA)

15:45-16:00
Coffee Break

16:00-17:30
Migration policy and law
Chair: Ms. Merav Abrahams, Population and Immigration Authority (Israel)
The new concept of migration policy of the Russian Federation: revolution or re-evolution? Prof. Sergey V. Ryazantsev (Russia)
Growing restrictiveness or changing selection? The nature and evolution of immigration policies 1946-2012, Prof. Hein de Haas, Mrs. Katharina Natter and Mrs. Simona Vezzoli (UK)
The Law as an Obstacle to ‘Lawfulness’: Policy, Practice and the Legal Order in South Africa’s Migration Management Regime, Dr. Roni Amit (South Africa)

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Language and Identity
Chair: Ms. Michal Avera Samuel, Fidel Association (Israel)
Linguistic Assimilation of First Generation Post-1990 Immigrants to Israel, Prof Rebeca Raijman, Prof. Moshe Semyonov & Mrs. Rona Geffen (Israel)
Promoting English Proficiency through Digital Literacy among Ethiopian Immigrants in a Pre-Academic Course, Mrs. Tal Levy (Israel)
Perceived discrimination and ethnic identity as predictors of substance use and delinquency among immigrant adolescents in Israel, Dr. Sophie D. Walsh (Israel)
The Unborn Identities: A political and Economic Analysis of Identity Construction of African Immigrants in China, Elle Yiying Wang (USA)

18:00
Dinner in honor of Prof. Moshe Semyonov

19:00
Cultural event: The grand opening of the Israeli artist Meir Pichhadze's solo exhibition
Tuesday, May 20

9:00-9:10 Opening remarks: Ms. Avigail Kormes, Grants Officer, Civil and Human Rights, NIF

9:10-10:30 Plenary Panel: policy implications related to asylum seekers
Moderator: Ms. Walpurga Englbrecht, UNHCR representative in Israel
Discussants:
Attorney Daniel Solomon, Population & Immigration Authority (Israel)
Ms. Yael Ben Yefet, Council member of Tel Aviv Municipality & director of the Democratic Mizrahi Rainbow. (Israel)
Ms. Aliza Olmert, Planning of early childhood quality services for the foreign community in Tel Aviv (Israel).
Ms. Samrawit Solomon, Eritrean Community Women’s Center. (Israel)

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 Migration policies and practices
Chair: Advocate Reut Michaeli, Hotline for refugees and Migrant (Israel)
The role of ideas in immigration and integration policy changes in Canada, Sweden and the Netherlands, Mrs. Ilana Shpaizm (Israel)
North-South Migration: The Impact of International Immigration in the Municipality of Chapala, Jalisco, Mexico, 2002-2012, Mrs. Marisa Raditsch (The Netherlands)
The contemporary migrations between right to return, freedom of movement and human rights, Dr. Jacques Amar (France)

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Health and migration
Chair: Prof. Bracha Rager, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)
Health Needs of Jewish Immigrants in the U.S. and in Israel and Faith-based Opportunities to Address, Mr. Ephraim Shapiro (Israel)
Social Determinants of Overweight among Immigrants in Europe, Prof. Paul Dourgon & Prof. Yasser Moullan (France)
Health and Migration: Data from healthy cities profile. Dr. Yael Bar-Zeev, MD, Israel Healthy Cities Network (Israel). Dr. Anat Jaffe, MD, Constructing a project for improving the accessibility of health services to the Ethiopian community (Israel)

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Social integration of immigrants
Chair: Prof. Noah Lewin-Eptstein, Tel Aviv University (Israel)
Social integration of middle-aged immigrants, **Dr. Pnina Dolberg & Prof. Julia Mirsky** (Israel)

Paths of success of Ethiopian immigrants in Israel, **Dr. Rafi Youngmann & Dr. Kushnirovich Nonna** (Israel)

Measuring immigrant integration in Europe. Indicators of active citizenship, **Dr. Veronica Riniolo** (Italy)

12:15-12:30

**Coffee Break**

12:30-14:00

**Health system**

Chair: **Dr. Adaya Barkay**, Physicians for Human Rights (Israel)

The mental health status of undocumented immigrants in Israel and factors that affect their utilization of psychiatric services, **Kiat Naama, Dr. Youngmann Rafi & Dr. Lurie Ido** (Israel)

Mental Health Intervention Science for Displaced Populations: Pilot Evaluation of Transdiagnostic Model, **Mrs. Kim Yuval, Mr. Aladin Abuekhairt & Dr. Amit Bernstein** (Israel)

Cultural Competency within the Health Services in Israel – A Glance to Policy and Legislation in Comparison to the U.S., Australia and the UK, **Mrs. Nivi Dayan** (Israel)

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**Economic integration and migration**

Chair: **Ms. Michal Tzuk**, Ministry of Economic (Israel)

Eating Places of Refugees from Eritrea and Sudan in Tel-Aviv: Ethnic Entrepreneurship in Limbo, **Mrs. Anda Barak Bianco** (Israel)

Facilitators of Economic Integration: Findings from the Greater Toronto Area, **Dr Usha George** (Canada)

Regional Economic Integration with a Diversity of Migration in Asia Pacific Region- Different “Chain Migration” with Social Integration Needs, **Prof. Yasushi Iguchi** (Japan)

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**Civic society and migration**

Chair: **Advocate Michal Pinchuk**, Asaaf organization (Israel)

Unions as Agents of Integration? Union Members’ Attitudes towards Immigrant Workers, **Dr. Anastasia Gorodzeisky and Dr. Andrew Richards** (Israel & Spain)

The role of migrant organizations in integration processes and poverty reduction, **Mr. Joris Wauters, Mrs. Sylvie Van Dam & Dr. Christof Van Mol** (Belgium)

Interethnic solidarity in the welfare state: migration and welfare chauvinism, **Dr. Marcel Coenders** (The Netherlands)

14:00-14:45

**Lunch Break**

14:45-15:15

**Posters session**: by students of the MA program of Immigration & Social Integration in Ruppin

15:15-16:45

**Gender and migration**

Chair: **Dr. Aviva Zeltzer Zubida**, Jewish Agency For Israel (Israel)

Proposal of Protection for Migrant Women's Right in Korea:
focused on Policy and Legislation about Domestic Violence, **Prof. Do-hee Jeong** (South Korea)
Immigrant Communities and Women’s Labor Force Participation, **Mrs. Debora P. Birger and Mr. Erez A. Marantz** (Israel & USA)
Does Gender Make a Difference? Ethnic Identity and Integration among Second Generation Israeli Immigrants in the US, **Prof. Lilach Lev Ari** (Israel)

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**Multiculturalism**
Chair: **Prof. Sibylle Heilbrunn**, Ruppin Academic Center (Israel)
Migration and Diversity Management in Traditionally Divided Society: The case of the Autonomous Province of South Tyrol, **Dr. Roberta Medda-Windischer** (Italy)
The Effect of Intergroup Contact, Threat and Integration on Tolerance toward Israeli Arabs: native Israelis and Russian-speaking migrants in Israel, **Dr. Olena Bagno-Moldavsky & Prof. Pazit Ben-Nun Bloom** (Israel)
Chinese-African Encounters in a Global City: The Case of Guangzhou, China, **Prof. Min Zhou** (Singapore)

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**Immigrant communities**
Chair: **Prof. Hilary Silver**, Brown University (USA)
Brown University, USA Post-Soviet migrant communities in the North-East of England: “Meet the Russians”? **Mrs. Polina Kliuchnikova** (UK)
Migrant Communities as an Environment for Migrant Integration in Russia, **Dr. Rocheva Anna & Dr. Varshaver Evgeni** (Russia)
Ethnic Composition of the Neighborhood and Political Integration of Immigrants in Europe, **Dr. Anya Glikman** (Israel)

16:45-17:00  
**Coffee Break**

17:00 – 18:00  
Closing panel: Immigration to Israel in historical perspective  
Chair: **Mr. Eric Michaelson, Nefesh B’Nefesh.** (Israel)  
**Prof. Moshe Semyonov**, Tel Aviv University (Israel)  
**Prof. Kobi Metzer**, The Open University of Israel and The Hebrew University (Israel).

18:00  
Dinner + Multicultural Closing evening