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Multiculturalism and Migration: European & Australian Perspectives

Thursday 1 December 2011, 9:00am – 1:30pm

Australia has often been described as a multicultural success story and is widely studied as a “classic” settler and migrant society. Multiculturalism as national policy has operated since the early 1970s. Underscored by principles of social equity and access, Australian multiculturalism is central to citizenship even if at times, this has tested the limits of competing demands on tolerance, justice and democracy. Cultural diversity has also long been considered one of Europe’s most valuable assets. Recognising pluralism as an integral part of European identity, the European Union adopted “Unity in Diversity” as its official motto in 2000.



Image by Josh Wodak (Amsterdam 2006)

The advantages as well as challenges posed by migration-related diversity to Australia and the EU are often raised (separately) in the public domain and academia, but rarely are these issues studied in a comparative manner. This one-day symposium brings together experts from Europe and Australia to discuss migration-related diversity issues associated with multiculturalism, citizenship and political participation. What lessons can we learn from each other?

Lunch will be served at the conclusion of this event.

Venue: ANU Centre for European Studies, [1 Liversidge Street \(Bldg 67C\)](#), Canberra

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Attendance at the symposium is free but please RSVP to Europe@anu.edu.au by Wednesday 30 November 2011

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Symposium Program

9.10-9.15: Welcome by **Prof. Jacqueline Lo**, Director, ANUCES

9.15-9.30: Opening remarks by **Senator Gary Humphries** (Liberal Senator for the ACT) and **H.E. Andrzej Jaroszyn'ski**, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Australia.

Session 1: Multiculturalism in Europe

Chair: **Dr. Piera Carroli**, Italian Studies, ANU

9.30–10.15: **Prof. Marek Okólski**, Professor of Demography, University of Warsaw and Chairman of the Committee for Migration Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences. His research interests include social transformations and their impact upon population processes, socio-economic effects of globalisation, demographic transition in Europe, migration theory, health crisis in the former European communist states, labour mobility, and migration in Central and Eastern Europe.

10.15-11.00: **Dr. Pawel Kaczmarczyk** is from the Faculty of Economic Sciences at University of Warsaw, Head of the Central and East European Economic Research Centre (University of Warsaw), and guest lecturer in Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Universiteit Maastricht, the Netherlands. His research interests and publications are in the areas of migration and economic development.

11.00-11.15: Morning Tea

Session 2: Cultural Diversity in Australia & Europe

Chair: **Prof. Joan Muysken**, Maastricht University

11.15-12.00: **Dr. James Jupp** is Adjunct Associate Professor at the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Australian National University. He is the former Director of the Centre for Immigration and Multicultural Studies at the ANU and internationally recognised as a leading scholar in immigration and multicultural affairs in Australia. Recent publications include the edited collection *Social Cohesion in Australia*, Cambridge University Press, 2007, the *Encyclopedia of Religion in Australia* (2009) and *Multiculturalism and Integration* (with Michael Clyne, 2011).

12.00-12.45: **Dr. Magdalena Lesinska** is Deputy Director of Centre of Migration Research, as well as member of IMISCOE Research Network (International Migration Integration and Social Cohesion). She coordinates research on migration and writes on the issues of migration and ethnic relations in Poland and the European Union.

12.30-12.50: Concluding remarks

Prof. Wenche Ommundsen is Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Wollongong. Formerly Professor of English Literatures, she has taught and researched in English, Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies. She has published widely on multiculturalism and multicultural writing, with special emphasis on Asian diasporas and on theories of transcultural literary formations. Her most recent book is the co-edited volume *Cultural Citizenship and the Challenges of Globalisation*.

Pablo Jiménez is an ANUCES Associate who has researched on the human person, language, love, education, and literature from a philosophical perspective. He is about to complete a PhD with a thesis on European citizenship and identity. Pablo has publications on citizenship, identity, and secularism and religion in Europe.

12.50-1.30: Lunch