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Dear all,

ICMPD has the pleasure to invite interested students and researchers to the **Migration Lecture Series** organised by the **EU-funded ENIGMMA project** and given by Professor Jan Rath from the University of Amsterdam. The Migration Lecture Series is scheduled to take place on **18 and 19 December 2014 at the Tbilisi State University** (18:00 to 20:00 in room 115 of I building of TSU). The lectures are organised within the framework of the EU-funded ENIGMMA project's ("Enhancing Georgia's Migration Management") academia lecture series.

All students and researchers who are interested in attending the Migration Lecture Series are kindly encouraged to prepare for the lectures by **reading the material** saved here: www.enigmma.ge/cooperation-with-academia/.

The lectures will be divided into two parts:

1. **International migration**
2. **Immigrant integration**

The **international migration** lecture will focus on today's age of mobility, notably the international mobility of people across national borders. People are crossing borders in ever greater numbers in pursuit of opportunity and a better life. While the share of international migrants in the world population has been stable over the past twenty years, the absolute number has increased considerably. There is no doubt that international migration has changed the face of the world. This guest lecture will offer a general introduction to international migration and present theoretical and empirical perspectives on a range of important topics. The lecture will first discuss the concepts of the migrant and of international migration. It will then provide statistical evidence of international migratory flows, and problematise a number of common sense notions about migration. Thereafter it will present an overview of different types of migrations, and touch upon their size, root causes, direction, and nature. Finally, the lecture will provide a brief description of some of the theories of international migration.

The **immigrant integration** lecture will focus on how migratory movements in combination with new technologies and increased wealth have changed the face of the nation. The process of incorporation of immigrants varies from city to city and from country to country, but also from one institutional field to the other. A growing number of scholars have taken an interest in these issues and they have produced a large body of literature in which they describe and analyse these dynamics in various different terms: inclusion, adjustment, absorption, integration, assimilation, etc. This lecture will offer an introduction to immigrant incorporation studies from a historical, empirical and theoretical perspective. Beyond showcasing and discussing a number of important theoretical perspectives on immigrant incorporation, the lecture will also explore incorporation in action in different fields, policy issues and normative dimensions. Are we witnessing ethnic convergence or perseverance? What about racism? And what is the role, if any, of governmental interventions in the process of incorporation?

Registration by 12 December: enigmma@icmpd.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have any questions.