

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Global Migration in Turbulent Times

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Conference program*

	Tue 30 Oct	Wed 31 Oct	Thu 1 Nov	Fri 2 Nov
08.30–09.00	Registration (from 8.00am)	Plenary In conversation with Professor Stephen Castles	Plenary Exploring metropolitan super-diversity through data visualisation	08.45 Opening Address
09.00–10.30	Conference Opening • Welcome to Country • UN Secretary General Welcome Video • Keynote address Plenary Global migration: who benefits, who loses?	Plenary Conflicting agendas? Multi-level responses to the governance of migration	Concurrent Dialogues 1. Migration and inequality – complex challenges under a microscope 2. Immigrant and refugee entrepreneurship: neither paradox nor panacea 3. Sexual and gender diversity: LGBTIQ migrants and refugees	Plenary Displacement and asylum – new dimensions driving an old phenomenon
10.30–11.00	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea
	Concurrent dialogues 1. First Peoples and multicultural Australia: An intercultural dialogue 2. The dynamics shifts of migration and mobility in Asia 3. Detention and deterrence: the twin pillars of migration policy today?	Workshops	Workshops	Plenary The debate: Religion divides us more than it unites us
12.30–13.30	Lunch + SSI Ignite presentation	Lunch	Lunch + SSI New Beginnings Festival Preview	Closing Ceremony
13.30–15.00	Workshops	Workshops	Plenary The Panel: Australia a multicultural paradise – myths and realities	
15.00–15.30	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	
15.30–17.00	Workshops 12 sessions	Concurrent dialogues 1. Visible and powerful - migrant voices in a connected world 2. The upsides and downsides of temporary labour migration 3. Reshaping narratives: arts and media in the age of diversity and migration	Workshops	
Evening events	19.00–21.30 Conference cultural evening Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre (register for tickets)	19.00–24.00 Conference dinner Sydney Town Hall (register for tickets)		

Special events

Mon 29 Oct	• Study tours 8 optional events at various Sydney locations (register for ticket) • PhD Program Hosted by UTS Business School (register for ticket) • 18.30–20.30 Welcome reception Museum of Contemporary Art (included in full registration tickets)
Sat 3 Nov	• 12.00–19.00 SSI New Beginnings Festival in Spring Refugee Arts & Culture Festival at Tumbalong Park Darling Harbour (free)

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Tuesday 30 Oct*

08.00–09.00	Registration		
09.00–10.30	**Conference Opening** • Welcome to Country • Violet Roumeliotis, Settlement Services International • Dr Jackie Huggins AM, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples • Howard Duncan, Metropolis Project • UN Secretary General Welcome Video – Antonio Guterres • Keynote address – **Tolu Olubunmi**, global migration advocate, World Economic Forum Migration Council and CEO of Lions Write **Plenary** **Global migration: who benefits, who loses?** Mobility in the Global North and the Global South is shaped by rapid changes and continuing inequality in the global economy. The increased globalisation of investment, production and distribution is transforming societies and economies, resulting in increasing diversity in the geographic mobility of labour. This plenary session will examine the globalisation of employment and the emerging opportunities and responsibilities for business, the public sector and trade unions to play a stronger role to maximise the benefits of migration for locals and for migrants themselves. • **Ian Goldin**, University of Oxford, UK *Migration and the Economy: Economic Realities, Social Impacts and Political Choices* • **Sharan Burrow**, International Trade Union Confederation, Brussels *Migrants and Refugees - The right to work with equal treatment* (video) • **Brendan French**, CommBank, Australia *Playing our part: Global Migration and relevance to Corporate Australia* Chair: **Dr Hass B Dellal AO**, Australian Multicultural Foundation		
10.30–11.00	**Morning tea**		
11.00–12.30	**Concurrent dialogues**		
	First Peoples and multicultural Australia: An intercultural dialogue on recognition, reconciliation, truth and collaboration Indigenous communities, migrants and refugees are an integral part of the diverse social, cultural and economic fabric of contemporary Australia. This panel of six women from different Indigenous, immigrant and refugee backgrounds will examine parallels and differences across ideas and experiences of loss and displacement. • **Jackie Huggins AM**, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Australia • **Nova Peris OAM**, olympian and public figure, Australia • **Antoinette Braybook**, Djirra, Australia • **Tasneem Chopra**, author, Australia • **Nyadol Nyuon**, lawyer, Australia • **Uieta Kaufusi**, Tongan Association of Canberra, Australia Chair: **Maria Dimopoulos**, Harmony Alliance	**Dynamics shifts of migration and mobility in Asia** Asia is experiencing some of the fastest rates of population and economic growth, accompanied by rapid change in social and political domains. The session will explore the dynamics and characteristics of modern Asian migration, associated regional and national trends and the emerging governance of migration in the region. • **Brenda Yeoh**, National University of Singapore, Singapore *Care Migrations and Gender Dynamics in Asia* • **Imelda Nicolas**, Migration Advisory Board of International Organization for Migration and Open Society Foundations and Metropolis Asia, Philippines *The ever-changing faces and diverse faces of migration in the sub-regions of Asia* • **Jawad Syed**, Lahore University, Pakistan *Diversity, intersectionality and context* • **Henry Wang**, Center for China and Globalization, China *China Global Migration Development and its Policy Impact* Chair: **Dr Sev Ozdowski AM**, Australian Multicultural Council	**Detention and deterrence: the twin pillars of migration policy today?** Globally, the concept of deterrence is increasingly embedded in policy and practice in response to various forms of irregular migration and often goes hand in hand with detention. This session will facilitate a dialogue on deterrence policies and practice with researchers, policy makers, practitioners and community voices at a global, regional and national level. • **Rez Gardi**, Empower, New Zealand • **Catherine Wihtol de Wenden**, Centre for International Studies and Research, France • **Daniel Webb**, Human Rights Legal Centre, Australia • **Gloria Careaga**, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico • **Paris Aristotle AO**, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture, Australia • **Franck Duvell**, DeZIM, Berlin and University of Oxford, UK • **Paul Power**, Refugee Council of Australia, Australia Chair: **Jan Fran**, SBS
12.30–13.30	**Lunch** + SSI Ignite presentation		

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13.30–15.00	**Workshops** • Global mobility and employment • Magnifying youth voices: The Youth Collective, engaging locally to influence globally • Innovation and challenges in migration governance • Inclusion and inequity • Strength in languages, cultures and stories • Pathways to refugee wellbeing • Resettlement from global to local – Part 1 • Refugee children: reception, resettlement and integration • Attracting and integrating skilled migrants: national and local responses in an increasingly competitive arena • International graduate migrants' career development and employability: Comparing Japan and Australia • Challenges for newcomers to Australia • An evidence base: the realities of multiculturalism, settlement and belonging in Australia • Fostering inclusion and integration • Refugee Resettlement in Regional Australia • The NSW Refugee Employment Support Program
15.00–15.30	**Afternoon tea**
15.30–17.00	**Workshops** • Maximising employment potential: the role of business and entrepreneurship • Emerging protection policies and processes • Religion - a barrier or a bridge to belonging? • Inequality in the labour market • Policy shifts in the governance of migration • The Tell Your Story Project • Resettlement from global to local – Part 2 • Intercultural competency advantage • Framing multiculturalism, diversity and employment in Australia • Comparison of support services and their impact on the labour market integration of skilled workers in selected countries • Temporal realities of established migrant groups in Australia • Diverse trajectories in mobility and migration • The voice of multicultural students, teachers and parent bodies in building harmony within school communities • Refugee and host community participation in the Global Compact on Refugees: the case of Turkey
Evening	19.00-21.30 **Conference cultural evening** Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre (register for tickets) Join us for a celebration Australia's First Nations' arts and culture at the Seymour Centre. Proudly presenting two outstanding acts, we honour and acknowledge the world's oldest living culture and are excited to share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dance, music and history with national and international delegates. The evening will feature performances by **NAISDA Dance College** – Australia's premier Indigenous training college, followed by the masterful musical sensitivity of **Gawurra**, a Yolngu award-winning musician hailing from Milingimbi (Yurrwi), North East Arnhem Land. Ticket includes canapes and drinks on arrival, followed by fork dishes and drinks at interval. **Guest Speaker:** **Lucy Taksa**, Settlement Services International

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Wednesday 31 Oct*

08.30–09.00	Plenary **In conversation with Professor Stephen Castles** Stephen Castles has been a cutting-edge migration scholar and migration theorist for the past 50 years. In this special session, Stephen will share reflections on his work and explore possible trends and their meaning for human mobility in the 21st century. **Interviewer: Janice Petersen, SBS**
09.00–10.30	Plenary **Conflicting agendas? Multi-level responses to the governance of migration** The governance of migration has long been a thorny issue at local, regional, national and international levels. This session reflects on the agendas of migration policy makers at all levels. It will offer insights into ways to maximise the benefits and minimise the risks for migrants and for the societies and cities they move to. The focus is on the conflicts and developments in migration governance and how these are shaping the nature of cities, national sovereignty and global governance. • **Marina Manke**, International Organisation for Migration, Geneva *The Global Compact for Migration and the new partnership paradigm for transforming migration into a true enabler of sustainable development* • **David Manicom**, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada *Inclusion in the Age of Anger? Reflection on Canada's Model of Managed Migration* • **Alan Gamlen**, Monash University, Australia *Global Policy Shopping and Bad Diaspora Practices* • **Carolina Gottardo,** Jesuit Refugee Service and Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, Australia *The Global Compact for Migration: development, opportunities, tensions and challenges* • **Imelda Nicolas**, Migration Advisory Board of International Organization for Migration and Open Society Foundations and Metropolis Asia, Philippines *An overview and review of the ASEAN regional response to migration and mobility* Chair: **Prof Peter Shergold AC,** NSW Coordinator-General for Refugee Resettlement
10.30–11.00	**Morning tea**
11.00–12.30	Workshops • Migrants and refugees in the workplace • Refugees aiming to thrive: lessons from around the world • Strategies and supports to address inequality • Multiculturalism in Australia: dilemmas and successes • Understanding pathways to refugee settlement • Helping migrants and refugees navigate the complexity of skill recognition • Migrant communities and health equity • Australia compared to Canada's level of reliance on skilled health worker migration: the latest policy developments • Syrian conflict refugees: policy responses and settlement outcomes in Scandinavia, Europe, North America and Australasia • Asian diasporas in Australia (Joint Workshop of Metropolis Asia) • Community sponsorship: a tool for expanding pathways for refugees • Voices and values in multicultural contexts • Migration Policies in the Context of the Increased Influx in 2014-2016 in Europe • Facilitating better employment outcomes through innovative skill recognition models • Doorways to the future: Young Refugees reimagining educational and employment aspirations
12.30–13.30	**Lunch**

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13.30–15.00

Workshops

- Drains and gains in mobility in the Asia-Pacific
- New insights in migrant and refugee research and practice
- Intercultural connections and inequality
- Multicultural Australia: myths and realities
- Language and communication in the age of super-diversity: Australia's pioneering experience
- Policies to integrate newcomers into work across Europe: a lasting paradigm shift
- Migrant voices: reframing the narrative
- International student mobility: perspectives from Australia, Canada and the US
- Metropolis Asia Secretariat meeting
- Syrian conflict refugees: policy responses and settlement outcomes in Scandinavia, Europe, North America and Australasia
- CommBank Reimagining the inclusion of vulnerable migrants into our financial systems
- Integration begins at work - facilitating successful Labour Market Integration of Newcomers
- Local Government and social cohesion: Time for a national network?
- Listening to young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds: youth voices on participation and empowerment
- "If they run we run, if they stop we stop" – How to support refugee employees and upcoming entrepreneurs in demanding business locations

15.00–15.30 **Afternoon tea**

15.30–17.00

Concurrent dialogues

Address: **Mr Chin Tan,** Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission

Visible and powerful: migrant voices in a connected world

Public discourse in traditional and social media around the 'hot-button' topic of migration is increasingly more polarised and divisive. This session will look at the ways that migrants and refugees shape policy and practice, and contribute to public discourse in the area of migration.

- **Tolu Olubunmi**, global migration advocate and CEO of Lions Write
  When Lions Learn To Write - The Game Changing Advocacy of Migrants
- **Andrew Jakubowicz**, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
  The Internet as a terrain of conflict over migrant rights and presence
- **Karim Albrem**, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council, Germany
  Bringing young people's lived experience closer to the heart of decision-making
- **Brenda Yeoh**, National University of Singapore, Singapore
  Growing Up in Transnational Families: Children's Agency and Parental Migration in Southeast Asia

Chair: **Carla Wilshire OAM**, Migration Council of Australia

Upsides and downsides of temporary labour migration

Temporary labour migration has increased in most countries today This session will explore the extent to which temporary labour migration, both now and into the future, can find a better balance for business, workers and nation-states in a rapidly changing global economy.

- **Innes Willox**, Australian Industry Group, Australia
- **David Manicom**, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada
- **Jo-anne Schofield**, United Voice, Australia
- **Henry Wang**, Center for China and Globalization, China
- **Michael Bennett**, CEO, HTN, Australia

Chair: **Anton Enus**, SBS

Reshaping narratives: arts and media in the age of diversity and migration

The increasing cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity of contemporary society's fuel new challenges and opportunities in the arts and the media. This session will examine policies, research and practice which advance inclusion in the arts and media, and realise the creative aspirations of people from minority backgrounds.

- **Abid Hussain**, Arts Council of England, UK
  From Policy to Practice - Making the case for Diversity in Arts and Culture in turbulent times?
- **Susie Jones**, SBS, Australia
  TBA
- **Wendy Were**, Australia Council, Australia
  Increasing public value through diversity in Australian arts and audiences
- **Lena Nahlous**, Diversity Arts Australia
  What is the Australian Voice?

Chair: **Mary Patetsos,** Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia

Evening

19.00–24.00

Conference dinner

Sydney Town Hall (register for tickets)

Located in the heart of the city, Sydney's Town Hall is an iconic building with spectacular heritage architecture and interior decoration. Enjoy an evening of fine dining and entertainment including a sumptuous 3-course meal with fine Australian beverages. Then put your dance shoes on for **Cumbiamuffin**, a Latin American group of musicians performing the traditional sounds of 'cumbia', the most joyful and danceable musical genre in Latin America. This music brings together rhythms and melodies influenced by African, Indigenous and European cultures.

Guest Speakers: **Senator Linda Reynolds**, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs
Hon. Tony Burke MP, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Australia and Citizenship

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Thursday 1 November*

08.30–09.00

Plenary

Exploring metropolitan super-diversity through data visualisation

The concept of "super-diversity" refers to the multi-dimensional character of social difference in 21st century gateway cities. This session will provide an overview of data visualisation of 'big data' on various dimensions of metropolitan super-diversity in Sydney, Vancouver and Auckland.

- **Paul Spoonley**, Massey University, New Zealand
- **Steven Vertovec**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany
- **Dan Hiebert**, University of British Columbia, Canada
- **Alan Gamlen**, Monash University, Australia

09.00–10.30

Concurrent dialogues

Migration and inequality: complex challenges under a microscope

Migration can be both a consequence and a cause of inequality, and this has been an abiding theme in migration policy debates. This session will explore migration and inequality with a focus on how migrants and refugees are achieving social and political inclusion within and across borders.

- **Catherine Wihtol de Wenden**, Centre for International Studies and Research, France
  Migrants and refugees: which hospitality?
- **Peggy Levitt**, Wellesley College and Harvard University, USA
  Transnational Social Protection - How Migrants Protect and Provide for Themselves Across Borders Particularly When States Do Not
- **Cassandra Goldie**, Australian Council of Social Services, Australia
  Migration and social inclusion: poverty, inequality and the social safety net
- **Abid Hussain**, Director Diversity, Arts Council of England, UK
  Shifting Perspectives: Empowering Migrant Voices in Arts and Culture
- **Yamamah Agha**, Settlement Services International, Australia
  Building on Strong Foundations: Fostering integration through settlement services

Chair: **Helen Kapalos**, Victorian Multicultural Commission

Immigrant and refugee entrepreneurship: neither paradox nor panacea

Historically, immigrants and refugees have set up businesses where they have settled. This session will shed light on the policies, practice and experience of migrant and refugee entrepreneurship and what is needed at the policy level to realise the potential to deliver stronger social and economic integration in rapidly changing global business models.

- **Marina Manke**, International Organisation for Migration, Geneva
  Partnership and policy coherence to maximize development benefits from migration – a case for entrepreneurship
- **Pino Migliorino AM**, Cultural Perspectives, Australia
  Seizing opportunities: the place of migrant and refugee entrepreneurship in shaping Australia
- **Jock Collins**, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
  The Apparent Paradox of Refugee Entrepreneurship in Australia
- **Jan Rath**, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
  The mixed embeddedness of migrant entrepreneurship
- **Yarrie Bangura**, Aunty's Ginger Tonic, Australia
  Giving back to Australia: the story of Aunty's Ginger Tonic

Chair: Dai Le, Fairfield City Council and DAWN Network

Sexual and gender diversity: LGBTIQ migrants and refugees

According to the most recent international survey, there are more than 70 countries that criminalise sexual orientation. While there have been marked improvements in the protection and recognition of LGBTIQ people across the world, disparities and long-held societal attitudes remain. This session will facilitate a dialogue on the potential of migration to transform the boundaries of culture, ethnicity, sexuality, gender and identity.

- **Gloria Careaga**, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico
  Migration and mobility of LGBTIQ people across borders
- **Alissar Gazal**, feminist, artist and activist, Australia
  Gathering and dancing to the beat of their own drum: Club Arak
- **Rez Gardi**, Empower, New Zealand
- **Arash Bordbar**, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council, Australia

Chair: **Patrick Abboud**, SBS

10.30–11.00 **Morning tea**

11.00–12.30

Workshops

- Labour migration pathways in Asia
- Stories and storytelling: bridges to understanding
- Addressing complexities in inequality
- Impacts of changing migration pathways in Australia
- The evaluation of research, migration flows and policy debates over two decades
- Fostering intercultural competence and diversity within the public sector
- Amplifying authentic migrant voices
- Reimagining refugee integration: innovative pathways to employment & entrepreneurship
- Forced displacement: in search of fairer country protections and community resilience
- Indigenous Peoples and Newcomer Settlement: call for action?
- CommBank Reimagining the inclusion of vulnerable migrants into our financial systems
- Exploring metropolitan super-diversity through data visualisation
- Identifying inclusive indicators to measure integration

12.30–13.30 **Lunch** + SSI New Beginnings Festival Preview

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Thursday 1 November* continued

13.30–13.45	Address: **Hon. David Coleman MP**, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Australia
13.45–15.00	Plenary **The Panel:** **Australia as a multicultural paradise: myths and realities** Australia is often seen as a 'new' or 'settler' nation, despite being home to the oldest continuous culture in the world. Since the early 1970s, Australia has largely moved from exclusionary entrance (the White Australia Policy) and assimilationist policies towards non-discriminatory immigration selection and multicultural settlement policies. This session will unpack the place of migration in modern Australia, the pressure points in multiculturalism and the economic and socio-political arguments for and against migration. • **George Megalogenis**, author and journalist, Australia • **Hon. Linda Burney, MP**, Australia • **Andrew Markus**, Monash University, Australia • **Nancy DiTomaso**, Rutgers Business School, USA • **Randa Abdel-Fattah**, author and Macquarie University, Australia • **Ghassan Hage**, University of Melbourne, Australia Chair: **Emma Alberici**, journalist and TV presenter
15.00–15.30	**Afternoon tea**
15.30–17.00	Workshops • Moving to learn: educational mobility • Migrants and refugees: testimonies of belonging • Opening doors to inclusion and participation • Inequality and vulnerabilities • Boosting the sisterhood: how women can promote the voices of young women • Innovative approaches to migration and labour mobility – qualifications and skills assessment • Disrupting racism in the digital age • Learning language at the workplace • Visible and powerful: refugee voices in a connected world • Forced displacement: in search of fairer country protections and community resilience • Beyond anecdotes: Trends and case studies from around the world on what's working - and why - in migration • The commodity of International Students: the experiences of the people behind the profits • Settlement sector conversation

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Friday 2 November*

08.45–9.00	Opening Address
09.00–10.30	Plenary **Displacement and asylum: new dimensions driving an old phenomenon** Overlapping issues of conflict and instability, economic inequality, climate change and environmental disasters, persecution and a lack of human rights and opportunities are all part of the surge in displacement, both internal and across borders, globally. The complexity and scale of displacement has led to fissures and 'crises' in long-standing policy settings for refugees. This session will deepen understanding of the contemporary dimensions of displacement and asylum on policy settings in light of the two Global Compacts. The focus is on actions that can be taken at international, regional and local levels to address this multifaceted phenomenon, including displacement in the context of climate change. • **Jane McAdam**, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW, Australia *Disasters, Climate Change and Displacement: Is the Global Compact for Migration a Game-Changer?* • **Ursula Rakova**, activist, Tulele Peisa, Papua New Guinea *Carterets Islanders Responding to Climate Change and displacement* • **Franck Duvell**, German Centre for Integration and Migration Research, Berlin and University of Oxford, UK *Key conclusions drawn from the European refugee crisis* • **Karim Albrem**, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council, Germany *Rebuilding lives in Europe: Sharing my experiences and good practices of supporting the integration, self-reliance and mental health of refugees.* Chair: **Victor Duranti**, Multicultural NSW
10.30–11.00	**Morning tea**
11.00–12.30	Plenary **The Debate:** **Religion divides us more than it unites us** Issues around religion loom large in discussions of migrants and integration in contemporary societies. Public discourses around religious minorities commonly focus on perceived 'differences' and barriers to pluralism and secularism. Yet religious affiliation can also provide bonds and bridges that increase a migrant's sense of belonging. This moderated debate will tackle the relationship between religious affiliation, secularism and the political process. • **Farida Fozdar**, University of Western Australia, Australia • **Jawad Syed**, Lahore University, Pakistan • **Sunil Badami**, author and journalist, Australia • **Peggy Levitt**, Wellesley College and Harvard University, USA Debate Moderator: **Dr Simon Longstaff AO**, The Ethics Centre, Australia
12.30–13.30	In conversation: **Howard Duncan**, Metropolis Project and **Paul Spoonley**, Massey University Closing ceremony and 2019 Metropolis preview, Ottawa, Canada Chair: **Elisabeth Shaw**, Settlement Services International

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