

# Immigration and Integration in Cross-National Comparison

November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Conference at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research ([Website](#))



at the University of Mannheim

## CONFERENCE THEME

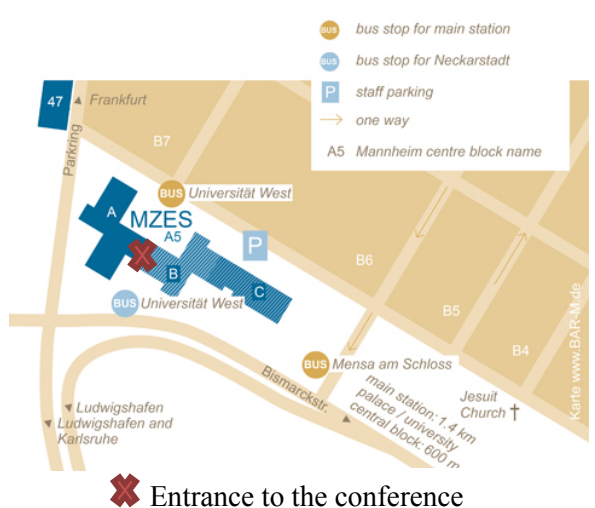
This conference brings together research on immigration and integration. Although integration is a core topic in immigration research, scholarship diverges regarding how it shapes the well-being of both immigrant and native-born populations in a host country. Structural integration alone, as measured by one's socioeconomic status, has been shown to have limited impacts on immigrants' subjective well-being, since it contributes little to the formation of immigrant self-identity and their sense of belonging to the host society. Besides structural integration, sociocultural integration and civic (or political) integration has also received increasing attention in public and academic arenas. Despite various arguments, consensus has been shared about the active roles that the characteristics of the immigrants themselves, and institutional contexts of both the sending and hosting countries play in shaping integration patterns of immigrants across countries. As immigrants, as well as the host societies in which they reside, vary in terms of structural, institutional, geographical, political and demographic characteristics, a cross-national comparative perspective becomes crucial to deepen scholarly understanding on the patterns of immigration and their subsequent consequences on both the immigrant and native-born populations' well-being in the receiving countries. Therefore, we hope that this conference provides a platform for diverse definitions, applications, and implications of the concept "integration" to meet one another. We aim to stimulate intellectual exchanges about ongoing issues on immigration and integration, particularly regarding the associations between migration motivations, the extent of integration, and the well-being outcomes of both the immigrant and native-born populations measured in multiple dimensions.

## LOCATION MAPS

**The Conference** will take place at the MZES in A5, 6; Bldg. A. ([Google Map](#)).

**The Hotel** is the **Hotel am Bismarck**, Bismarckplatz 9-11, 68165 Mannheim ([Map](#)).

### The Conference Entrance



## DIRECTIONS

### From the Mannheim Main Station (Hbf) to the Conference

**Walking/Biking:** Exit the Main Station and turn left (going west) and walk past the tram stop following the street and staying to the right of the Intercity Hotel. Continue straight up a small incline passing another tram stop on your left. Straight ahead, cross the tram tracks as well as an intersection, and you will walk into the grounds of the Mannheim palace (which is also the university's main building). Keeping the university building on your right, proceed straight ahead and bear slightly right to cross a small parking lot and then go through a passageway into the main courtyard of the palace. Then turn right and walk toward and eventually cross Bismarckstrasse then turn left.

Follow along the right side of Bismarckstrasse until you come to the large blue and grey building. Proceed past Café Soleil into the automatic doors straight ahead. This is the MZES. Take the stairs or the elevator to the second floor and find signs for registration. All sessions take place in room A231.

**Tram:** Take the tram line 1 or 5 toward Schönau or Edingen and exit at the tram stop Schloss. Walk back in the direction from which the tram came and turn right on Bismarckstrasse and then proceed straight ahead following the second part of the walking directions above.

**Bus: This is the option with the least walking!** Take the Bus 60 toward Pfeifferswörth and exit at the bus stop Universität West (buses usually leave at the bus station every 20 minutes at :00/:20/:40). When you exit the bus, on the same side of the street you will be facing the blue and grey building that is the MZES. Enter straight ahead on the left past the bicycle parking. Return to the main station is currently not possible due to construction. Please take the tram.

## **From the Mannheim Main Station (Hbf) to the Hotel**

**Walking:** Exit the Main Station and walk straight ahead along the very wide street Kaiserring, staying to the right. Turn right on the first major street Bismarckstrasse/Bismarckplatz. Then take the first left on Tattersallstrasse. The hotel will be immediately at the first small street on your right; behind a grassy area with a medium sized Bismarck statue. See walking map on the previous page.

## **From the Hotel to the Conference**

**Walking:** Exit the hotel and follow the street Tattersallstrasse on your right. Take your first right on Bismarckstrasse/Bismarckplatz (the very large street in front of you as you exit the hotel). Then follow this street staying on the right side of the street for about 1.3 km. See walking directions.

**Bus/Tram:** Walk back to the main station and follow directions from the main station.

## **DINNER**

Will take place Thursday night, November 17<sup>th</sup> at **Zwei Hasen**, Bellenstraße 36, 68163 Mannheim (Map [link](#)). The restaurant offers delicious thin-crust pizza, along with many Italian and some limited vegan/gluten-free options. We will walk as a group from the conference, along the Rhine to the restaurant on Thursday. However, if you want to travel on your own, **you can walk** from the hotel through the main station, exiting the other side past all the trains (South Exit). Then left up the ramp, follow the sidewalk, cross the road, and then turn left where you will immediately bear slightly right on Bellenstrasse. Go two blocks and the restaurant is on your right. **By tram 3** you can go from the main station to the stop Windeckstrasse. Walk back the way the tram came for one block and turn right on Eichelsheimerstrasse. The restaurant is at the first intersection on your left.

## **ORGANIZERS**

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## WiFi Internet Access

The MZES and the University of Mannheim are part of the Eduroam WiFi network. Those who do not have an Eduroam may access WiFi, we will provide a password to participants on arrival.

## Travel Reimbursement

For all invited guests: Please keep your original receipts. We will distribute reimbursement forms with instructions at the conference. Participants must make their own transportation arrangements, which will be reimbursed but only for economy class tickets.

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Each participant will have 35 minutes of time. This includes a 20 minute presentation and 15 minutes for discussion

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- 9:00–9:40                      *Registration and coffee*
- 9:40–10:00                     *Welcome*
- 10:00–12:20                   **Session 1: Religion, religiosity and social inclusion** (*Chair: Jing Shen*)
- “Muslims’ social inclusion and exclusion in France, Québec and Canada: Does national context matter?” (*Jeffrey G. Reitz, Patrick Simon, and Emily Laxer*)
- “Religious boundaries in Europe: How the national identity of Muslim youth compares to their non-Muslim peers in England, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and Belgium” (*Fenella Fleischmann and Karen Phalet*)
- “Intra- and inter-group friendship choices of Christian, Muslim, and nonreligious youth in Germany” (*Lars Leszczensky and Sebastian Pink*)
- “Intergenerational transmission of religiosity in immigrant families - how important are intergenerational relations?” (*Konstanze Jacob*)
- 12:20–13:30                   *Lunch and coffee*
- 13:30–15:15                   **Session 2: Educational inequality and group effects** (*Chair: Lars Leszczensky*)
- “Immigrants’ peer effects on native students’ academic achievement: Evidence from Hong Kong” (*Dongshu Ou and Yan Cao*)
- “The efficiency-equality trade-off in ethnic achievement inequality revisited: Moving beyond average achievement differences” (*Christoph Spörlein*)
- “Tracked into separate school lives? Ability tracking and ethnic segregation in German secondary schools” (*Hanno Kruse*)
- 15:15–15:45                   *Coffee and snacks*
- 15:45–17:30                   **Session 3: Labor market inequalities 1** (*Chair: Nate Breznau*)
- “Origins matter: Educational selectivity and immigrants’ labor market performance” (*Cornelia Kristen, Peter Müblau and Regine Schmidt*)
- “Sorting of migrants across destination countries? A cross-national analysis of the relative unemployment risk of recent non-western immigrants in Europe” (*Bram Lancee*)
- “Perception of threat and (dis)agreement with humanitarian policy measures towards asylum seekers in Israel: does the Label matter?” (*Osbrat Hochman and Adi Heronwitz-Amir*)
- 19:00                             *Dinner at Restaurant “Zwei Hasen” (address: Bellenstraße 36, 68163 Mannheim). We will walk there together after the conference along the Rhine River for those interested. Start walking around 18:00.*

## Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

- 8:45–10:30      **Session 4: Labor market inequalities 2** (*Chair: Tobias Roth*)  
“Effects of religion on income among immigrants” (Eric Fong and Josh Harold)  
“Entrepreneurship among immigrants in Germany: the 2004 reform of the German Trade and Crafts Code as a natural experiment” (Jeremy Kubnle)  
“The labor market integration of ethnic minority women and men in Germany” (Zerrin Salikutluk, Johannes Giesecke and Martin Kroh)
- 10:30–10:45      *Coffee and snacks*
- 10:45–12:30      **Session 5: Labor market integration** (*Chair: Sebastian Pink*)  
“The economic assimilation of first-generation immigrants in Germany” (Christina Gathmann and Ole Monscheuer)  
“Labor market integration of highly skilled non-Chinese immigrants in Hong Kong” (Yuying Tong)  
“Migration, scholarly culture and student skills: More evidence of an independent and universal book effect” (Nate Breznau, Zerrin Salikutluk and Lisa Sauter)
- 12:30–13:45      *Lunch at Restaurant Tomate*
- 13:45–15:30      **Session 6: Health and attitudes**(*Chair: Konstanze Jacob*)  
“Does healthy migrant effect exist? A population-based household survey of 2,282 adults to compare health and healthcare utilization between migrants and non-migrants in Hong Kong” (Roger Y. Chung, Wong SYS, Chan D, Lau M, and Wong H)  
“Attitudes towards sexuality and non-traditional families among native and immigrant adolescents: Disentangling origin, destination, parent, and peer effects in four European countries” (Maureen A. Eger and Frida Rudolph)  
“‘Immigrationization’ of welfare politics?: Understanding the relationship between immigration attitudes and ideas about welfare redistribution” (Brian Burgoon and Matthijs Rooduijn)
- 15:30–15:45      *Coffee and snacks*
- 15:45–17:15      **Session 7: Potential collaboration**  
Part I: Research and funding (*led by Irena Kogan*)  
Prof. Dr. Kogan will give a presentation about funds that the MZES currently holds as well as funding opportunities for collaborative research and visiting researcher positions. Second, any participant who is seeking collaboration opportunities may share research ideas and/or funding opportunities on a voluntary basis.  
Part II: Journal special issue(s)  
In this session we will discuss themes, journals and editorship possibilities of a special issue.

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