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CALL FOR PAPERS: "Recent Migratory Processes and Europe: Challenges and Opportunities"

Location: Georgia, Tbilisi
Date: September (last week)
Venue: TBC
Languages: Georgian and English

Recent years have witnessed intensification of both international and internal mobility in the EU countries that call for rapid and innovative approaches to effectively tackle emergent challenges. With more and more individuals engaged in various types of migratory movements, their immediate impact of migration on socio-economic and cultural fabric of the EU member states becomes an important topic to investigate. Further inquiries are needed to understand migrants' strategies in the changing receiving countries' environments, what are the implications of large-scale inflows of immigrants to local and national economies, or what security implications such inflows might have. Not less important are incorporation of gendered approaches to studying emigration, immigration and return migration in the region. This conference is designed to address challenges and opportunities of recent migratory processes to and from the EU, and in doing so, foster academic exchange and evidence-based policy making in the field.

Selected topics for the conference would include:

- **Migration and Demographic Prospects in Europe/EU**
- **Economy and Migration in Europe/EU: Pluses and Minuses**
- **Migrants' Integration: Evidence from Europe/EU**
- **Migration and Security Challenges in Europe/EU**
- **Migration and future of the Europe/EU**
- **Migration and Development: further strategies for Europe/EU**

A two-day conference is envisaged as a unique opportunity for international and local scholars to come together to share their research findings to foster our understanding of migration from a broader inter-regional perspective. Applications are welcomed both from established and young scholars, including MA and PhD students. Selected number of extended abstracts will be published in conference proceedings.

Abstracts (250 words, in MS Word format, in English (each abstract should be accompanied by author/authors contact information, and short - 100 word - author bios), must be sent to the organisers by **July 15, 2016** at: scmi-secretariat@sda.gov.ge.

Notifications of acceptance: **July 30, 2016**.

Notification of exact date of the conference: **August, 5, 2016**.

Full paper submission (5-6 thousand words): **August, 31, 2016**.

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Conference Program: **First week of September, 2016.**

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Please, address your additional inquiries to: scmi-secretariat@sda.gov.ge.

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