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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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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

The Migration Observatory at Oxford

COMPAS is in the process of developing The Migration Observatory at Oxford (formerly known as 'MIDAS'), a website based initiative to provide user-friendly access to authoritative data, analysis and research evidence on migrants and migration issues in the UK, set in an international context. Our goal is to provide an independent, consistently up-to-date web resource for all those engaged in public, policy and academic debates on migration as an essential foundation for a more balanced debate and for evidence-based policy making. The website will aim to be relevant, reliable, easily accessible and visually attractive.

The Migration Observatory at Oxford is currently in development and will be formally launched in early 2011. The initiative is funded by Unbound Philanthropy, The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, and the Barrow Cadbury Trust. COMPAS is now consulting potential users to find out how you currently access information, data and analysis about migration and migrants in the UK, the deficiencies of the information currently on offer and how the Migration Observatory could make a useful contribution to your work.

We would very much value your input and appreciate your time to complete our online survey. It will only take 5 to 10 minutes. To start the survey, please click on this link <http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/research/migration-observatory-survey>

Global Migration and the Right to the Cities of the Future

New Research Project

COMPAS has been awarded £50 000 for a new project Global Migration and the Right to the Cities of the Future, one of the first six projects funded under the [Oxford Programme for the Future of Cities](#).

The programme, led by InSIS director Professor Steve Rayner, seeks to deliver scientifically robust, cutting-edge research into the social, technological and climatic changes cities will face over the next fifty years, and how cities can be made more flexible to meet these challenges.

This project, developed by Ben Gidley, Hiranthi Jayaweera and Michael Keith, seeks to understand changing patterns of settlement, global labour markets, and new forms of citizenship at the global, national and local level. In particular, the project will develop models for integrating migrants into local communities, improving cohesion and facing the ethical and practical tensions of allocating limited resources, such as housing and healthcare services.

Integration Policy for London

COMPAS is currently compiling evidence for the revision of 'London Enriched', the Mayor of London's strategy for migrant integration in the capital. The original strategy focused on refugees, while the revised version will broaden out to include all categories of migrants. COMPAS is providing a demographic review, which provides up-to-date knowledge about the profile of migrant populations in London, and a literature review, which summarises evidence on issues facing different categories of migrants and on factors and barriers affecting successful integration. We are also providing a framework of interventions, with suggestions on areas where the London Strategic Migration Partnership might develop policy. The evidence base report will be presented in June. The project team includes Ben Gidley and Hiranthi Jayaweera. Further details will be available online in due course.

Imagining Europe from the Outside

'**Eumagine** : Imagining Europe from the outside' an EU FP-7 project looking at the role of imaginations in constructing migration aspirations and decisions commenced in January. A unique conceptual and analytical framework was developed to investigate the migratory aspirations and intentions by people in countries such as Morocco, Senegal, Turkey and Ukraine. In April, the COMPAS team, Franck Düvell and Bastian Vollmer went on a trip to Ternopil, Ukraine to meet with the partner organisation, [the Centre of Sociological Research \(CSR\)](#); they also conducted some pilot ethnographic fieldwork in a high-emigration town.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



COMPAS Photo Competition 2010

'LIFE IN MOTION'

We are looking for images that depict the journeys that migrants take, not only between countries, but also the everyday experiences and constant adaptations that they make in new environments, jobs and homes.

Cash prizes will be given to the three winning entries. Closing date - 30th September 2010.



Anthropological Approaches to Migration and Mobility

Seminar Series Trinity 2010

Convened by Iain Walker

Thursdays 14.00 - 15.30, From 29th April until 17th June

To be held at the Pauling Centre, 58a Banbury Road, Oxford

[Click here](#) for the full programme.

Inter-Asian Connections II: Singapore

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PAPERS on 'Reproduction Migration in Asia' Deadline - 31st May 2010

This workshop, led by Biao Xiang and Mika Toyota (National University of Singapore), seeks integrative frameworks in order to theorize the migrations of care workers, domestic maids, students, spouses, entertainers, medical tourists and others.

[Further information on the workshop](#)

RECENT EVENTS



Moving Pictures: Experiences of Migration

Oxford Town Hall Gallery, Saturday 20th March - Friday 26th March

COMPAS showcased a selection of the most outstanding entries to the Annual Photo Competition, alongside work produced by researchers and other specially selected guests. The exhibition aimed to present a thought-provoking and balanced view of migration, as experienced by people from all over the world.

[Click here](#) for more details about Moving Pictures: Experiences of Migration

The Role of Migrant Care Workers in Ageing Societies

Roundtable discussion at the International Organization on Migration, 9 February 2010. Discussions were held around a presentation of research findings from an international project on the role of migrant care workers in ageing societies, co-ordinated by COMPAS. Research was conducted in Ireland, Canada, the US and the UK to look at the experiences of migrant workers, their employers and of older people. In particular the presentation looked at how contextual factors influence the demand for migrant care workers and the implications for immigration and social policy and practise. A comparative report based on this presentation will be published by the IOM later this year.



Risk, Finance and Modernisation

In September 2009 COMPAS – in collaboration with Goldsmiths College and the ESRC World Economy and Finance Programme – ran a major conference on ‘Risk, Finance and Modernisation’. Plenary speakers included the eminent social theorists Ulrich Beck and Wang Hui and the economists Gilles St Paul and Chenggang Xu. A special edition of *Theory, Culture and Society* will publish the papers from the event.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Bridget Anderson and Martin Ruhs

Bridget Anderson and Martin Ruhs, eds. (2010) ‘Researching Illegality in Labour Migration: Concepts, Ethics and Policy Nexus’, special issue of *Population, Space and Place*, Volume 16 Issue 3 (May/June 2010). This special issue includes the following papers by COMPAS researchers:

Anderson, B. And M. Ruhs (2010) “[Researching illegality and labour migration](#)”, *Population, Space and Place*, 16 (3), 175-79 (editorial introduction)

Ruhs, M. And B. Anderson (2010) “[Semi-compliance and illegality in migrant labour markets: An analysis of migrants, employers and the state in the UK](#)”, *Population, Space and Place*, 16 (3), 195-211

Franck Düvell, Anna Triandafyllidou, Bastian Vollmer (2010) “[Ethical issues in irregular migration research in Europe](#)”, *Population, Space and Place*, 16 (3), 227-39

Bridget Anderson

“Mobilising migrants, making citizens: migrant domestic workers as political agents”, (2010), *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33(1)

“Immigration, controle et construction de la precarite en Grande-Bretagne”, (2010), in *De l'ouvrier immigré au travailleur sans papiers*, Morice, A and Potot, S. (eds), Paris: Karthala

Ben Gidley and Keith Kahn-Harris

Turbulent Times: The British Jewish Community Today, (Forthcoming, September 2010), Continuum

Martin Ruhs

‘[Migrant Rights, Immigration Policy and Human Development](#)’, (2010), *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 11(2): 259-279

‘[Numbers vs Rights in Low-Skilled Labour Immigration Policy?](#)’ A Comment on Cummins and Rodriguez’, (2010), *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 11(2): 305-309

SELECTED NEWS

British Jobs for British Workers?

On 4th and 5th March 2010, Bridget Anderson gave a paper titled “British jobs for British workers”? Migration and the UK labour market’ at a conference on “Trans-Atlantic perspectives on International Migration: Cross border impacts, border security and socio-political responses” at University of Texas, San Antonio

New COMPAS Working Papers

[WP-10-76](#)

For Love and Money: Second-Generation Indian Americans in the Indian Knowledge Economy
Sonali Jain

[WP-10-77](#)

Standing together apart: Bilateral migration agreements and the temporary movement of persons under “mode 4” of GATS
Marion Panizzon

New Racism in the Twenty-First Century

Ben Gidley presented ‘Chavs’, ‘Pikeys’, and [East Europeans: The New Racism in Twenty-First Century Britain](#) and discussed the current social shift in racist attitudes, the new ‘crisis of whiteness’ and the emergence of ‘xenoracism’ as society no longer categorises people by the colour of their skin but by their migration status.

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