

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
MIGRANT DESCENDANTS AND “HOMELAND RETURNS”:
IDENTITY, BELONGING AND TRANSNATIONAL MOBILITY**

May 21 - 22, 2015

Institute of Social Sciences (ICS), University of Lisbon, Portugal

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, MAY 21st

9:00-9:30: Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome

João Sardinha (CEMRI-UAb), David Cairns (CIES-IUL) and Sofia Afonso (CEHUM-UM)
José Luís Cardoso (Director of ICS)

9:45-10:45 Keynote Presentation 1

Anastasia Christou (School of Law, Middlesex University, UK) – Despicable Diasporics and Dialogic Pedagogies: Subjectivity, Social Pain and Critical Social Science

10:45-11:00 – Break

11:00-13:00 Panel 1: Citizenship and politics of return

Peter Finke (Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, University of Zurich, Switzerland) – Re-migration in Central Asia: the Case of the Kazak oralman

Christin Hess (School for Languages and Social Sciences, Aston University, UK) – Why do ‘reverse’ diasporas form among return migrants from the former Soviet Union?

Selma Porobic and Sara Saljic (Centre for Refugee and IDP Studies, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina) – The (un)wanted, forgotten and invisible – paradoxes of the international returnee politics, social marginalization and psychosocial reality of forcibly displaced in a post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ana Irene Rovetta Cortés (University of Padova, Italy) – “I am a sui generis, I am something new”: “return”, migration and belonging(s) among “Argentinean” migrant families in the regions of Galicia (Spain) and Veneto (Italy)

Larisa Lara (URMIS - Universités Paris Diderot, France) – Living as a quasi-citizen in Japan: the Brazilian Nikkeijin

13:00 -14:30 – Lunch

14:30-15:30 Keynote Presentation 2

Russell King (Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, UK) – The Quest for a Better Life: Second-Generation Turkish-Germans ‘Return’ to ‘Paradise’ (co-authored with Nilay Kilinc – University of Surrey, UK)

15:30-15:45 – Break

15:45-17:30 Panel 2: Return as a transnational cultivator

Sofía Laíz Moreira (*Equipo de Sociología de las Migraciones Internacionales, Universidade da Coruña, Spain*) – The "diffuse invisibility" and the paradigmatic transnational heritage of Argentinian roots' migrants settled in Galicia (Spain)

Jade Cemre Erciyes (*Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, UK / Centre for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Abkhazia, Republic of Abkhazia*) – Dual-transnationalism between the diaspora and the homeland: The Adyge-Abkhaz return migrants' transnational ties

Helia López Zarzosa (*Independent researcher, Chile*) – "Allá and acá (there and here): descendants of Chilean exiles, 1978-2004"

Pamela Kea (*Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex, UK*) – Cultivating Transnational and Intergenerational Ideals: The Exchange of Photographs between Migrant Parents in Britain and their Children in The Gambia

20:00 – Conference dinner



FRIDAY, MAY 22ND

9:30-10:30 Keynote Presentation 3

Zana Vathi (*Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Edge Hill University, UK*) – Educational experience and performance of Albanian-origin children upon their families return to Albania

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:30 Panel 3: Negotiating belongings and identities through return

Nina Clara Tiesler (*Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany / Instituto de Ciências Sociais – Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal*) – Ethnoheterogenesis – an alternative model for the analysis of shifting modes of belonging

Ramos Muanamoha and Inês Raimundo (*Department of Geography and Centre for Policy Analysis, Mondlane University, Angola*) – Migrant descendants living in multiple borders: the dilemma of belonging

Marcin Gońda (*Institute of Sociology, University of Lodz, Poland*) – Educational mobility as a means of return migration: the case of Polish-born students from the post-Soviet states

Sofia Afonso (*Centro de Estudos da Humanidades da Universidade do Minho – CEHUM, Universidade do Minho, Portugal*) "Returning home" is not like being home. Return as an exercise of expanding sense of belonging

12:30 -14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Keynote presentation 4

Maria Beatriz Rocha-Trindade (*Centro de Estudos das Migrações e das Relações Interculturais – Universidade Aberta, Portugal*) – Ascendants and descendants within the frameworks of Portuguese emigration and return: routes, projects and accomplishments

15:00-15:15 Break

15:15-17:00 Panel 4: From desired to tested to failed returns

Isabelle Simões Marques (Universidade Aberta / CLUNL-FCSH, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal) & **Michele Koven** (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) – “Bonnes vacances et vive le Portugal!”: the holidays as required return for migrant descendants

Rachael Owhin (School of Anthropology and School of International Development, University of Oxford) – Move Me Back: Negotiating “homeland returns” among Nigerian migrant descendants in London

Melissa Blanchard (Idemec, Aix-Marseille Université, CNRS, France) and **Francesca Sirna** (CNRS-Urmis, Nice, France) – Analyzing “return migration” as a way of testing the migration project: “culture of mobility” and/or failure of the original plan? Alpine migrants from 1970’s crisis until today

João Sardinha (Centro de Estudos das Migrações e das Relações Interculturais – Universidade Aberta, Portugal) – The returns we share: researching the ancestral homeland return and re-return trajectories of Portuguese migrant descendants from Canada through an autoethnographic lens

17:15 Documentary Film Presentation

Regressa Urgente (Return Urgent) by **João Sardinha and António João Saraiva** (Centro de Estudos das Migrações e das Relações Interculturais – Universidade Aberta, Portugal) (52 min.)

18:20-18:30 Closing session



Luso-Descendant 'Returnees' in Portugal: Identity, Belonging and Transnationalism

Conference convened by **João Sardinha** (CEMRI-UAb), **David Cairns** (CIES-IUL), **Sofia Afonso** (CEHUM-UM) and **Nuno Domingos** (ICS-UL) within the context of the research project "REPOR: Luso-Descendant 'Returnees' in Portugal: Identity, Belonging and Transnationalism" (PTDC/ATP-GEO/4567/2012) coordinated by **João Sardinha**.

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