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Role in activity
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2. Activity details

Type and title of activity

Thematic workshop, 'Temporary Migration and Community Cohesion: the Nature and Impact of Migration from East-Central to Western Europe'

Location

University of Bath

Date

From: 7 January 2008 To: 8 January 2008

Brief Description of activities carried out (please include or attach a confirmed list of participants)

Monday 7 January 2008

12.30 - Anne White (University of Bath), Introduction

12.45 - Louise Ryan (University of Middlesex), 'Social networks and social capital: the experiences and strategies of recent Polish migrants in London'

Dorota Osipovic (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College, London), 'Polish migrants as UK social citizens. Policy framework for social rights' take-up and its links with migration time horizons'

2.20 - Michal Garapich (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, and Universities of Surrey and Roehampton), 'Making *Polonia*. power, elites and the problem of ethnicity'

3.45-5.15 - Christin Hess (University of Bath), 'The contested terrain of a "parallel society": the "other" natives in contemporary Germany and Greece'

Isabella Stefanutti (University of Bath), 'The strength of weak ties: Preferences for Slovenian seasonal workers in North-East Italy'

All day: exhibition in 8W 2.4 of photographs by Marta Rabikowska (University of East London), titled 'Polish Christmas in London: Celebration of home'.

9.00 Discussion on mapping the current state of UK research on post-2004 migration trends, led by Kathy Burrell (De Montfort University), at 8 Horseshoe Walk, Bath

Tuesday 8 January 2008

9.15 - Eugenia Markova (London School of Economics), 'New East European workers and community cohesion'

10.00 - Paweł Kaczmarczyk (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw), 'The impact of migration in Polish regions'

11.15 - Tim Elrick (University of Edinburgh), 'The influence of migration on the origin communities. Case studies of Polish-German migrations'

Anne White (University of Bath), 'Can families be "temporary" migrants? Migration as a family livelihood strategy in Poland'

2.15 - Barbara Cieślińska (University of Białystok), 'The experience of labour migrations in the life of women from Podlasie, Poland'

3.15- Concluding discussion

NB Alison Stenning (University of Newcastle) arrived in Bath but at the last moment withdrew from the workshop because of illness. She immediately sent an electronic copy of her presentation, 'Work, Migration and Development: Central European Migrants and the Economic Life of Cities and Communities'.

See attached list of participants.

List of participants, 'Temporary Migration and Community Cohesion: the Nature and Impact of Migration from East-Central to Western Europe'

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3. Achievement of stated aims and objectives

Please summarise how the stated aims and objectives of the activities proposed have been achieved and how these have helped to further the aims and objectives of CEELBAS.

Aims and objectives listed on the application form:

This workshop will explore East-West migration from a range of postcommunist European countries, both within and outside the European Union, to a range of destinations in Western and Southern Europe. Attention will be paid to both sending and receiving communities. Focusing on particular groups of migrants and particular places, the papers presented at the workshop will explore the links between 'temporariness' and community cohesion.

The purpose of the workshop is to collect together scholars, both established academics and postgraduates, who are either currently working on the subject or have recently completed research in the same area, to share ideas about a fairly well-defined agenda. In addition to discussions after each paper, the workshop will include two longer discussion sessions, one on the current state of research into post-2004 East-West migration, and one to conclude the proceedings.

Achievements

The workshop was very successful in bringing together lecturers and postgraduates from around the country. Many of the lecturers had already met at conferences in 2007 and the workshop was helpful in consolidating and widening this group, which is beginning to establish a good sense of collective identity, maintained by e-mail correspondence between conferences. Invitations to the workshop also revealed the existence of many postgraduate researchers around the UK. They are now part of this e-mail network and participants in the exchange of information and ideas. The workshop participants also included two community cohesion workers from Bristol City Council and Artur Stankiewicz from Polski Bristol, the local Polish website.

All the papers were of high quality and were followed by lively discussions, in which all three categories of participant took part. Perhaps occasionally one could have wished that some speakers had kept more strictly to their brief in addressing the workshop questions, but it is unrealistic to expect total discipline in such respects. Overall, the workshop had coherence, and the overarching questions provided a loose framework, without constituting a straitjacket. There was a strong sense of sharing a common set of interests and working with a common agenda, and this is what made the discussions so valuable.

In addition to exploring many facets of the relationship between duration of stay and community cohesion, the discussions also covered the current state of research in Poland and the UK and some important methodological issues. The concluding session, following Dr Cieślińska's paper, was particularly lively. Dr Cieślińska had suggested that in Eastern Poland emigration is seen as a sign of 'failure', and this sparked a debate about the different impressions of migration gained from interviews conducted in Poland and in the UK. This debate crystallised many of the ideas expressed in the course of the workshop, both about the causes of migration and also about the migration experience.

The workshop was marked throughout by a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. After the workshop I received many comments about how the participants had 'enjoyed' it, as well as finding it useful. Scholarly research can be a lonely process, and this type of activity is important in maintaining a sense of motivation and enthusiasm, especially for postgraduates.

Some of the presentations (especially Stefanutti's) were visually very interesting, as were the photographs of 'Christmas' as viewed by Poles in London. These were taken by Marta Rabikowska's respondents and on display on 7 January.

The most disappointing aspect of the workshop was that several people (notably Alison Stenning, Teresa Staniewicz (Warwick) and Barbara Everett (Polish Saturday School in Bristol) dropped out at the last moment because of illness. I suppose this is the danger of holding an event in January.

Overall, the CEELBAS objectives were clearly met. The workshop brought together a wide range of researchers, with some practitioners; postgraduate students were fully involved. Although a lot of research about East-West migration today focuses heavily on receiving communities, the Bath workshop also

explored migration in sending communities. The importance of detailed, language-based research in these sending communities was highlighted.

4. Outcomes

Please indicate the outcomes and 'value for money' of activities carried out.

The intellectual outcomes are naturally hard to measure, but the workshop helped us all focus more on linking together 'time' and 'space' in migration, and to question quite deeply what is meant by terms such as 'cohesion' and 'integration'. Topics addressed in the final discussion included:

- Cieślińska's distinction between 'putting down roots' and 'making a home': Do migrants' roots necessarily grow over time? Can first-generation migrants live a shallow (parallel) existence without really integrating for even longer today than they could in the past? Can they live in a state of complete uncertainty about when they will return, since return is often so easy?
- Ryan's work on networks and the issue of how this is influenced by intended duration of stay in the receiving community.
- Osipovic's thoughts on the constraints faced by even EU migrants and how duration of stay is influenced by regulations about access to social assistance and other institutional factors
- The different impacts on the receiving and sending communities of temporary migration and migration of uncertain duration.

As researchers, we often have the feeling that we are filling in individual pieces of a mosaic, so it was good to see more of the mosaic itself, and our individual research projects will be enhanced by our better understanding of the overall context. The after-dinner discussion on Monday 7 was useful as an exercise in mapping current research in the UK and discussing future avenues. On Tuesday 7 those of us who had attended this session reported back to the other participants, and after the workshop Kathy Burrell circulated her notes to everyone. Pawel Kaczmarczyk promised to extend the section on UK-based research in the Warsaw Centre of Migration Research's 'State of the Art' report.

The Bristol City Council representatives clearly learned a great deal, and Ms Clough in particular made some very helpful contributions.

The speakers all represented 'value for money', including the three most expensive speakers, those who travelled from abroad. The two Polish speakers made a nice contrast: Kaczmarczyk presented a brilliant statistical analysis, while Cieślińska's microlevel paper contained numerous stories of individual migrants which illustrated what migration means for the 'sending community'. University of Bath catering was adequate and the speakers' campus accommodation was comfortable. The restaurant meal on 7 January was very good as well as inexpensive.

5. Breakdown of total costs for workshops (please attach evidence of expenditure)

Item	Amount
Key speakers (Travel, accommodation and subsistence)	£2,216.00
Postgraduate participation There were six postgraduates from other universities, for whom the Department of European Studies and Modern Languages (ESML) provided lunches and refreshments. This cost represents 1/3 of the ESML contribution to the workshop, which is the final column in the Breakdown of Expenses.	£77.10
Room/equipment hire Since the workshop took place in the teaching term, rooms were booked as normal teaching rooms and the costs fall within our department's general expenditure on teaching space. (This is the normal practice for workshops in ESML.)	
Administration costs	£3929.00
Printing and publicity (including conference packs) Photocopying: programmes, abstracts, papers. This was not costed separately and probably came to under £50. The publicity was all electronic.	
Other (please specify)	
Refreshments and lunches for scholars and practitioners attending the workshop (except postgraduates)	£154.20
Total expenditure	6376.30
Total contribution invoiced to CEELBAS	2216.00

7. Dissemination and further research

Please give details of dissemination of the outcomes of the workshop/project and any further research planned.

Several papers were made available in full (Cieślińska, Elrick, Garapich, White) before and at the workshop and the other speakers made available their powerpoint presentations, which were distributed in paper form at the workshop. I translated Cieślińska's paper into English, and it was available in both languages. I also sent papers electronically to people who had wanted to participate but then withdrew because of illness or other commitments.

Several participants (Cieślińska, Elrick, Hess, Ryan, White) wish to publish their papers. The editor of *Time and Society* expressed an interest in a special issue about time and migration, but his recent suggestion that there needs to be a substantial 'time theory' content now makes this option less attractive. However, the editor of *Europe-Asia Studies* has said he would be happy to consider the articles on Poland, as well as Hess's article, for a special section of *EAS*. This is the option we shall probably pursue, with a joint article by Louise Ryan and myself (bringing out the Polish, rather than the British, dimensions of our research). I may also try to publish the UK material from my own paper in *Time and Society*.

8. Signature and date

Applicant's signature

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Institutional authorisation (if required)

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This form must be accompanied by an invoice from the applicant's institution, supported by receipts or other evidence of the expenditure incurred.

Please send the completed form to the CEELBAS Administrator, SSEES, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

