

ROUND TABLE

"The new migration challenges: the contemporary world and Russia"

LEROS HALL, October 4, 2013 (9h – 13h30)

AGENDA

OVERVIEW:

Migration today is becoming vital to sustaining development in industrialized countries worldwide –and to advancing development in other countries. It meets skills and labor demand, ensures competitive labor forces and sustains otherwise non-viable economic sectors and enterprises. Through remittances, migration enhances human development and poverty alleviation in origin countries. Without protection and mutual respect, migrants are easily turned into scapegoats especially in times of economic and employment crises. But restrictive migration policies may compound future economic difficulties for many countries. In such situations, the global-scale dialogue with participation of government and non-government organizations, experts, and civil society institutions is of particular importance. New serious policy challenges such as global skills and labor shortages, climate change migration, and emerging regional mobility regimes need to be addressed. Therefore, the round table on the emerging challenges of migration governance is an integral part of the 11th Annual Session of the Rhodes Forum.

PURPOSES:

The Round Table seeks to enhance harmonization of international relations and promotion of global stability. Specific purposes are to find paths to overcome migration challenges and risks; to balance interests of migration partner countries, migrants and receiving societies; and to identify good policies and practices for migration governance, integration of migrants and international cooperation in the field of migration.

PROGRAM:

1) ECONOMIES, LABOUR MARKETS, DEMOGRAPHY AND MOBILITY: GLOBAL REALITIES

(Moderator: *Lidia Grafova*)

Issues to discuss:

1. What needs for migrant skills and labor during economic cycles today (growth, downturns, recovery)?
2. Unemployment and migrant flows – how to reconcile sometimes contradictory trends?
3. How does the migration policy in different countries change as a response to forthcoming economic crisis?

Panelists:

- **Patrick Taran** *President, Global Migration Policy Associates*: Global Overview: challenges today and tomorrow
- **Zhanna Zayonchkovskaya**, *Chief of Laboratory on Migration, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences*: Economic, labour market and demographic trends in the post-Soviet region
- **Peter van Krieken**, *Chair, Röling Foundation; Professor, Webster University, Leiden (Netherlands)*: Migration expectations and challenges in the contemporary Europe
- **Valeriu Mosneaga**, *Moldova State University, Head of the Department, Professor*: Eastern European perspective
- **Natalia Vlasova**, *Vice-President, Foundation "Migration XXI Century"*: Socio-economic benefits and risks of labour migration

Discussion

2) MIGRATION AND SOCIETIES: ADAPTATION AND INTEGRATION

(Moderator: **Patrick Taran**)

Issues to discuss:

1. Which categories of migrants need integration and which - adaptation? What about those who avoid both?
2. Integration of migrants: universality of "western values" or transformation of western societies?
3. How to resolve key issues for host societies: discrimination, xenophobia, tolerance, equality of treatment, integration?

Panelists:

- **Lisa Simeone**, Lecturer, University of Chicago; former director, US Office of Civil Rights, Midwest Region: introduction to challenges, issues, policy and practical responses; North America perspective
- **Irina Ivakhnyuk**, Professor, Department of Economics, Moscow State Lomonosov University; Member, Government Council on Migration Policy: Integration policy in the Russian Federation: why anti-migrant attitudes grow?
- **Lidia Grafova**, President, Executive Committee, International Public Association "Forum of Migration Organizations"; Member, Government Council for Migration Policy: The role of civil society in migration issues
- **Pedro Gois**, Senior Lecturer, University of Porto; Senior Researcher, University of Coimbra (Portugal): European experiences on interculturalism, values conflicts, lessons for immigration policies
- **August Gachter**, Senior researcher, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Vienna: addressing discrimination, equality of treatment, integration: what is needed

Discussion

3) GOVERNANCE: CHALLENGES, MECHANISMS, GOOD PRACTICES

(Moderator: **Lisa Simeone**)

Issues to discuss:

1. Migration governance: how to balance interests of countries of destination, countries of origin, receiving societies, and migrants?
2. What are roles and responsibilities of government, employers and civil society in addressing migration?
3. What innovations in the field of migration governance and integration of migrants deserve consideration and dissemination?

Panelists:

- **Vyacheslav Postavnin**, President, Foundation for support and social projects «Migration XXI century»: Russian Federation governance issues, actors and actions
- **Andrei Korobkov**, Professor of Political Science, Middle Tennessee State University: "Migration reforms in the USA and Russia" a comparative analysis
- **Yelena Sadovskaya**, President, Center for Conflict Management (Kazakhstan): Central Asian national & regional dynamics, challenges, policy responses
- **Olga Vorobyeva**, Doctor of Economics; Director, Scientific-Research Center of Socio-Economic Issues of Population, Moscow Psychologic-Social University: Approaches to regularization of migrants: pro et contra

Discussion

Elaboration of conclusions and recommendations