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'The World in Crisis - business as usual?'

Transnational Mobility, Citizenship and Social Inclusion

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Time: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Venue: he2.012 (Melbourne campus at Burwood)

Deakin University, Australia

The School of International and Political Studies presents "World in Crisis - business as usual?" an International Public Lecture and Workshop Series to be held from 11 - 13 November 2010 at Deakin University, Melbourne Campus at Burwood. This series invites participants from a range of disciplines to consider if the world is in a crisis unique in character and scale, or whether 'crisis' is simply the term we used to describe the normal patterns and fluctuations of human society.

The key researchers from Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation will present at a panel convened by Professor Fethi Mansouri, Chair, Migration & Intercultural Studies.

Synopsis

Transnational ties and their consequent configurations for citizenship and intercultural relations are shaping the way new social and political relationships are being constructed within the nation state. This paper aims to examine our understanding of the interrelationship between transnational practices and local integration among migrants in the west. Transnationalism in general would appear to play a heuristic role in engendering integration into the host society, particularly in relation to the fluid negotiation of cultural and religious identity that transcends the boundaries of the nation state. Yet, a transnational approach to local integration can also be compromised by a heightened sense of social exclusion, perceived ethnic segregation and societal anxieties toward religious activism and religiosity (in particular in the case of Islam). Therefore this panel will explore whether an upholding of transnational ties can in some cases work against developing a sense of connection to one's local milieu. It will also examine the complex relationship between transnational practices and related cultural identities on the one hand and issues of national belonging and active citizenship outcomes on the other. In doing so; the chapter will reflect on whether transnationalism in general can be posited as a potential conduit toward local integration, despite the obvious tensions relating to social inequality among migrant communities in western émigré societies.

Speakers

1. **Professor Fethi Mansouri** (Director, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation)
PAPER : Transnationalism, National Belonging and Migrant Integration in the West
2. **Dr Vince Marotta** (Deputy Director, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation & Lecturer, School of History, Heritage and Society)
PAPER : Virtual Ethnicities, Transnational Mobilities and Social Inclusion in Cyberspace
3. **Dr Michele Lobo** (Research Fellow, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation)
PAPER : Faith, Spirituality and Citizenship in St Denis, Paris
4. **Dr Masa Mikola** (Research Assistant, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation)
PAPER : Community of Citizens: Intimacy of Belonging and Public Space in Melbourne