

Theme and Introduction

This two-day conference was built on the experience of previous international conferences at Sussex in 2011 and 2012, which focused on the methodological dimensions of doctoral research in the field of Migration Studies. It included presentations on a diverse range of topics related to migration research including: migrants' experiences; student mobility; methodological challenges; migration policy-making; migration and development; social capital and networks. It was held in partnership with an academic conference hosted by the Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR) and the Sussex-based *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (JEMS). The conference attracted the participation of students across different schools and departments at the University of Sussex, as well as other UK and European HE institutions (-877e ach3(ed)progiateenor er 12(e)-1(d)3(t)-3(wai)4()11().

Applicants and participants corresponded with us primarily via email. Registration was also done via email, although delegates could also register on Eventbrite (linked to on the website homepage).

In addition to the new website we set up twitter and facebook profiles at twitter.com/migphdconf and facebook.com/SussexMigrationGraduateConference15. There are links to these on the website.

At the time of writing this report we have 62 'likes' on facebook and 73 followers on twitter.

Both the website and twitter page have proved useful ways of building our profile and there is now a link to the website on the Sussex Centre for Migration research homepage. These outlets should make dissemination of materials and/or calls for papers easier in future. The website, twitter and facebook can all be used for future conferences and events.

Speakers and presentations

We received a total of 29 abstracts (8 fewer than last year). Of these we selected 10 papers,¹ which were divided into three panels, suggestive of a range of themes, subject areas and methodologies:

1. (Im)mobility, networks and migrants' (trans)national experiences
2. Diversity, Citizenship, ~~Migration~~

Two of the three panels were chaired by the organising committee (Sussex students), as were both keynote speeches. The third panel was chaired by a

Conference programme



Wednesday 4th March

Registration from 1:30 pm

Keynote Speech 2:00 — 3:15 pm

Dr Nando Sigona, Lecturer and Fellow in the School of Social Policy, University of Birmingham

Tea Break 3:15 — 3:30 pm

Panel: "Values, philosophy, networks and international/national experiences" 3:30 — 5:30 pm

Sebastian Portmann (Oxford University of Frankfurt)

Evening buffet and drinks reception 5:30 — 9:00 pm

Tuesday 10th March

Coffee from 10:00 am

Panel: "Values, philosophy, networks and international/national experiences" 10:30 am — 12:00 pm

Frederick...

Reviews and comments

What did you like about the conference?

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The interaction among speakers, the more... the the facing, really, to like the finally good interactive...
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I liked that there were a wide range of topics...
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Very informative and interesting...
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heterogeneity of the paper... The level and the...
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The speakers were of a very high... compared to past years; it was great that Nando Sinha was invited to...
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my field, interesting panels and Q&A sessions, that it is bundled with... opportunity to meet other PhD students in...
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...the time, I was very...
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What did you dislike about conference?

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Perhaps the programme could have been sent out a little earlier, but apart from that it all seemed to run...
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nothing...
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classroom that created distance between speaker and listeners... the...
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...the opening... and... also would have been... have something...
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instant coffee (but that's really just a minor detail - everything else was great!)...
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