

International conference

A DECADE OF MOBILITY

Poles in Contemporary Migration Spaces

Organisers: Centre of Migration Research University of Warsaw (CMR UW)
& National Bank of Poland (NBP)

Partners: Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM),
Committee for Migration Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences (KBnM PAN)

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Location: National Bank of Poland - NBP
(Świętokrzyska 11/21, sala im. W. Grabskiego),
Polish Institute of International Affairs - PISM
(Warecka 1A, conference room).

The conference will summarise the first decade of the post-accession mobility of Poles. On May 1, 2014 ten years will have passed since the European Union enlargement to Central and Eastern European countries. This event has had significant consequences on many levels, yet one of its most important features was the initiation of intra-EU mobility on a mass scale. This aspect especially concerns Poland which, next to Romania and Bulgaria, became one of the most important migrant sending countries in the EU. Thus, Warsaw seems like the perfect place to discuss the mobility experiences from the past ten years and relate to the heated public debate that, more often than not, is based on stereotypes and misconceptions which have deepened negative attitudes towards mobility and migrants in the past years.

The conference will consist of three sessions. The first (morning) session will be a plenary session organised as a panel discussion of four eminent migration scholars.

In the afternoon, two sessions running in parallel are planned, one related to the economic and one to the political aspects of the contemporary mobility of Poles.

The conference will be held in English. Due to security measures at the National Bank of Poland registration is required and a photo ID will be needed upon entry.

Please register by emailing konferencja.migracje@uw.edu.pl

When registering please indicate whether you are participating in the plenary, political and/or economic session.

The deadline for registration is Friday, April 11th, 12.00 pm (noon).

9.30-10.00 Registration, NBP

10.00-12.15 Plenary session, NBP

The main aim of the plenary session is to provide a broad overview of the post-enlargement migration experience and to assess its impacts on social and economic development. Specifically, the emphasis will be put on the scale, dynamics and patterns of post-2004 migration and the effects it had for both sending and receiving countries (including labour market effects, impacts on productivity, growth, welfare etc.).

Introduction: **Andrzej Sławiński** (NBP) - *Migration and the Polish economy*; Keynote speakers: **Herbert Brücker** (IAB) - *Costs and benefits of the post-enlargement migration*, **Marek Okólski** (CMR UW) - *Polish migrants in contemporary European social spaces*, **Tommaso Frattini** (CReAM) - *Welfare impacts of post-accession migration on the EU countries*; Chair: **Jakub Wiśniewski** (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

12.15-13.30 Lunch break, NBP

13.30-16.30 Parallel sessions, NBP / PISM

Economic session, NBP

13.30-16.30 Post-enlargement migration – an economic assessment of costs and benefits of international mobility

A large part of post-accession mobility consists of labour migration. Thus, we propose a session devoted specifically to the economic aspects of post-2004 migration - including, but not limited to: the selectivity of migration, labour market related issues, welfare impacts of migration and the brain drain / brain gain debate. The emphasis will be put on various methodological approaches to the analyses of the causes and consequences of international migration.

Political session, PISM

13.30-15.30 The politics of Polish mobility after 2004

Emigration after 2004 led to the growth (and diversification) of the Polish population in “traditional” destination countries (such as the UK or the Netherlands), as well as to creation of “new” concentrations (for instance in Ireland, Spain or Iceland). Polish migrants thus became a subject of political and public discourse over the pros and cons of mobility in the EU. At the same time, in Poland an important debate has been kicked off concerning the role of the state and its relations with Poles abroad.

The session will be a round-table discussion asking: What is the political position of diasporas in contemporary Europe and how is this likely to play out long term? What are the most successful state policies addressed to nationals living abroad and what scope is there for cooperation between sending and receiving countries? What differences of approach are apparent between countries and why? What should be the proper reaction of policy makers in response to mass emigration and diversification of Polish communities abroad?

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Tatiana Fic (NIESR): *Costs and benefits of post-2004 migration – macroeconomic assessment*

Katarzyna Saczuk and **Paweł Strzelecki** (NBP): *Work or social transfers – the sources of income and characteristics of immigrants from Poland to four EU countries based on survey information*

Paweł Kaczmarczyk (CMR UW) and **Joanna Tyrowicz** (NBP): *Polish highly educated migrants in the UK: brain drain – brain gain – brain waste*

Marta Anacka and **Agnieszka Fihel** (CMR UW): *Selectivity of migration and return migration in the post-accession period*

Jan Brzozowski (UJ): *International return migration and remittances: the regional perspective*

Paweł Strzelecki (NBP): *Economic factors and net migration assumptions for EU countries – how to incorporate lessons from the recent economic crisis*

Chair: **Tommaso Frattini** (CReAM) / **Paweł Kaczmarczyk** (CMR UW)

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Henryka Mościcka-Dendys (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Maciej Duszczyk (IPS UW)

Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz (Institute of Public Affairs/Institute of Migration Studies - tbc)

Magdalena Lesińska (CMR UW)

Michał Nowosielski (Institute for Western Affairs)

Marta Stormowska (PISM)

Chair: **Roderick Parkes** (PISM)
