

CHALLENGES OF CONTEMPORARY MIGRATIONS

28th annual AEMI meeting | Poland, Gdynia, 3-6 October 2018



The 28th annual AEMI meeting will take place in the Emigration Museum in Gdynia, Poland, based in the historic building of the Marine Station, which for decades functioned as the emigration station for thousands of people.

The aim of the Conference is to launch a debate on the contemporary challenges of migration, its different aspects, aims, conditions, evaluations and perspectives. The conference will pay particular attention to the historical perspective and the cultural heritage in terms of migration. It will also examine differences between how people migrate today and how they did it in the past and will focus on existing migration infrastructure. There will be discussion of emigrants' image in the public discourse with special regard to populist actions and remarks. Another field of interest concerns European migration flows after 2004 and its impact on the Member States as well as the EU as a whole. Finally, the conference will offer a unique perspective on the challenges of the integration of immigrants and intends to reveal how to integrate immigrants and what model or best practice is to be used.

Papers can present both group and individual cases that represent general issues. Suggested topics should offer historical, sociological, legal, political and anthropological approaches to the issues.

Proposed themes of the next AEMI meeting include among others:

- historical aspects of migration flows
- cultural heritage in the context of migration
- past and present use of migration's infrastructure
- conditions and standards of people's movements across centuries
- differences between how people migrate today and it in the past
- impact of populism on immigration policies
- the future and perspectives of immigration policy
- pros and cons of post enlargement migration in Central Eastern Europe from the perspective of sending and receiving countries
- analysis of economic, demographic, social and political aspects of post enlargement migration
- multicultural, intercultural and "closed door" policies. Which way forward?
- challenges of the integration of immigrants

Workshop for AEMI members will focus on the role of cultural institutions and municipalities in the integration of migrants. Each of the AEMI has their own models, policies and strategies with regard to migrants - taking

into consideration municipalities and institutions. The workshop aim is to stimulate exchange of best practise examples between the members of their experiences. Another aspects of the workshop will cover the migration terminology and definitions such as migrant, refugee, diaspora etc.

All those interested are encouraged to participate – both as presenters and as auditors.

The conference organizers will not provide the accommodation during the conference. More information about the accommodation will be sent soon. Conference participation is free of charge. The language of the conference will be English.

The deadline for conference paper proposals (to be submitted on the attached form) is March 23rd, 2018. Please enclose, along with the proposal, an abstract of your paper of up to 300-400 words in English and a short CV.

Submissions and additional questions should be sent to:

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