



# GLOBAL FLOWS OF MIGRANTS AND THEIR IMPACTS ON NORTH EUROPEAN WELFARE STATES

**FLOW Final Conference**

4 - 5 November 2021

*Copenhagen Campus, A.C. Meyers Vænge 15*



AALBORG UNIVERSITY

## **How can the welfare state handle challenges concerning migration?**

Since 2018, an interdisciplinary research team of science and social science/humanities scholars has explored the effect of immigration on the developed North European welfare states and the possibilities for improving both the socioeconomic and the sociocultural integration of immigrants. A special emphasis has been on the consequences of climate changes for future migration flows. We invite stakeholders, professionals and scholars to discuss our results regarding managing migration flows and the ways in which the socioeconomic and sociocultural integration of immigrants may be improved in developed welfare states!

## **FLOW**

Aalborg University specializes in migration as a strategic research area. The university funded the project “Global flows of migrations and their impact on North European welfare states (FLOW)”, 2018 – 2021, with 1.2 million euros. The FLOW team consists of an interdisciplinary group of political scientists, sociologists, geographers, historians and education scientists, coordinated by Professor Christian Albrekt Larsen. Since the FLOW project start in 2018, we have analysed migrant flows into Northern Europe with a special emphasis on climate changes, patterns of socioeconomic and sociocultural integration and practices within education and labour-market policies.

The FLOW project team have special expertise on migration issues in the Nordic context, especially in a Danish context. The members have unique access to and experience with Danish register and survey data on migration issues. All members of the FLOW project embrace the interdisciplinary approach – a hallmark of Aalborg University.

## **Keynotes**

Insights from Three Years of Interdisciplinary Research in Migration and the Welfare State

*Christian Albrekt Larsen*

Global Cross-border Mobilities and the Nordic Welfare State

*Pauli Kettunen*

Nordic Lessons from Managing Migration

*Grete Brochmann*

Immigration, Crises, and the Populist Right: From Class Solidarity to Cultural Solidarity

*Ferruh Yilmaz*



## Talk with the Minister

Indvandringspolitik og fremtiden for den nordiske velfærdstat. Problemer og muligheder i de socialdemokratiske visioner.

[The future of the Nordic welfare state and migrant politics – problems and possibilities in the Social Democratic visions].

*Minister for Immigration and Integration Mattias Tesfaye in discussion with professor and expert in welfare state politics Jørgen Goul Andersen*

## Seminar sessions on FLOW results

Presentation and discussion of findings in dialogue with scholars in the research fields who participate with responding papers which also present their own research. Also stakeholders from relevant organisations with an academic background could be an option, e.g. as commentators of results

Panel 1: Understanding current and future flow of immigrants into Northern Europe. *Organized by Carsten Kessler & Lanciné Diop-Christensen*

Panel 2: Northern European public debates and opinions towards migration and integration. *Organized by Troels Fage Hedegaard & Mette Buchardt*

Panel 3: The labour market integration of immigrants and the discursive construction of migrant workers in Denmark. *Organized by Thomas Bredgaard & Trine Lund Thomsen*

Panel 4: Frontlines of socio-cultural integration of immigrants in the Nordics: Early integration efforts. *Organized by Karen Nielsen Breidahl & Nanna Ramsing Enemark*

Panel 5: Educational integration and roads to the labour market in Denmark *Organized by Jin Hui Li & Rasmus Lind Ravn*

Panel 6: Narratives about migration and the future cohesion of the welfare state. *Organized by Martin Bak Jørgensen & Kristian Kriegbaum Jensen*



**MIX – Centre for Displacement, Migration and Integration Studies**  
Opening of the new Migration and Integration Center at Aalborg University  
Advantages and disadvantages of interdisciplinary research.  
*Rector of Aalborg University Per Michael Johansen*

Future research on immigration, displacement and integration at Aalborg University.  
*Kristian Kriegbaum*

## About the plenary speakers



**Pauli Kettunen**

*Professor Emeritus of Political History in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Helsinki. His research interests include nationalism and globalization, labour history and social movements, Nordic welfare states and working-life institutions, education politics, and the conceptual history of politics.*



**Grete Brochmann**

*Professor at the University of Oslo - Department of Sociology and Human Geography. Her main research field is international migration, European immigration policy, comparative integration policies in welfare states and in the Nordic region as well as historical studies of immigration to Norway. She chaired the Norwegian Welfare and Migration Committee, the so-called Brochmann Committee.*



**Ferruh Yilmaz**

*Associate professor at the Tulane University, Department of Communication. His main research interests include immigration, the social and political landscapes in Europe-focus on Denmark, discourse analysis and culturalization of discourse, media and political change.*



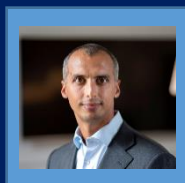
**Christian Albrekt Larsen**

*Professor at Aalborg University, Centre for Comparative Welfare Studies at the Department of Politics and Society (CCWS). His research fields include “the Nordic model”, welfare societies with open economies and multicultural settings, national identity and migrants, politics of welfare reforms, migration and assimilation in Northern Europe.*



**Jørgen Goul Andersen**

*Professor at Aalborg University, Centre for Comparative Welfare Studies at the Department of Politics and Society. His research interests include Nordic welfare states, labour markets, welfare policies and citizenship, nationalism, economic policy and Danish politics in general.*



**Mattias Tesfaye**

*Minister for Immigration and Integration. Member of the Folketing for The Social Democratic Party in Greater Copenhagen greater constituency from June 18th 2015. Candidate for The Social Democratic Party in Brøndby nomination district from 2014.*



## Program

Thursday 4 Nov. 2021

*Venue: Room 1.008 (auditorium), ACM15*

- 11.15 -12.00 Light sandwich lunch for all registered participants  
12.00 - 12.15 Opening by Mette Buchardt  
12.15 - 13.00 Keynote 1 – Christian Albrekt Larsen: “Insights from Three Years of Interdisciplinary Research in Migration and the Welfare State”

*Chair: Mette Buchardt*

- 13.15 - 13.30 Break  
13.30 - 14.30 Panel 1 & Panel 2 (parallel sessions)  
14.30 - 14.45 Break  
14.45 - 16.15 Panel 3 & 4 (parallel sessions)  
16.15 - 16.30 Break  
16.30 - 17.30 Keynote 2 – Pauli Kettunen: “Global Cross-border Mobilities and the Nordic Welfare State”  
*Chair: Karen N. Breidahl*

Friday 5 Nov. 2021

*Venue: Room 1.008 (auditorium), ACM15*

- 10.00 - 11.00 Keynote 3 – Grete Brochmann: “Nordic Lessons from Managing Migration”  
*Chair: Martin Bak Jørgensen*  
11.00 - 11.15 Break  
11.15 - 12.15 Keynote 4 – Ferruh Yilmaz: “Immigration, Crises, and the Populist Right: From Class Solidarity to Cultural Solidarity”  
*Chair: Mette Buchardt*  
12.15 - 12.45 Lunch  
12.45 - 14.00 Panel 5 & 6 (parallel sessions)  
14.00 - 14.15 Break  
14.15 - 15.00 Talk with the Minister  
*Chair: Christian Albrekt Larsen*  
15.00 - 15.30 Official opening of the new research centre followed by a light reception



## Registration

Please register via [this link](#) no later than 27 October 2021 (free of charge. First-come, first-served basis, limited number of seats available). Specific questions can be emailed to [Julie Skibsted Larsen](#).



## Detailed program for the panel sessions

### Panel 1: Understanding current and future flow of immigrants into Northern Europe

Organized by Lanciné Diop and Henning S. Hansen

Current migration trends cause policy makers to question the sustainability of the Nordic Welfare State. However, in order to address these future challenges to the Nordic welfare States, it is crucial to understand what drives present and future immigrants to the Nordic countries. This panel will discuss different ways of modelling current and future migration flows into the Northern European countries while considering a variety of pull and push factors including climate change in the origin countries and policies in the destination countries. The panel welcomes papers focusing on modelling the inflows of asylums seekers, labour migrants, climate migrants, etc., as well as papers that outline future scenarios of immigration into Europe, especially into North Western Europe. A thorough discussion of the methodological, empirical as well as theoretical progress in modelling current and future migration inflows is crucial to draw a more comprehensive picture to policy makers regarding possible scenarios for immigration these countries may face.

Thursday 4 Nov. 13.30-14.30 (venue: room 2.1.009)

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| 13.30 - 13.50 | Lanciné Diop, Aalborg University: "The impact of diaspora on the number and the selection of immigrants in Denmark"   |
| 13.50 - 14.10 | Marina Georgati and Carsten Keßler, Aalborg University: "Spatially Explicit Population Projections: a case study in Copenhagen, Denmark"  |
| 14.10 - 14.30 | Javier Elío, Marina Georgati, Henning S. Hansen and Carsten Keßler, Aalborg University: "Migration studies with a Compositional Data approach: a case study of population structure in the Capital Region of Denmark" |



## Panel 2: Northern European public debates and opinions towards migration and integration

Organized by Troels Fage Hedegaard & Mette Buchardt

Thursday 4 Nov. 13.30-14.30 (venue: room 2.1.042)

- 13.30 - 13.45      Mette Buchardt, Aalborg University: "Connections between public debates and policymaking. The case of Nordic welfare state education politics and the migrant students"
- 13.45 - 14.00      Troels Fage Hedegaard, Aalborg University: "The Muslim penalty: Results from a conjoint survey experiment on granting non-EU migrants permanent residency in four Western European countries"
- 14.00 - 14.15      Kristina Bakkær Simonsen, Aarhus University: "Moralizing Immigration: Political Framing, Moral Conviction, and Polarization in the United States and Denmark"
- 14.15 - 14.30      Questions and discussion

## Panel 3: The labour market integration of immigrants and the discursive construction of migrant workers in Denmark and Sweden

Organized by Thomas Bredgaard & Trine Lund Thomsen

Thursday 4 Nov. 14.45-16.15 (venue: room 2.1.009)

- 14.45 - 15.05      Thomas Bredgaard, Aalborg University: "Labour market and refugees – main issues and challenges"
- 15.10 - 15.30      Rasmus Lind Ravn & Trine Lund Thomsen, Aalborg University: "Labour market policies and integration of refugees in Denmark"
- 15.35 - 15.55      Emma Ek Österberg, University of Gothenburg: "From policy to practice: lessons from labour market integration in Sweden"
- 15.55 - 16.15      Discussion and questions





## Panel 4: Frontlines of socio-cultural integration of immigrants in the nordics: early integration efforts

Organized by Karen N. Breidahl & Nanna Ramsing Enemark

The panel deals with how socio-cultural integration of immigrants takes place within frontline organizations of the Nordic welfare states. The panel in particular focuses on the organizations (and their frontline staff) that deal with asylum seekers and newly arrived immigrants forming their formative experiences of the society they are currently living. Experiences that shape their subsequent socio-cultural integration trajectories including those relating to democratic norms, institutional trust and societal participation.

Thursday 4 Nov. 14.45-16.15 (venue: room 2.1.042)

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| 14.45 - 15.00 | Hanne C. Kavli, Fafo Norway: "Trust building among refugees and why we should care about the impact of welfare state institutions?"   |
| 15.00 - 15.05 | Questions and comments  |
| 15.05 - 15.20 | Karen N. Breidahl, Aalborg University: "Dealing with competing concerns for inclusion and exclusion at the edge of the welfare state: Ways to navigate while waiting in the asylum system and why it matters!"  |
| 15.20 - 15.25 | Questions and comments  |
| 15.25 - 15.40 | Louise Dånge (formerly Buhl Andersen), Aalborg University: "What are the strategies municipalities adopt and the realities frontline social workers meet, when supporting the resettlement of young refugees? Learning from two Danish municipalities during the unfolding of changing integration policies in 2018-2020" |
| 15.40 - 15.45 | Questions and comments  |
| 15.45 - 16.00 | Nanna Ramsing Enemark, Aalborg University: "Municipal variations in early integration efforts for newly arrived migrant pupils in the Danish comprehensive school"  |
| 16.00-16.15   | Discussion and questions  |



Panel 5: Educational integration and roads to the labor market in Denmark -  
The migrants' encounter with the welfare system

Organized by Jin Hui Li & Rasmus Lind Ravn

Friday 5 Nov. 12.45-14.00 (venue: room 2.1.009)

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| 12.45 - 13.10 | Rasmus Landersø, Rockwool Fonden: "Lowering Welfare Benefits: Intended and Unintended Consequences for Migrants and their Families" |
| 13.10 - 13.20 | Jin Hui Li, Aalborg University: "The production of social class in education – experiences from the former migrant students"        |
| 13.20 - 13.30 | Rasmus Lind Ravn, Aalborg University: "Collaboration or coercion? The role of employment service caseworkers working with refugees" |
| 13.30 - 14.00 | Discussion and questions  |

Panel 6: Narratives about migration and the future of cohesion of the welfare state

Organized by Martin Bak Jørgensen and Kristian Kriegbaum Jensen

Friday 5 Nov. 12.45-14.00 (venue: room 2.1.042)

This session features a discussion of whether the cohesion of the welfare is affected by how immigrants are represented in media and politics. This overall topic is addressed in the context of how immigration and integration politics is developing in Denmark and Europe. The panel includes both academics and practitioners.

Panel: Peter Thisted Dinesen (University of Copenhagen), Garbi Schmidt (Roskilde University), Rasmus Brygger (Director of Danmarks Videnscenter for Integration) and Aydin Soei (sociologist and author)

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| 12.45-13.10 | Peter Thisted Dinesen and Garbi Schmidt with a research-based perspective |
| 13.10-13.40 | Panel discussion  |
| 13.40-14.00 | Questions from the audience   |





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