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## Welcome to the latest COMPAS Update

*Please find below the latest COMPAS update on all our recent research activities, events and publications, as well as plans for the future.*

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<http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/publications/updates/>

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**2009 has been a busy year for COMPAS. Along with our current research programme, we have established several new projects, which have secured over £1 million of additional funding for the Centre.**

Some of these projects are detailed below, but more are due to be announced over the coming year and will be covered in future updates, so please keep checking [our website](#) for further details.

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## VACANCIES

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### Now Recruiting: Two New Research Posts

#### **Full-time Senior Statistician/Quantitative Data Expert**

Grade 9: Salary £42,351 to £49,096 (with a discretionary range to £53,650)

#### **Full-time Quantitative Data Analyst**

Grade 8: Salary £36,532 to £43,622 (with a discretionary range to £47,666)

Both posts require expertise in the statistical analysis of quantitative data on or relevant to migration and migrants in the UK and/or the EU, and must have experience of public engagement on policy issues.

They are full-time 36 month, fixed-term post commencing in February 2010, or as soon as possible thereafter.

COMPAS has particular expertise in rigorous academic analysis of public policy issues

relating to migration and integration. It has recently obtained external funding for the development of MIDAS (Migration, Information, Data and Analysis at Oxford), a website-based initiative aiming to become the premier source of rigorous and independent analysis of data on migration and integration in the UK, to inform media, public and policy debates as well as academic analysis. The post holders will be required to hold a PHD in economics, demography or another relevant social science discipline, with post qualification research experience.

The post holders will be based at the COMPAS offices in Oxford, and accountable to the Director of MIDAS, Dr Martin Ruhs.

***The closing date for applications is 6th January 2010. Interviews are expected to be held on 1st and 2nd February 2010.***

*Please click the job titles to view further details in a new window.*

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## STUDYING AT COMPAS

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### **New Migration Studies MSc Degree**

A new 9-month **MSc in Migration Studies** at Oxford University, jointly established by the School of Anthropology and the Oxford Department of International Development.

The course draws on the intellectual resources of its two parent departments and three world-leading migration research centres at Oxford: COMPAS; the International Migration Institute (IMI); and the Refugee Studies Centre (RSC).

The programme will allow students to explore human mobility in a historical and global perspective, and to tackle the complex relation between global political economy, migratory experiences, and government and social responses.

*[Click here for further details.](#)*

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## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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### **“Undocumented” Migrant Children in the UK**

A new project on “undocumented” migrant children in the UK is due to start at COMPAS in January 2010.

The project’s partner is the [Institute for the Study of International Migration](#), Georgetown University in Washington DC and is funded by the [Barrow Cadbury Trust](#).

The aim of the project is to advance knowledge on the experiences of migrant children in the UK and US who have irregular immigration status and will focus on the experiences of children, their families and service providers in relation to education, health and employment.

*[Further details will be available online in the new year.](#)*

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### **Migration and the Transformation of Social Care**

**The Employment of Migrant Workers under Cash-for-Care Schemes in the UK**

This research is funded by a [Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship](#) (Oct 2009 to Sept

2013, 0.5 fte) and will build on recently completed research by COMPAS on [the role of migrant care workers in ageing societies](#).

The project will examine the direct employment of migrant workers by older people under cash-for-care schemes in the UK. These schemes give older people who are entitled to publicly subsidised social care the option of receiving a cash payment that can be used to directly employ a care worker. Cash-for-care schemes have been adopted across western welfare states and are seen as central to enabling greater 'choice and control' for care users over their care. The research will explore the interconnections between these developments in social care regimes and migration regimes in this context by analysing the dynamics of choice and control in relation to the experiences of care users and migrant care workers.

*Further details will be available online in the new year.*

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## **ESRC Rising Powers Network**

Running from March 2010-March 2011, this network proposal focuses on the debate around the dynamics of economic change in the BRICs.

Three workshops will be held in China, South Africa and the UK, and participants will include visiting fellows from China, India and the UK. The workshops will be balanced between academics - sociologists, economists and human geographers and stakeholders - policymakers, business, urban planners and NGOs.

The network's core includes a macro-economist, an Indian economist and an Africa scholar. Its origins are in the applicants' project on 'Risk Cultures in China', in the [ESRC World Economy and Finance Programme](#). It draws on a cluster of colleagues with whom we have worked from the [Chinese Academy of Social Sciences](#) .. It will include practitioners from policy and business from the applicants' own practical engagement with architects, planners and local government in Chinese cities and in London.

**UK Partners:** Michael Keith, [COMPAS](#), Scott Lash and Abdou Maliq Simone, [Goldsmiths](#) and John Driffill and Sandeep Kapur, [Birkbeck](#).

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## **Diasporas in Conflict Zones**

### **[Diasporas in Conflict Zones: An Assessment of Neglected Agents of Change](#)**

Canada's [International Development Research Centre](#) (IDRC) has agreed a Research Support Grant lasting one year (2009-2010) to facilitate the development of a collaborative research initiative for the investigation of how diasporas invest their resources to maintain livelihoods, encourage economic and human development, and contribute to peace-building and/or conflict in their war-torn countries of origin.

The project is based on collaboration among leading migration research institutes at [Georgetown University](#), [George Washington University](#) and [COMPAS](#).

The work under the project will be undertaken by teams consisting of 'northern' and 'southern' partners, who will each work together on a case study. The southern counterparts will be connected with or located in Haiti, Liberia and Sri Lanka, which are the three initial case study countries envisaged in the project.

*A major research proposal will be submitted to the IDRC and other funders in mid 2010.*

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## **Eumagine**

Commencing in February 2010, this project will run for 3 years and studies the imaginations of citizens and foreign residents in four major migrants sending countries, Ukraine, Turkey, Morocco and Senegal, and the impact on migration aspirations and decisions. Thus it will examine some aspects behind migration and on-migration as well

non-migration, and will also compare the attraction or non-attraction of the EU and Russia.

The project will be implemented by 8 partner organisations, led by the [Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies](#), University of Antwerp, Belgium.

COMPAS welcomes the return of Bastian Vollmer as Research Officer for this project.

*Further details about the Eumagine Project are available on the [COMPAS website](#).*

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## Fundamental rights situation of irregular immigrants in the EU

### Fundamental Rights Agency

Commencing in December 2009 and running for 12 months, this project is led by the [International Centre for Migration Policy Development](#) (ICMPD). Other major partners include the [Centre for European Policy Studies](#) (CEPS), the [Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy](#) (ELIAMEP) and [Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants](#) (PICUM).

The project will conduct a comprehensive survey of the fundamental rights situation of irregular immigrants in the EU. It will produce three thematic reports on (a) migrants in protracted limbo situations, (b) detection practices and how these impede access to rights and (c) on best practices in providing access to rights. Further to this, case studies will be conducted in 10 member states, one on access to health care, the other on employment rights, taking the situation of domestic workers as an example, and a complementary study on the right to family life will also be considered.

The project follows on from the [Clandestino project](#).

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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### Seminar Series Hilary 2010

#### The Impact of Diasporas

*Presented by COMPAS and IMI*

**Convened by Alan Gamlen, Nicholas Van Hear and Robin Cohen**

**Thursdays 14.00 - 15.30**

**Pauling Centre, 58a Banbury Road, Oxford**

Arising from flight to escape violent conflict or from migration for betterment, diasporas are among the most prominent and controversial manifestations of increased globalization. Few communities now seem unbound from their distant members and this connectivity has significant consequences for the world order.

The seminar series will investigate through comparative examples the social, economic, political and cultural impacts of diaspora: what are these impacts; why, how, where and when do particular impacts arise; and who initiates and experiences these impacts?

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## RECENT EVENTS

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## Deportation and the Development of Citizenship

11 - 12th December, Queen Elizabeth House

The [Deportation and the Development of Citizenship Conference](#) aimed to encourage interdisciplinary and comparative scholarship on deportation, broadly conceived as the lawful expulsion power of states, both as an immigration control and as a social control mechanism, bringing together scholars from a range of disciplines, including politics, sociology, history, international relations, law, criminology and anthropology, interested in the study of deportation.

Speakers included Prof. Guy Goodwin Gill, Prof. Daniel Kanstroom, Prof. Antje Ellermann, Prof. Annemarie Sammartino, Prof. Catherine Dauvergne, Prof. Deirdre Moloney and Dr. Darshan Vigneswaran.

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## Migration Research Workshop

17th November

A Migration Research Workshop for doctoral students to present their work took place on 17 November 2009 at COMPAS.

Organised by DPhil student [Cetta Mainwaring](#) and COMPAS senior researcher [Nicholas Van Hear](#), the day featured four presentations by doctoral students, with comments and discussion by peer doctoral researchers and by research staff from COMPAS and the International Migration Institute (IMI).

This will be a termly event, with the next workshop scheduled for Tuesday 9th February.

*For further details please contact:*

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## Clandestino

13th November

The [CLANDESTINO](#) project concluded with a major dissemination event in Brussels on 13th November. A seminar was held in the Commission of the European Union and attended by over 25 represents from DG Justice, Liberty and security, DG Employment, DG Research, the Socio-Economic Council, Europol, Frontex, FRA and various other EU agencies.

CLANDESTINO produced a Database on Irregular Migration (see <http://irregular-migration.hwwi.net/>) which serves to reveal 'number games'. Aggregating information from the 27 member states of the European Union (EU), researchers estimate that the total number of irregular migrants residing in the EU27 is likely to be in the range of 1.9 million to 3.8 million. This most recent estimate is based on an improved methodology and should question the estimate of up to 8 million irregular migrants, used until recently in European policy documents.

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### Care and Immigration: Migrant Care Workers in Private Households

12th October

*Care and Immigration: Kalayaan Event*

[Download the Executive Summary](#)

[Download the Full Report](#)

Kalayaan launched the findings of their two-year research project on migrant care workers at School of Oriental and African Studies on Monday 12th October. This study, conducted in collaboration with COMPAS, focussed on migrant workers who care for the elderly in private households and explores the living and working conditions of migrant elder care workers working in private households, covering themes such as employment rights and relations, care regulation, race and racialised labour, integration and skills.

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## COMPAS Annual Conference 2009

21st & 22nd September

### New Times? Economic Crisis, Geo-Political Transformation and the Emergent Migration Order

Organised by Dr Nicholas Van Hear, Dr Franck Duvell and Jennifer Newman.

This year's conference took up where our [2008 Conference](#) on theory left off, examining how the current economic crisis has affected the movement of people worldwide, and questioning whether it will accentuate trends already emerging or alternatively precipitate the formation of a new world order. By bringing together a range of leading academics, analysts, policy makers, practitioners and research students, theory and concepts were tested against the latest evidence in the migration field.

Four key themes were discussed - *The Current Crisis in Historical Perspective*, *The Relationship between Shocks and Migration Crises*, *New Geographies of Migration* and *Changes in Global Migration Governance* - and responses were heard from a wide variety of perspectives. A supplementary breakout session also examined migration and recession from the perspective of the workplace.

[Conference papers are available to download from our website.](#)

*A full summary of the conference will be published shortly.*

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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**Bridget Anderson**

*Guest Editor with Rutvica Andrijasevic*

**Subjectivity - Volume 29 (December 2009)**

Special Issue: Conflicts of Mobility: Migration, Labour and Political Subjectivities

**Franck Duvell**

[Globale Migration. Die Krise und ihre möglichen Folgen](#)

In *Luxemburg* Vol 1 Issue 1

September 2009

[Irregular Migration in and from the Neighbourhood of the EU. A comparison of Morocco, Turkey and Ukraine](#)

A report written for the European Commission (Clandestino Project)

September 2009

[Pathways in Irregularity: The Social Construction of Irregular Migration](#)

A report written for the European Commission (Clandestino Project)

November 2009

**Michael Keith**

with Les Back, Azra Khan, Kalbir Shukra and John Solomos

Islam and the New Political Landscape: Faith Communities, Political Participation and Social Change

Theory, Culture and Society, Vol 26 No. 4

Urbanism and City Spaces In The Work of Stuart Hall

Cultural Studies, Vol 24 No. 4

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## SELECTED NEWS

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### Bridget Anderson

Bridget has been appointed as advisor to the Social Justice Committee of the [Paul Hamlyn Foundation](#)

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### Franck Düvell

On 3rd November Franck spoke at the UNHCR / Swedish Red Cross conference, *The Common European Asylum System: Future Challenges and Opportunities*.

Franck has also recently been interviewed by *Le Vif*, Belgium's leading weekly news magazine on irregular migration, regularization and future migration challenges for the international community.

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### Alan Gamlen

After completing his DPhil research based at COMPAS, Alan has been awarded an ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship at the [International Migration Institute \(IMI\)](#) in order to publish and disseminate his doctoral research.

In the interim before the grant begins, he has also been awarded a bridging Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Max Planck Institute for the [Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity](#) in Gottingen, and will be working on the [Global Migration Futures project](#) at IMI.

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### Martin Ruhs

Martin contributed a background paper on "Labour Shortages and Immigration Policy" to the [Swedish EU Presidency's Conference on "Labour Migration and its Development Potential in the Age of Mobility"](#) in Malmö, 15-16th October 2009.

Martin gave a presentation on "The Political Economy of Migrant Rights" at an expert seminar at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, 8th October 2009. [Click here to view details of the related project on the economics and politics of migrant rights.](#)

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### Sarah Spencer, Deputy Director

Sarah gave the presentation 'Informing policy: how to make a difference' to the 2nd EMN UK Network at Rhodes House on Tuesday 8th December.

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