



International
Metropolis Conference
29 October–2 November 2018
Sydney • Australia



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Global Migration in Turbulent Times



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	07.00–09.00 International Women's Business Breakfast Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf (purchase tickets here)
09.00–10.30	Conference Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Migration and inequality – complex challenges under a microscope Immigrant and refugee entrepreneurship: neither paradox nor panacea 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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First Peoples and multicultural Australia: An intercultural dialogue The dynamics shifts of migration and mobility in Asia 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 + CommBank Innovation Lab Presentation	Lunch	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 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Visible and powerful - migrant voices in a connected world The upsides and downsides of temporary labour migration 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Conference Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Country • UN Secretary General Welcome Video – Antonio Guterres • Keynote address – Tolu Olubunmi, advocate and World Economic Forum Migration Council, USA <p>Plenary</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Goldin, University of Oxford, UK • Sharan Burrow, International Trade Union Confederation, Brussels • Brendan French, CommBank, Australia <p>Chair: Dr Hass B Dellal AO, Australian Multicultural Foundation</p>		
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11.00–12.30	<p>Concurrent dialogues</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Huggins, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Australia • Antoinette Braybook, Djirra, Australia • Munya Andrews, Evolve Communities, Australia • Tasneem Chopra, author, Australia • Nyadol Nyuon, lawyer, Australia • Uieta Kaufusi, Tongan Association of Canberra, Australia <p>Chair: Maria Dimopoulos, Harmony Alliance</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Yeoh, National University of Singapore, Singapore • Imelda Nicolas, Migration Advisory Board of International Organization for Migration and Open Society Foundations and Metropolis Asia, Philippines • Jawad Syed, Lahore University, Pakistan • Henry Wang, Center for China and Globalization, China <p>Chair: Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Australian Multicultural Council</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture, Australia • Franck Duvell, Oxford University, UK • Paul Power, Refugee Council of Australia, Australia <p>Chair: Jan Frank, SBS</p>
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15.00–15.30	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
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Evening	<p>19.00-21.30 Conference cultural evening Everest Theatre, Seymour Centre (register for tickets)</p> <p>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.</p>

Wednesday 31 Oct*

08.30–09.00	<p>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</p>
09.00–10.30	<p>Plenary Conflicting agendas? Multi-level responses to the governance of migration The governance of migration has long been a thorny issue at local, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Manke, International Organisation for Migration, Geneva • David Manicom, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Canada • Alan Gamlen, Monash University, Australia • Imelda Nicolas, Migration Advisory Board of International Organization for Migration and Open Society Foundations and Metropolis Asia, Philippines • Carolina Gottardo, Jesuit Refugee Service, Australia <p>Chair: Prof Peter Shergold AC, NSW Coordinator-General for Refugee Resettlement</p>
10.30–11.00	<p>Morning tea</p>
11.00–12.30	<p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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Evening	<p>19.00–24.00</p> <p>Conference dinner Sydney Town Hall (register for tickets)</p> <p>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.</p>					

Thursday 1 November*

08.30–09.00	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Concurrent dialogues</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, Centre for International Studies and Research, France • Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College and Harvard University, USA • Cassandra Goldie, Australian Council of Social Services, Australia • Abid Hussain, Director Diversity, Arts Council of England, UK • Yamamah Agha, Settlement Services International, Australia <p>Chair: Helen Kapalos, Victorian Multicultural Commission</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina Manke, International Organisation for Migration, Geneva • Pino Migliorino, Cultural Perspectives, Australia • Jock Collins, University of Technology Sydney, Australia • Jan Rath, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands • Yarrrie Bangura, Aunty’s Ginger Tonic, Australia <p>Chair: Dai Le, Fairfield City Council and DAWN Network</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloria Careaga, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico • Rez Gardi, Empower, New Zealand • Arash Bordbar, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council, Australia • Ghassan Kassisieh, lawyer, Australia <p>Chair: Patrick Abboud, SBS</p>
10.30–11.00	<p>Morning tea</p>		
11.00–12.30	<p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Lunch + SSI New Beginnings Festival Preview</p>		

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Thursday 1 November* continued

13.30–15.00	<p>Plenary</p> <p>Address: Hon. Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Home Affairs, Australia</p> <p>The Panel:</p> <p>Australia as a multicultural paradise: myths and realities</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 human rights activist, Australia• Ghassan Hage, University of Melbourne, Australia <p>Chair: Emma Alberici, ABC</p>
15.00–15.30	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
15.30–17.00	<p>Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Friday 2 November*

07.00–09.00	<p>International Women's Business Breakfast Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf (purchase tickets here)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, Premier of NSW • Violet Roumeliotis, CEO, Settlement Services International • Nancy DiTomaso, Rutgers Business School, USA
09.00–10.30	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane McAdam, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, UNSW, Australia • Franck Duvell, University of Oxford, UK • Karim Albrem, UNHCR Global Youth Advisory Council, Germany • Ursula Rakova, activist, Tulele Peisa, Papua New Guinea <p>Chair: TBC</p>
10.30–11.00	<p>Morning tea</p>
11.00–12.30	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Debate Moderator: Dr Simon Longstaff AO, The Ethics Centre, Australia</p>
12.30–13.30	<p>Closing ceremony</p>

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