The 6th Ruppin International Conference on Immigration and Social Integration:

Migration and Diasporas

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Call-for-papers

In the global era, the concept “diaspora” in migration movements has become a major topic of interest for social scientists. The 2020 Ruppin International Conference will focus on the relationships between the diaspora, the homeland, and the host society. We invite researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to submit papers on the economic, social, and psychological implications of the complex relationships between immigrants and the diaspora and between immigrants and the host society, whether at the individual, local, or state level worldwide. Similar to other countries, the State of Israel is heavily engaged in fostering relations with the global Jewish and Israeli diaspora. The Israeli experience will be discussed and evaluated within a comparative global framework. Throughout the conference, challenges posed by the relationships between immigrants, the diaspora, the homeland, and the host society will be addressed and discussed.

The Institute for Immigration and Social Integration at Ruppin Academic Center, in cooperation with the Association for Canadian Studies (ACS) and the International Metropolis Project, invites proposals on a broad range of themes related to diaspora and migration. We welcome proposals from academics, field experts, and policy makers.

This year we invite proposals in three optional paths:

1. Paper presentation in a session
2. Active participation in a workshop: ALF - Active Learning Forum
3. Organizing a workshop (ALF)

Submission procedure:
Following are instructions for submission of proposals in any of the three paths:

1. Paper presentation in a session:
   Abstracts should be no more than 250 words long, for a presentation of 10 minutes duration. The submission should be in a word file and include the abstract, the paper title, author name and title, institutional affiliation, and contact details (e-mail + phone number).
2. **Participation in a workshop: ALF - Active Learning Forum:**

Proposals should be no more than 250 words long in a word file, and include the title of the selected ALF workshop (on one of the three topics, see below), the participant's relevant academic or professional experience for the specific workshop and his/her possible contribution to the discussion, author name and title, institutional affiliation and contact details (e-mail + phone number).

Topics for the ALF workshops:

i. **Teaching about migrants' lives in academic courses**
   Facilitator: Prof. Julia Mirsky
   The challenge: Formulating the rationale, principles, content, and teaching methodologies for a meaningful learning process on migrants' lives.
   Product: Position paper on syllabi for courses on migrants' lives.
   Format:
   - Presentation of literature review
   - Presentations of courses on migrants' lives by DEMO staff (Developing Modernized Curricula on Migrants' Lives)
   - Brainstorming
   - Drafting the position paper

ii. **Ethics issues in courses involving interaction with migrant**
    Facilitator: Prof. Isabell Schierenbeck
    The challenge: What are the ethical challenges when teaching about migration and supervising students who are conducting research on migration? How can we prepare students to conduct ethically sound research?
    Product: Guidelines for ethically sound research on the BA and MA level.
    Format:
    - Presentations on how to teach ethics in migration courses and supervision of migration research
    - Panel discussion
    - Drafting ethical guidelines

iii. **Establishing a Canada-Israel research partnership for measuring immigration and social integration**
    Facilitators: Dr. Jack Jedwab and Prof. Karin Amit
    The challenge: To discuss best practices in measuring immigrant integration with Israeli and Canadian researchers and policymakers who are interested in comparative studies between Canada and Israel and in broader empirical work on measuring integration.
    Product: Forming a Canada-Israel working group on measuring immigrant integration.
    Format:
    - Presenting a review of existing indices for measuring immigrant integration
    - Discussing best practices in measuring immigrant integration
    - Offering observations and conclusions related to the topic
3. Organizing a workshop (ALF):
We encourage scholars to organize an additional ALF workshop with a specific product. The organizer must present his/her relevant competence regarding the designated ALF workshop, the challenge, expected product, and format of the ALF. Proposals should be no more than 250 words long in a word file, and include the relevant academic or professional experience of the organizer and his/her significant contribution to the field; title of the suggested ALF, organizer’s name and title, institutional affiliation, and contact details (e-mail + phone number).

Proposals should be sent by November 10, 2019 to: migration.ruppinconference@gmail.com

The proposals will be evaluated by an International Academic Committee chaired by Prof. Moshe Semyonov.

Acceptance decisions and detailed information about registration, accommodations and travel arrangements will be sent by December 10, 2019.

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to submit a paper to a special issue of Hagira, an academic, refereed, interdisciplinary journal focusing on all aspects of migration. Papers may be submitted in Hebrew or English.

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For more information, please visit the conference website: http://conf.ruppin.ac.il/