



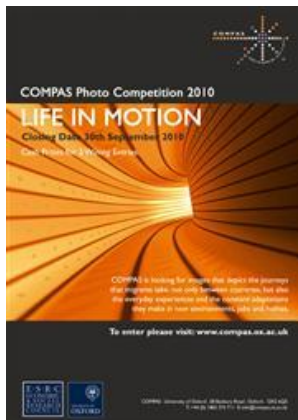
## Welcome to the latest COMPAS Update - October 2010

Please find below the latest COMPAS Update on selected 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/>

## SELECTED NEWS ITEMS



### COMPAS Photo Competition 2010 Deadline Extension

This year's competition theme is 'Life in Motion'. Closing date for entries is now **28th October 2010**.

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.

Prizes will be given to the three winning entries. £500 (1st), £200 (2nd) and £100 (3rd). [Further information and to enter online.](#)

### Leverhulme Grant Success for Collaborative Research Project on Diasporas

The University of Oxford has won a £1.74 million grant from the Leverhulme Trust for a five-year research programme on 'The Impact of Diasporas'. The project will be lead by Professor Robin Cohen (IMI) and comprises research teams headed up Michael Keith and Nicholas Van Hear.

Arising either from attempts to escape violent conflict or from a desire to enhance life chances, diasporas are among the most prominent and controversial manifestations of increased globalization. The connection between migrants and people who have stayed at home has profound effects on societies in the country of origin and the country of destination, as well as on the diasporas themselves. [Click here for further information.](#)



### COMPAS is now on Twitter

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## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Attitudes to Migrants, Communication and Local Leadership (AMICALL)

How should we communicate with local citizens about migration and integration in order to address tensions and build public understanding? This question is central to a new project that COMPAS has recently won funding for. COMPAS will co-ordinate a transnational learning network to identify, share and disseminate best practice among Europe's local and regional authorities (LRAs).

The AMICALL project, starting in early 2011, will bring together Local and Regional Authorities (LRAs), leading academic scholars, migrant groups, civil society representatives, experts on local media and EU national contact points

to contribute to shared learning and new thinking on ways in which LRAs can most effectively promote public understanding of migration related issues. This work will contribute to COMPAS' growing expertise on integration in Europe. [Click here for more information.](#)



## Who Needs Migrant Workers?

Are migrant workers needed to 'do the jobs that locals will not do' or are they simply a more exploitable labour force? Do they have a better 'work ethic' or are they less able to complain? Is migrant labour the solution to 'skills shortages' or is it actually part of the problem? A COMPAS-led research project exploring the above issues, now culminates in the publication of a new book edited by Martin Ruhs and Bridget Anderson, published by Oxford University Press (OUP).



The project developed a comprehensive framework for analysing the demand for migrant workers in high-income countries through in-depth examinations of the nature of staff shortages and the use of migrant workers in six sectors: health; social care; hospitality; food production; construction; and financial services. The book demonstrates how a wide range of government policies, often unrelated to migration, contribute to creating a growing demand for migrant labour. This demand can persist even during economic downturns. It also includes quantitative and qualitative analyses of the changing role of migrants in the UK economy. [The book is available now from OUP.](#)

## Global migration and the right to the cities of the future

How will people live together in the cities of the future? Already we are seeing emergent patterns of settlement structured by the movement of people through labour markets that are global in their reach and regimes of governance and citizenship that are continental, national and local in their territorialisation. Unprecedented levels of global mobility will require unprecedented forms of flexible governance and citizenship.

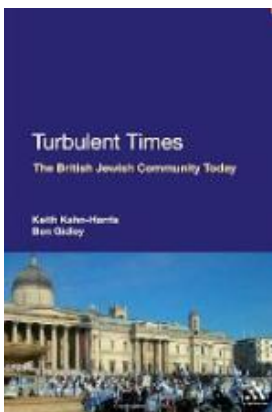
COMPAS is currently co-ordinating an interdisciplinary research project, under the leadership of Professor Michael Keith and Dr Ben Gidley that will seek to understand the practical and conceptual challenges generated by changing patterns of global mobility and urban settlement. It is a one-year project for the 'European Commission's Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals', examining the processes of migrant integration, developing innovative indicators for measuring integration. One strand in particular will focus on how health provision can respond to the evolving diversity of local service users, an element that be led by Dr Hiranthi Jayaweera.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS



### Health and healthcare use among migrants in the UK

Hiranthi Jayaweera (COMPAS Senior Researcher) and Maria Quigley (National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford) publish findings in the journal 'Social Science and Medicine' on 'Health status, health behaviour and healthcare use among migrants in the UK: Evidence from mothers in the Millennium Cohort Study'. [Link to journal article information](#)



### Turbulent Times: The British Jewish Community Today

Authors, Keith Kahn-Harris and Ben Gidley, publish a new book examining the Jewish community in Britain over the past decade. It is the first book-length study of contemporary British Jewry, ***Turbulent Times: The British Jewish Community Today*** examines the changing nature of the British Jewish community and its leadership since 1990. Kahn-Harris and Gidley contend that there has been a shift within Jewish communal discourse from a strategy of security, which emphasized Anglo-Jewry's secure belonging and citizenship, to a strategy of insecurity, which emphasizes the dangers and threats Jews face individually and communally. This shift is part of a process of renewal in the community that has led to something of a 'Jewish renaissance' in Britain. It is published by Continuum (paperback and hardback). [Available on Amazon for £14:99.](#)



## Researching Illegality in Labour Migration

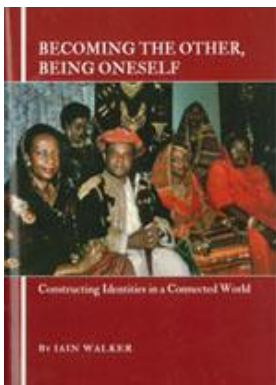
New Special Issue of *Population, Place and Space* is available now, edited by Bridget Anderson and Martin Ruhs. The purpose of this special issue is to explore the key issues in the academic analysis of illegality in the immigration and employment of migrant workers in high-income countries. The special issue includes papers from authors based in various countries in the EU and North America. Rather than providing country studies, the papers each cover different analytical themes. The special issue is multi-disciplinary, with contributions from economics, geography, law and sociology.

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)



## Being children and undocumented in the UK

Nando Sigona and Vanessa Hughes produce a working paper offering a critical review of key terms, concepts and evidence on the situation of undocumented migrant minors in the UK. [Full abstract and .pdf download](#)



## Becoming the Other, Being Oneself

A new book by Iain Walker - *Becoming the Other, Being Oneself: Constructing Identities in a Connected World*, is published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. The island of Ngazidja lies at the southern end of the monsoon wind system and its inhabitants, the Wangazidja, have participated in the trading networks of the Indian Ocean for two millennia. The enduring contacts between the Wangazidja and their trading partners have subjected them to a variety of social and cultural influences—from the Swahili coast, from the African hinterland, from the Arabian peninsula, from Indonesia and, more recently, from Europe. This book looks at the strategies called into play by Wangazidja in negotiating this encounter with the outside world; it discusses how they incorporate this variety of influences into their own social and cultural modes of practice while all the time remaining (in the words of one observer) “authentic”.



## An Evidence Base on Migration and Integration in London

A report commissioned written by Ben Gidley and Hiranthi Jayaweera, commissioned by the Greater London Authority, is now available on the challenges and opportunities for migration and integration in London.

London stands out from the rest of the UK in the number of residents born overseas, but also as the favoured UK destination for young and economically active migrants. To inform its work on maximising the opportunities and addressing the challenges, the GLA commissioned COMPAS to provide a comprehensive report on migration and integration in London, 'An evidence base on migration and integration in London'. The report includes a review of the latest demographic data on the capital, showing the changing nature of migration in London and a review of the evidence on barriers to and opportunities for integration for London's migrants. [Click here for further information.](#)



## Health and access to health care of migrants in the UK

This paper written by Hiranthi Jayaweera, for the Race Equality Foundation, discusses the implications for meeting health needs and for planning and delivering health services for a growing and diverse population. This is a fresh attempt at gathering evidence on health outcomes, needs, care and barriers to care of broader categories of migrants, including those who come to study, to work or for family reasons, and more established groups. [Jayaweera, H. \(2010\) "Health and access to health care of migrants in the UK", Health Briefing Paper May 2010](#)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



### COMPAS Seminar Series - Interrogating Integration: Discourses, Policies and Everyday Practices

'Integration' is a term that is used in many different places and contexts and is increasingly prominent within public debates about migration in the UK and elsewhere in the West. 'Integration' remains vague in definition, which is perhaps one reason it can be useful in many varying contexts. Is it a new assimilationism, a reactionary retreat from multiculturalism, or a progressive, dynamic model for thinking about diversity? How does it relate to cohesion, to transnationalism and to cosmopolitanism? Can – and should – it be measured and monitored? How is it framed in relation to the different scales of governance and belonging, from the neighbourhood to the "super-diverse" city to the nation-state? This seminar series brings together scholars working ethnographically on everyday practices of integration with scholars working on the production, reproduction and contestation of integration discourse.

Thursdays 14.00 - 15.30 in the Seminar Room, Pauling Centre, 58a Banbury Road, Oxford.  
Convened by Ben Gidley, Nando Sigona, and Mette Louise Berg

### COMPAS Breakfast Briefings

Monthly policy and practitioner briefings will be held on key migration topics from October 2010 to June 2011. These briefings are by invitation only but podcasts and summary documents will be made available on the COMPAS website. The first seminar will be held on impacts of capping the number of international higher education students on 8th October 2010.

### Political Organizing of Temporary Migrants in Asia

Special Seminar to be held on 11 October 2010, 12:00 - 13:30 in the Pauling Centre, 58a Banbury Road, OX2 6QS. Dr. Michele Ford, Sydney University will discuss 'From Migrant to Worker: International Organizing around Temporary Labour Migration in Southeast Asia' and Dr. Nicola Piper, Swansea University will discuss 'Temporary contract migration in Asia revisited from an integrated rights perspective'.

### Making Connections: Migration, Gender and Care Labour in Transnational Context

Call for Papers now issued. Deadline - 19 November 2010

The conference seeks to develop connections between different aspects of the study of migrant care labour in transnational contexts: between state policies in care, migration and labour markets and the gendered and racialised divisions that shape these; in the relationship between both sending and receiving countries; and in the different scope and contexts of care work from so-called informal or unskilled home-based labour to the professional migration of, for example, nurses.

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