



Swansea University
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‘Understanding the migrant experience’

Postgraduate Research Conference

25th-26th June 2012

to be held at the

Centre for Migration Policy Research (CMPR)

Swansea University, Wales, UK

CALL FOR PAPERS

During 2009-10, the Centre for Migration Policy Research (CMPR) at Swansea University held a series of events as part of an ESRC Research Seminar Series on the theme of ‘Understanding the migrant experience’. Details of the seminar series and briefing papers on each of the events can be found at www.swansea.ac.uk/cmpr/events/seminars

This conference provides an opportunity for postgraduate students researching migration and the experiences of migrants to explore the seminar themes in more detail and to showcase their work. Additionally, but by no means less important, the conference will contribute to broader academic and policy discussions, increasing awareness and understanding of the migrant experience and its importance in policy making and political debates.

Papers on all aspects of the migrant experience are invited from postgraduate students at all stages of their research and across all academic disciplines. Interdisciplinary contributions are particularly welcome. The conference themes are:

- What is the ‘migrant experience’? Theorising the concept
- Methodological issues in researching the migrant experience
- The role of gender, age, class and race in shaping ‘the migrant experience’
- The arts as a tool for understanding the experience of migrants
- The politics of representation
- How the migrant experience can inform the policy making process
- Different aspects of migrant experience, for example, the journey, immigration processes, detention, integration

There is no conference fee and overnight accommodation will be provided for all participants on 25th June. Participants are expected to cover their travel expenses and any additional accommodation costs. Refreshments and lunches will be provided.

The deadline for abstracts is **30th April 2012**. Proposals should be in the form of a Word document and should include the title of your proposed paper and full contact details. Please send your proposal to migration@swansea.ac.uk

Further information about the conference is available from Bozena Sojka at b.i.sojka-koirala.595224@swansea.ac.uk, telephone +44 7890735317 or + 357 99717019