

Social Integration and Cohesion in Post-Communist Europe
17-18 October 2008

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Programme

Friday, 17 October

13.00-14.00 Registration, Coffee/Tea

14.00-14.15 Welcome

14.15-15.00 Guest lecture + Discussion

Chair: David Green

Dr David Galbreath, University of Aberdeen

Looking at Social Integration and Cohesion from the Top-Down

15.00-17.00 Session I

Theoretical approaches to social integration and cohesion

Chair: Dr Umut Korkut

Ada-Charlotte Regelmann, University of Glasgow/ASRF, PhD Student

Social integration as structuration process. Assessing possible outcomes

Timofey Agarin, University of Aberdeen

Social Integration in the Baltic State: How Do Institutions Mitigate Conflict?

Rachel Clements, Newcastle University/CRCEES, PhD Student

What have the Poles ever done for us? Using urban theory to inform a study on Polish migration to Glasgow

17.00-17.30 Coffee/Tea

17.30-18.30 Session II

Discussing Integration

Chair: Timofey Agarin

Andrew Walters, University of the West of Scotland/CRCEES, PhD Student

Social forces and the construction of hegemony: a neo-Gramscian approach to social integration and cohesion in post-communist Europe

Dr. Umut Korkut, University College Dublin, Ireland

Discussing Social Integration and Cohesion: Rhetorics of Power, Poverty and Economic Liberalism in Hungary

19.30 Conference Dinner (for Speakers)

'The Salon', 17 Vinicombe Street

Saturday, 18 October

9.00-9.25 Coffee/Tea

9.25-10.15 Guest lecture + Discussion

Chair: Katarzyna Bylok

Prof. Zdzisław Mach, Jagiellonian University Krakow/Poland

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10.15-11.45 Session III

Policy impacts on Integration and Cohesion

Chair: Katarzyna Bylok

Michail Biniakos, Newcastle University/CRCEES, PhD Student

What kind of Social Integration and Cohesion in Post-Communist Europe and from whom? Evidence from the North-East Region (or Moldova) of Romania.

Lucia A. Seybert, Cornell University, USA, PhD Student

Minority Rights in Eastern Europe and the Post-Accession Effects of Membership Conditionality

Rachel Le Noan, University of Aberdeen/CRCEES, PhD Student

The Russian Minorities in Post-Communist Europe: The Impact of Diaspora Politics on Social Integration and Cohesion

11.45-13.15 Lunch and Coffee/Tea

'Hetherington Research Club', 13 University Gardens

13.15-14.15 Session IV

Exploring Integration on the Micro-Level

Chair: Rachel Clements

Majda Becirovic, Open University Milton Keynes, PhD Student

A Qualitative Study of Children with Disabilities and their Families in Eastern Europe

Helen Lowther, Newcastle University, PhD Student

All work and no play? The participation of Polish migrants in cultural activities in the North East of England

14.15-14.30 Final Discussion

Chair: Ada-Charlotte Regelmann

14.30 End of Conference