The 2012 Spring Conference  
Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies  
Florida International University

Changing Patterns of Nationalism, Ethnocentrism, and Immigrant Accommodation in the 21st Century

MARC Pavilion  
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Over the last few decades the United States has experienced a major transition in the composition of its population, as immigration and declining birth rates of native-born citizens have combined to dramatically alter prevailing ethnic, racial, and religious profiles. Numerous European countries have experienced similar shifts. Such changes are almost always a source of social and political tensions, but contemporary conditions of economic recession, financial crisis, high unemployment, diminished social safety nets, and concerns over international terrorism, among other factors, have presumably exacerbated these tendencies. This conference will explore how these tensions concerning nationalism and national identity, exclusionary and ethnocentric claims, and immigrant adaptation are reflected in contemporary public discourse and the political arena.

Sessions

9:30 am – 10:00 am. **Welcoming Remarks**

- John M. Stack, Director, School of International and Public Affairs, Florida International University
- A. Douglas Kincaid, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University

10:00 am – noon. **Formation and Reproduction of Nationalist and Immigrant Identities**

Chair: Richard Tardanico, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University
- Sarah J. Mahler, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. “No-one is Born Integrated: Applying Insights about Infant Enculturation and Culture as Comfort to Immigrant Acculturation and Integration”

- Matthew Stearmer, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. “Diaspora Populations, Nationalism and Radicalization: The Role of Host Country Integration on Home State Radicalization”

- Cynthia Malakasis, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. “’Our Ancestors’ Bones Will Rattle’: The Discursive Use of the Nation’s Past(s) in Contemporary Immigration Debates”

- William H. Westermeyer, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. “Discourses of Government Power and ‘Proper’ American Citizenship among Tea Party Chapters in Central North Carolina”

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm. *Religion, Diversity and Ethnocentrism in Nationalist Politics*

Chair: Marco Martiniello, Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), University of Liege, Belgium

- Patricia Ehrkamp, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky. “Immigration, Places of Worship, and the Politics of Citizenship in the US South”

- Louisa Roberts, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. “Leftist Anti-Semitism and the Influence of Nationalistic Thought in France, Germany, and Britain from the French Revolution to World War II”

- Nicola Pasini, Department of Social and Political Studies, University of Milan, Italy. "Immigration, Nationalism, Multi-Ethnicity, and Right-Wing Parties in Western Europe"

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm *The Politics of Place in Immigrant Labor Markets and Accommodation*

Chair: Sarah J. Mahler, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University
Andrew Schrank, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico. “The Politics of Immigration in the Southwestern United States: A Comparison of Arizona and New Mexico”

Alex Stepick, Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies, Florida International University. “Miami: Still the City on the Edge?”

Peo Hansen, Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society, Linkopings University, Sweden. “Circular Migration or Labor Migration without the Migrants? Managing the ‘Demographic Deficit’ in an Anti-Immigration Europe”

5:30 – 6:45 pm. Keynote Address and Reception