



METROPOLIS

2014 INTERNATIONAL METROPOLIS CONFERENCE



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MIGRATION

ENERGY FOR THE PLANET, FEEDING CULTURES

MILAN

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THE INTERNATIONAL METROPOLIS CONFERENCE

The international Metropolis project (www.metropolis.net) is a global forum of researchers, government officials, and civil society that seeks to enhance policy on migration and diversity through research. Metropolis aims to deepen the analysis of social phenomena associated with migration, to encourage research on immigration policy, and to facilitate the use of the findings and conclusions results by governments and service providing organizations. Over its 18 year history, Metropolis has grown to involve participation now from all continents of the globe. Metropolis is particularly well-known for its annual international conferences which have become one of the world's most important opportunities for collaboration among migration and diversity experts and professionals.



METROPOLIS AND MILAN

The 2014 International Metropolis Conference will be held in Milan, the world capital of fashion and design and the site of the inaugural Metropolis Conference in 1996. The 2014 conference offers a unique chance to combine your interest in migration and diversity with the discovery of a thrilling city that offers historic cultural treasures and some of the most beautiful buildings in Italy. Milan is also a city of migration, and participating in the conference and its study tours will give you new and surprising insights into the ways that migrants have contributed to city life and how Milan has worked to make their lives successful. Taking place a year before the Milan Expo "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life," the 2014 International Metropolis Conference will highlight the energy and wealth that cultural diversity brings about, while at the same time acknowledging the challenges posed by migration to contemporary societies, be they places of departure or destination countries.



PLENARIES

The 2014 International Metropolis Conference will follow the basic format of previous Metropolis conferences. Each morning, two plenary sessions with highly distinguished speakers will offer insights into some of the foremost contemporary migration issues, and each afternoon will feature numerous parallel workshops that will examine a wider range of themes in great detail.

The eight plenary sessions for the 2014 edition will address the following themes:

- **conflicts in the Mediterranean area** and the resulting, often dramatic, migration flows which have become key to appreciating the complexities of contemporary movements of people;
- **EU policies for migration governance** over the next years building upon the institutional changes stemming from the Lisbon Treaty;
- the potential for **regional trade agreements** such as ASEAN, the EU, NAFTA and the AU to foster intercontinental co-operation on migration management;
- **migration as an instrument of development** as recommended by the recent UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development;
- Cities as sites of new forms of production, technological development, and cultural change in modern economies, all of which are associated with migration, both internal and international; questions of **how to manage diversity and foreign talent for economic competitiveness** will be considered;
- **food as a lens through which to explore the proliferation of cultural industries** and productive diversity in cities;
- the growing movement of sanctuary cities that offer **public services to irregular migrants** despite national restrictions;
- the **role of the media**, including social media, in driving public opinion about migrants, migration, and cultural diversity.

WORKSHOP AND INDIVIDUAL PAPER PROPOSALS

In order to participate actively in the 2014 Metropolis Conference, we now invite you to submit proposals for workshops or individual papers. For more information on the submission process, please visit www.metropolis2014.eu



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PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is now open.

Pre-register now for Metropolis 2014. It does not cost anything and it helps us to adjust the participation fees to the lowest fare, and thus ensure the participation of many others.

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ISMU FOUNDATION

The ISMU Foundation is an autonomous and independent research centre that, since 1991, promotes studies, research and initiatives on multi-ethnic and multi-cultural societies. It has as a main object migrations with a focus on mobility and migrants' socio-cultural integration.

Since 1995, when the Metropolis project was born upon a joint initiative of the Canadian government and the American Carnegie Foundation, the ISMU Foundation represents Italy within the international management committee. In 1996, the ISMU Foundation organised the first International Metropolis Conference in Milan.

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