Conference on Immigration and Labour Market Integration
– A European Challenge for the 21st Century

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2017, GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN
In recent years there has been a large inflow of refugees and other immigrants to Europe. Several questions have become increasingly pressing for European countries: How can we maintain socially sustainable societies and welfare states in an era of refugee crisis? What are the best practices to integrate immigrants in the labour market? How can ethnic discrimination in the labor market be confronted in a climate of faltering willingness to receive immigrants?

Research is required to answer such questions, and innovative policies and programs are needed to find effective measures. A key aim of this international conference is to bring together researchers, policy-makers and practitioners in the field in the search for good and sustainable solutions.

Welcome to Gothenburg!

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November 13–15, 2017, Gothenburg

The conference is arranged by Work and Employment Research Centre (WE) at the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology. The purpose of WE is to promote and support research, education and innovation in the field of sustainable work and employment.

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Practicalities

Venue
School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg
Visiting Address: Vasagatan 1, Gothenburg. All keynote speeches take place in Lecture Hall C22.

Registration and information
The registration/information desk can be found outside Lecture Hall C22 at the School of Business, Economics and Law.

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**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER**

11.00  Registration opens

11.30  Lunch

12.45  Opening Address
Tomas Berglund, Professor of Sociology and Director of Work and Employment Research Centre at University of Gothenburg and Chalmers.
Birger Simonsson, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Gothenburg.

13.00  1st plenary: Director Olof Åslund
*Labor Market Entry of Non-labor Migrants – Experiences and Policy Options*

Olof Åslund is Director-General at the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU) and Professor of Economics at Uppsala University. He is also a member of the Migration Studies Delegation (Delmi). His research focuses on international migration, the labour markets of minorities, discrimination and labour market policies.

14.15  Fruit pause

14.30  Parallel sessions 1

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  Anne Britt Djuve, Hanne C Kavli

- **Internship as a Mean for Integration?**
  A critical study of the internship program for refugees at the University of Gothenburg
  Hala Alaraj, Majsa Allelin, Matilda Amundsen Bergström, Camilla Brudin Borg

- **Translating integration management**
  Andreas Diedrich

- **Integration project:**
  Matching and individual support with gender mainstreaming
  Maria Cheung, Petra Ornstein

- **Refugees in Sweden: Economic integration and wage convergence**
  Christopher Baum, Hans Lööf, Andreas Stephan

- **Unemployment risk among newly hired immigrants**
  Sven-Olov Daunfeld, Elinna Fergin-Wennberg

- **Project Premiärr Primär**
  Roya Hantash, Annika Ruys-Hagberg

- **The effect of recognition of foreign education for newly arrived immigrants**
  Andrey Tibajev, Carina Hellgren

- **Knowledge Exchange for Resource Management and International Trust – Aleppo case study**
  Rodney L. Stevens, Mohamed Alkridi, Michael Kouro

- **Soft skills as passports for entrance to the labour market. A plea for removing disfunctional obstacles to migrants’ labour market integration**
  Hans Siebers

- **Make the most of international academics in Linnaeus region**
  Elin Lindkvist, Silvia Anderchen

- **New look at Common Nordic Labour Market integration – Emigration and ex-pats returning home shaping Finnish Industrial Relations in early 1970s**
  Tapio Bergholm

- **The Socialist Party Group, Free Movement of Workers, and Labour Market Integration in the early European Communities**
  Brian Shaev

- **Insecure legal status and work: failed asylum Iraqi-Kurdish applicants in the UK**
  Eugenia Markova, Janroj Keles

- **Family friendly?: normative ideas of the worker citizen and the realities of the EU nationals’ working life in Sweden**
  Oksana Shmulyar Gréen
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|              |          | Talking about Governance: The Voices of Syrian Refugees Seeking a Foothold on the Swedish Labor Market |        | Gregg Bucken-Knapp, Zainab Fakih, Andrea Spehar |
|              |          | Breaking new grounds and building relationships. Reflections from an urban community-based tourism initiative and the ability to create an inclusive labour-market in the tourism sector |        | Ulla Gawlik, Kristina N. Lindström |
|              |          | The public employment service’s integration project – SYSKOM (SYSTEMATISERAD KOMPETENS- FÖRSÖRJNING) |        | Benjamin Bittone |
|              |          | Imagined independence among Swedish highly skilled labour migrants |        | Ylva Wallinder |
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|              |          | Unaccompanied Minors in Sweden |        | Aycan Çelikaksoy, Eskil Wadensjö |
|              |          | Integration project ”Let’s colour Gothenburg” |        | Maria Jönsson, Sara Bang, Erling Zandfeld |
|              |          | Ascriptions of employability, competence and career continuance among newly arrived migrants in Sweden |        | Hanna Li Kusterer, Claudia Bernhard-Oettel |
|              |          | “They never understood my story”. Young adults with a migration background on school failure and transitions between school and work |        | Michel Lindblad |
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|              |          | Older People in Sweden without Means: On the Importance of Age at Immigration for Being ‘Twice Poor’ |        | Hanna Mac Innes |
|              |          | Integration of Immigrants: Addressing Cultural Issues Within the Health Care Context |        | Irina Yakovleva |
|              |          | Can air pollution induce internal migration flows? Evidence from the Czech Republic |        | Jan Šulák |
|              |          | Mental well-being among Polish migrants in a changing labour market |        | Justyna Bell |
| 18.00        | Reception | The City of Gothenburg welcomes all conference delegates to a reception hosted by the City Council. Welcome greeting by Lena Malm, Lord Mayor of the City of Gothenburg. |        |                            |

**Venue:** Hyllan, School of Business, Economics and Law
### TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

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**Are migrant workers less likely to be satisfied with their jobs? Job satisfaction among workers migrating within Europe.**  
Chiara Paola Donegani, Stephen McKay

**Setting the scene: Migration and integration in the polarized labour market**  
Vedran Omanović, Denis Frank, Gabriella Elgenius

**What a match? Refugees and employers on the Danish labour market**  
Thomas Bredgaard, Trine Lund Thomsen, Per Kungshej Madsen

"Job at last" – a practical and successful example of diversity and integration  
(Case; Swedbank)  
Urban Björn

**Why Do Some Young Adults Not Graduate from Secondary School? – On the importance of how role potential models fare in Sweden’s metropolitan labour market.**  
Katarina Katz, Björn Gustafsson, Torun Österberg

**One Stop Future Shop**  
Daniela Olmunguer

**Community currencies as tools for building more inclusive cities**  
Ester Barinaga

**The Function of Art Education to Generate Social Capital and Employment**  
Ashrafosadat Mousavilar

**Immigrant Business in a Socially Segregated Community – Self-employment as an Integration Strategy in the Swedish Labor Market**  
Erik Ljungar

**Unpacking privilege: Exploring privileged migrant women’s entrepreneurship in the Swedish Labour Market**  
Dr. Natasha A. Webster, Dr. Karen Haandrikman

**Migration rules and propensity of new immigrants to start entrepreneurship in Sweden**  
Aliaksei Kazlou

**From marginalized to integration: Entrepreneurial opportunity as an acculturation process**  
Quang Evansluong, Marcela Ramírez Pasillas, Huong Nguyen Bergström

#### 10.00 Coffee

#### 10.30 2nd plenary: Lil Ljunggren Lönnberg, Chairman Dua

**Cooperation regarding the Establishment of Newly Arrived Migrants in the Labour Market**

Lil Ljunggren Lönnberg is the Chairman of the governmental Delegation for the Employment of Young People and Newly Arrived Migrants (Dua). Dua has since December 2014 been commissioned to promote cooperation between municipalities and the Public Employment Service (PES) regarding young unemployed and since the beginning of 2017 also to promote cooperation in order to gain greater impact at local level for efforts to establish newly arrived migrants in working life.

#### 11.45 Lunch

#### 13.00 3rd plenary: Professor Christian Dustmann

**Lowering Welfare Benefits: Intended and Unintended Consequences for Migrants and their Families**

Christian Dustmann is Professor of Economics at University College London and Director of the Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM). Professor Dustmann is a leading labour economist whose main research focus is on migration, education and the labour market. He has conducted important studies on the impact of immigration on the labour market and the consequences for the economy at large, as well as studies on the integration of first and second generation immigrants.
TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

14.30  Coffee

15.00-17.00  Panel discussion
Labour Market Integration of Immigrants – A European Challenge

In the panel:
Anders Kessling, State Secretary, Swedish Government
Stefan Olsson, Director, DG Employment, European Commission
Christiane Kuptsch, Senior Specialist in Migration Policy, ILO, Geneva
Anne Britt Djuve, Research Director, Fafo, Oslo
Olof Aslund, Director, IFAU, Uppsala
Moderator: Gregg Bucken-Knapp, Professor, University of Gothenburg

19.30  Conference dinner at River Restaurant on the Pier
We will enjoy dinner together at River Restaurant on the Pier with a beautiful view over the city from the waterside. Address: Dockepiren, Eriksberg, Gothenburg.
To get there, take the Älvsnabben ferry to Eriksbergs Färjeläge. Alternatively, take Bus 16 and hop off at Eriksbergstorget.
www.riverrestaurant.se
### Labour Market Integration – Policy Programs and Outcomes
Room B22
Moderator: Andrea Spehar

**The labour trajectories of immigrant women in Austria, Denmark and Sweden: Recent trends and explanations**
Andrea Spehar, Trine Lund Thomsen, Ursula Reeger

**“Future kitchen” – a labour integration project**
Jonas Peterson, Claudio Mc Conell Cepeda, Maria Helmersson

**Organizing labour market integration of immigrants – space, time and practice**
Ester Barinaga, Barbara Czarniawska, Andreas Diedrich

**Interorganizational collaboration, municipalities and labour integration through entrepreneurship stimulation**
María José Zapata Campos

### Trade Unions
Room B23
Moderator: Tomas Berglund

**Organized Interests and foreign educated professionals: The case of the associations for physicians and nurses in Sweden**
Olle Jansson

**LO’s Job and Trade Initiative**
Adnan Habibija

**In- and exclusion in Danish unionism**
Mai Lundemark

**Organizing Workers in a Changing Labour Market: The Norwegian Experience**
Isak Lekve

### Immigrant Integration Policy Programs
Room B32
Moderator: Torun Österberg

**The Swedish Refugee settlement programme and further establishment**
Petra Ahnlund, Eva Wikström

**Did the Accelerated Asylum Act work in Germany? The effects of early access to integration and language courses on refugees’ language proficiency and employment chances**
Tim Müller

**Experiences from a local activation program in Sweden – a user perspective**
Katarina Hollertz, Sara Hultqvist

**Integration network Gothenburg**
Eric Sjöberg

### 10.00 Coffee

### 10.30 4th Plenary: Professor Godfried Engbersen

**Migration-related Diversity and Labour Market Integration**

Godfried Engbersen is Professor of Sociology at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, the Netherlands. His current research activities focus on irregular migration, the relationship between restrictive migration regimes and crime, local and transnational citizenship as well as liquid migration from Central and Eastern Europe (SOPEMI) of OECD. Between 2001-2009 he was elected member of the Dutch Advisory Commission on Alien Affairs.

### 12.00- Closing speech

Bengt Furåker is Professor of Sociology and Assistant Director of Work and Employment Research Centre at University of Gothenburg and Chalmers.
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