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Both labor and forced migration from Global South to Global North results in considerable demographic and sociocultural changes, and together the economic crisis leads to the rise in nationalist populism. However, both politicians and experts agree that people's mobility should be viewed as an inseparable part of development. This means that integrating newcomers into the institutions of the recipient country is the only adequate response to the inflow of population. Therefore, making migrants part of the society is the key issue for today's agenda? Or in other words: how is social exclusion of newcomers avoided? It would not be exaggeration to argue that industrial countries' ability to tackle this problem will define not only their future, but the global stability as well.

Education system is one of the key institutions of migrant integration. The role of education and above all – schools is critical. Education paves the way for socialization not only for children of migrant background, but also for their parents. Society's ability to adapt to growing ethnic and cultural diversity is largely defined by the flexibility of education policy instruments. Over the last decades the European countries have accumulated considerable experience in this field. To what extent is this experience successful, and what mistakes have been made? How can this experience be applied in Russia?

Finally, the issue of migrant integration can only be considered together with the concept of "transnationalism", e.g. the social attachment of migrants to several communities. Nation states do not always take into account this factor in their attempts to integrate the newcomers ("diaspora factor"). Since Russia is both recipient and sending country, diaspora studies is important in this sense. For instance, unlocking the potential of compatriots living abroad is one of the questions for the future agenda.

The upcoming conference is aimed at initiating a discussion on all issues mentioned above by involving the leading experts on migration issues, government officials, and also representatives of migrant communities.

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SEPTEMBER 10:00–11:00 Opening/Plenary Session
THURSDAY 11:00–18:00 Sessions



09:30–10:00

Registration and Welcome coffee



10:00–11:00

Opening/Plenary Session

- What role does migration play in economic development in Russia?
- What are the possible threats of ignoring migrant interests?
- What are the approaches of migrant integration in the EU countries and Russia?
- What role does education play in migrant integration?
- What are the institutions of migrant integration in the Eurasian Economic Union?
- What legislation in migrant integration is currently underway Russia?
- What is the role of civil society in advancing migrant integration?

Moderator:

Andrey KORTUNOV,

Director General, Presidium Member,
Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

*Keynote
speakers:*

Vladimir MALAKHOV,

Director, Center for applied and theoretical political science,
Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy
and Public Administration (RANEPA)

Magne BARTH,

Head, Regional Delegation of the International Committee
of the Red Cross (ICRC) for the Russian Federation, Belarus and Moldova

Pavel ZENKOVICH,

State secretary, Deputy minister of science and education
of Russian Federation

Olga KIRILLOVA,

Head, Migration Department of the Ministry of the Interior
of Russian Federation

Oleg MALGINOV,

Head, Department for Relations with Compatriots Abroad (DRCA),
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation

Leonid KALASHNIKOV,

Head, Committee for CIS, Eurasian integration and compatriots,
State Duma of the Russian Federation



11:00–13:00

Session 1. Migrant Integration Policy: European and Russian Context

- How did the migrant integration policy of Western European countries change over the last decades?
- How can the European experience in migrant integration be applied in Russia?
- What are the limits in administrating the integration of newcomers?
- What are the success criteria of migrant integration mechanisms?
- What roles do state and civil society play in migrant integration?

Moderator:

Ivan TIMOFEEV,
Director of Programs, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

*Keynote
speakers:*

Patrick SIMON,
Director of Research, National Institute of Demographic Studies (France)

Victor KOMAROVSKY,
Head, Sector for social and labor relations and social mobility, IMEMO RAS

Yan MATUSEVICH,
Research Officer, Migration Dialogues and Cooperation, International Center
for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD, Austria)

Friedrich HECKMANN,
Professor of Sociology, Director, European Forum of Migration Studies,
University of Bamberg (Germany)

Discussion:

Teresa ALBANO,
Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Coordinator of the OSCE Economic
and Environmental Activities

Vladimir MALAKHOV,
Director, Center for theoretical and applied political science, RANEPА

Vladimir MUKOMEL,
Head, Sector for Migration and Integration Studies, Institute of Sociology RAS

*Questions
and answers*



13:00–14:00

Lunch



14:00–14:30

Presentation of the joint report by RIAC/CSR «Proposals For Russia’s Migration Strategy Through 2035»

Introduction:

Ivan TIMOFEEV,
Director of Programs, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

Sergey UTKIN,
Head, “Foreign Policy and Security” Program, Center for Strategic
Research (CSR)

Speakers:

Irina IVAKHNYUK,
Professor, member, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)

*Questions
and answers*



14:30–16:00

Session 2. Structural Aspects of Migrant Integration: Labor and Housing Markets, Medical Care

- How does migrant employment define their socialization trajectory?
- What is the correlation between migrant education and employment?
- What are the conditions for migrants on Russian big cities housing market?
- How do the social networks influence migrants' employment?
- How do migrants access medical care?

Moderator:

Irina IVAKHNYUK,

Professor, member, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)

Keynote speakers:

Dmitry POLETAEV,

Director, Center for Migration Studies, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of National Economy Forecasting, RAS

Hans Dietrich VON LOEFFELHOLZ,

Chief economist, Head of Economic Migration and Integration Research, Federal Bureau for Migration and Refugees (Germany)

Discussion:

Olga VENDINA,

Senior Research Fellow, Laboratory of Geopolitical Research, Institute of Geography, RAS

Elena KUZMINA,

Head, Section for Belarus, Moldova and Ukrainian studies, Center for Post-Soviet Studies, IMEMO RAS

Nikita MKRTCHYAN,

Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Demographic Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Irina TSAPENKO,

Head, Sector for Social and Economic Development and Migration Studies, IMEMO, RAS

Questions and answers



16:00–16:15

Coffee-break



16:15–17:45

Session 3. Migrant Integration via Education System

- What is the migrant integration experience of European education system? Is it possible to apply this experience in Russia?
- What is the place of migrants and their descendants in Russian education system?
- What barriers do migrants face in getting education?
- What mechanisms of psychological adaptation of migrants' children does Russian educational system have?
- What forms of preschool and supplementary education are available for migrants' families?

Moderator:

Timur MAKHMUTOV,

Deputy Director of Programs, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

*Keynote
speakers:*

Daniil ALEXANDROV,

Dean, St. Petersburg School of Social Sciences and Humanities, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Ekaterina DEMINTSEVA,

Head, Center for Qualitative studies of Social Policy, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Discussion:

Rustem GIBADULIN,

Director, Institute of Advanced Studies, Moscow State Pedagogical University

Anna SOLDATOVA,

Research Fellow, Department of Ethnology, Historic Faculty, Moscow State University

Alexey STAROSTIN,

Acting Head, Department of Political Science, Ural Federal University, vice-president, Center for ethnic and confessional studies, extremism and terrorism prevention

Olga TROITSKAYA,

chief specialist, Sociocenter

Julia FLORINSKAYA,

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Social Analysis and Forecasting, RANEPa

*Questions
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17:45–18:00

Closing remarks

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SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY

10:00–15:00 Sessions



09:30–10:00

Registration



10:00–12:00

Session 4. Successful experiences and challenges of migrant integration



ICRC

- How can international organizations and international and local NGOs working in the field of migration promote the social, economic and cultural inclusion of migrants in countries of destination?
- What happens when integration is not successful?
- When states do not support integration programs for labour migrants and refugees, how does it affect their children's access to education?
- How can immigrant organizations help with integration? Moreover, what are the main obstacles they face?
- What are the obstacles for local integration for people displaced by a protracted armed conflict?

Moderator:

Mark MAURER,
Protection Coordinator, ICRC Moscow Regional Delegation

Keynote speakers:

Svetlana GANNUSHKINA,
Head, Network "Migration and Law", "Memorial" Center

Konstantin TROITSKY,
Analyst, Committee "Civic Assistance"

Julia MELNICHUK,
Labour Mobility and Human Development Focal Point, IOM Moscow

Tiina SALMIO,
Planning Officer, Family Reunification and Resettlement Department, Finnish Red Cross

Zanobi TOSI,
Coordinator, First Reception and Resettlement Programme, Asylum Support Office, Oxfam Italia

Andrey YAKIMOV,
Analyst, Charity Fund for Educational and Social Projects (PSP-Foundation, Saint-Petersburg)

Discussion:

Olga NARYMSKY,
Head, Legal Office, UNHCR Office, Russia

Vyacheslav POSTAVNIN,
President, «Migration 21st Century» Foundation

Valentina CHUPIK,
Executive Director, «Tong Jahoni» Foundation

Questions and answers



12:00–13:00

Lunch



13:00–14:30

Session 5. Daily Routine As a Sphere of Spontaneous Integration

- What are the typical leisure practices of migrants?
- How do the specific cultural practices influence the (self)identification of migrants?
- What is the role of religion in migrant socialization?
- Is it possible to combine the leisure activities of migrant children with education?
- Are there any cultural practices that may help advance the convergence between indigenous population and newcomers?

Moderator:

Ekaterina DEMINTSEVA,

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Keynote speakers:

Saodat OLIMOVA,

Director, SHARK-center (Tajikistan)

Dmitry OPARIN,

Research Fellow, Center for Qualitative Social Policy Research, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Discussion:

Sergey ABASHIN,

Professor, Faculty of Anthropology, European University in Saint-Petersburg

Evgeny VARSHAVER,

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Tokhir KALANDAROV,

Senior Research Fellow, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Institute of Anthropology and Ethnic Studies, RAS

Anna ROCHEVA,

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Questions and answers



14:30–15:00

Closing remarks
