



Integration Futures

22 – 24 October 2008

Monash University Prato Centre

Cover: Outside the old gate in the walled town of Prato

Foreword

Integration Futures is the third in a series of conferences which the Metropolis Project, the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements, and the Australian Multicultural Foundation have hosted at the fine Monash Centre in Prato. The first two – on Multicultural Futures and Immigration Futures – were highly successful and widely read publications ensued from them.

The Integration Futures Conference gathers together a diversified, highly qualified group of scholars and other experts to consider the new focus of integration policies in many countries. This shift has moved some countries away from an earlier emphasis on enabling newcomers by providing settlement and employment services towards the creation and preservation of social cohesion and national identities. The conference will ask whether this shift in some countries will spread elsewhere.

The conference will consider key issues such as social engineering; citizenship; multicultural policy; the second generation; political integration; and options for policy. It will do so in the context of a rapidly changing, mobile world, in which the challenges to peaceful integration of new waves of immigrants in many countries are greater than before.

The Metropolis Project, the Australian Multicultural Foundation, and Monash University are delighted once more to be partners for this Conference. It will, we are sure, be stimulating and instructive for those who attend, and will also produce published outputs of lasting value and influence.



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Executive Head
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Dr Hass Dellal OAM
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Professor John Nieuwenhuysen AM
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Pre-conference – Wednesday 22 October 2008

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm **Walking tour of Chinese life in Prato (optional)**
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm **Cocktail Reception**
Monash University Prato Centre
- Welcome**
Dr Annamaria Pagliaro Director, Monash University Prato Centre

Day 1 – Thursday 23 October 2008

- 9:00 - 9:30 am **Opening**
Dr Hass Dellal OAM Executive Director, Australian Multicultural Foundation
Dr Howard Duncan Executive Head, Metropolis Project
Chair: Professor John Nieuwenhuysen AM Director, Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements
- 9:30 - 10:30 am **Keynote address: Integration – From Settlement to Social Engineering?**
A broad survey of the shift in policies and discourse on integration over the past decade. From the earlier emphasis on settlement services and employment, the new focus of integration in many countries seems to be the preservation of social cohesion, a mainstream national identity and culture, and mainstream core values. Are we headed in the right direction?
Professor Rainer Bauböck European University Institute
Chair: Professor Marie McAndrew University of Montréal
- 10:30 - 11:00 am **Morning Tea**
- 11:00 - 12:45 pm **Session 1: The Impact of Immigration and Citizenship Policies on Integration**
Policies for the admission and naturalization of immigrants vary greatly across immigrant-receiving nations. Certain European countries have enacted more restrictive policies in recent times. Other countries like Canada and Australia have shifted their selection policies in favour of highly-skilled immigrants. What is the impact of such policies on integration?
Professor Aristide Zolberg New School for Social Research, NY
Professor Kay Hailbronner University of Konstanz
Professor Andrew Jakubowicz University of Technology, Sydney
Ms Deborah Tunis Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Chair: Associate Professor Maryann Wulff Monash University
- 12:45 - 2:00 pm **Lunch**
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm **Session 2: Integration and Multiculturalism Policy**
The reception of immigrants within their host society is influenced by the policies and practices used to manage diversity. Is the approach to multiculturalism changing? How are demands from minorities for “reasonable accommodation” related to cultural differences being addressed in various countries?
Professor Marie McAndrew University of Montréal
Associate Professor Randall Hansen University of Toronto
Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian AM Community Relations Commission, NSW Australia
Mr Rabin S. Baldewsingh Deputy Mayor – The Hague
Chair: Sarah Spencer CBE Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS)
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm **Afternoon tea**
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm **Session 3: The Integration of the Second Generation: Education, Labour Market and Other Outcomes**
It is recognized that integration is a lengthy process, often spanning more than one generation. How are the children of immigrants adapting to their host societies? What are the education and labour market outcomes of second and third-generation generation immigrants? Are integration policies in these domains on track or do they need rethinking?
Professor Jock Collins University of Technology, Sydney
Professor Richard Bedford University of Waikato
Dr Maurice Crul University of Amsterdam
Chair: Associate Professor Santina Bertone Victoria University

Day 1 - Conference Dinner

7:00 pm **Dinner**
Cantina del Redi Restaurant in the Village of Artimino
(Bus departs Monash University Prato Centre at 6pm)

Day 2 – Friday 24 October 2008

9:00 - 9:30 am **The Italian Perspective**
Dr Massimo Bressan IRIS – Istituto Ricerche e Interventi Sociali

9:30 - 11:00 am **Session 4: Political Integration – The Ultimate Indicator?**
Some believe that the representation of immigrants and minorities in national and sub-national parliaments, and in other institutions in their host society is the ultimate indicator of their integration. What is the level of political participation and representation of immigrants in their host countries and countries of origin? How does this affect other aspects of the integration process?
Dr Jim Jupp AM The Australian National University
Lord Meghnad Desai House of Lords, UK
Professor Jan Rath University of Amsterdam
Mr Alfonso Aguilar US Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security
Chair: Ms Uttara Chauhan Metropolis Project

11:00 - 11:30 am **Morning Tea**

11:30 - 1:00 pm **Session 5: Globalization, Transnationalism and Integration**
Globalization and increasing international migration are likely to result in a growing number of transnational migrants – individuals and communities that maintain links with two or more nations. Transnational enclaves – some of which are upwardly mobile while others are economically stagnant – are a visible manifestation of this growing trend. At the same time, new economic mobility is fuelling multiple migration and integration. What is the impact of these trends on integration?
Professor Graeme Hugo The University of Adelaide
Associate Professor Nana Oishi International Christian University
Mr Ravindra Kumar The Statesman India
Associate Professor Marie Price George Washington University
Chair: Ms Deborah Tunis Citizenship and Immigration Canada

1:00 - 2:00 pm **Lunch**

2:00 - 3:30 pm **Session 6: Religion, Secularism, and Integration**
Religious diversity is increasing in a number of immigrant-receiving countries. In some countries, secularism is being challenged by demands for public recognition of faith. What is the impact of such trends on integration and social cohesion? Can western countries learn from the experience of other countries – including immigrant-sending countries that have high levels of religious diversity?
Professor Rajeev Bhargava Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
Professor Andrew Markus Monash University
Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra Muslim Council of Britain, London
Chair: Lady Kishwar Desai Journalist and author

3:30 - 5:00 pm **Options for Encouraging Integration – A Panel Discussion**
Ms Betsy Cooper Migration Policy Institute
Sarah Spencer CBE Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS)
Lord Meghnad Desai House of Lords
Dr Ekkehard Thümmler University of Heidelberg
Professor Rajeev Bhargava Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi
Chair: Dr Hass Dellal OAM Australian Multicultural Foundation

5:00 - 5:30 pm **Concluding remarks**
Professor John Nieuwenhuysen AM Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements
Dr Howard Duncan Executive Head, Metropolis Project

Biographies

Alfonso Aguilar is the first Chief of the Office of Citizenship within the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). He joined USCIS in 2003 after serving as Press Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean in the U.S. Agency for International Development. In his current position Aguilar is charged with leading efforts to increase public awareness of the benefits and responsibilities associated with U.S. citizenship. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Letters in 1991, and received his Juris Doctor in 1995 from the University of Puerto Rico.

Rabin Baldewsingh was born in Surinam, a former Dutch colony in South America. He arrived in the Netherlands in 1975 and moved to The Hague in 1980. Ever since he has been a driving force behind cultural diversity and citizenship affairs within the municipality of The Hague. He served as a member of The Hague Municipal Council from 1998–2006, and following the 2006 elections, became Deputy Mayor for Citizenship, Decentralisation, Liveability and Media.

Rainer Bauböck holds a Chair in Social and Political Theory at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the European University Institute. His research interests are in normative political theory and comparative research on democratic citizenship, European integration, migration, nationalism and minority rights. In November 2006, he was awarded the Latsis Prize of the European Science Foundation for his work on immigration and social cohesion in modern societies. His most recent publications in English include *Citizenship Policies in the New Europe* (2007) and *The Acquisition and Loss of Nationality* (2006).

Richard Bedford is Professor of Population Geography and Director of the Population Studies Centre at the University of Waikato. He is a specialist in migration research and, since the mid-1960s, he has been researching processes of population movement in the Asia-Pacific region. He is a Companion of the Queens Service Order (for services to geography), a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and a member of several research and policy advisory groups dealing with immigration and settlement processes in New Zealand.

Santina Bertone is Associate Dean (Research and Research Training) in the Faculty of Business and Law at Victoria University, Australia. She led the Workplace Studies Centre for over a decade, winning a wide range of grants and publishing books and articles on immigrant women, industrial restructuring, migrants and trade unions, productive diversity and equal employment opportunity. She has also spent many years representing migrants as part of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, and has had a range of other community and government board roles.

Rajeev Bhargava is the Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. He was formerly Professor of political theory and Indian political thought, and Head of the Department of Political Science at the University of Delhi and Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He is the author of *Individualism in Social Science* (1992), and has edited *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution* (2008), *Civil Society, Public Sphere and Citizenship: Dialogues and Perceptions* (2005), *Transforming India* (2000), and *Multiculturalism, Liberalism and Democracy* (1999).

Massimo Bressan is the Managing Director of IRIS (Istituto Ricerche e Interventi Sociali), a non-profit organisation based in Prato since its inception in 1990. Founded by local agencies and academic institutions, IRIS provides research and analysis in planning, economic and social issues for local administrations, public and private universities and other enterprises. Massimo Bressan received his PhD in Cultural Anthropology at the University of Florence in 1997 where he teaches Urban Anthropology. His research focus on urban studies and local development.

Uttara Chauhan is a Policy Research Analyst with the Metropolis Project Secretariat at Citizenship and Immigration, Canada. Her research interests include urban development and governance, international development (especially in the context of India), and citizenship. Within citizenship, she has a special interest in the civic and political participation of immigrants and minorities in Canada. Uttara has written for a number of publications on topics ranging from architecture to leadership and has also published a novel.

Jock Collins is a Professor of Economics at the University Technology, Sydney Australia. Most recently his research has focused on Australian immigration, ethnic crime, immigrant entrepreneurship, immigrant youth, ethnic precincts and tourism and the social use of ethnic heritage and the built environment. He is the author or co-author of nine books, including most recently, *Bin Laden in the Suburbs: criminalizing the Arab other*. He has been a consultant to the OECD, ILO and the Australian and NSW governments.

Betsy Cooper is the author of over twenty manuscripts and articles on visa policy, immigrant integration, and other aspects of immigration and refugee policy. Currently a consultant for the Migration Policy Institute (Washington, DC), the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (Oxford, UK), and Atlantic Philanthropies, her previous work experience includes the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit, the World Bank, and Oxford Analytica. Betsy holds a M.Sc. in Forced Migration and a B.A. in Industrial and Labor Relations.

Maurice Crul's research interests lie in the areas of second generation, education and integration. Together with Jens Schneider, he coordinates the international project, 'The Integration of the European Second Generation', a collaborative and comparative research project on the descendants of immigrants from Turkey, the former Yugoslavia, Greece and Morocco in eight EU member states (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland).

Hass Dellal OAM is the Executive Director of the Australian Multicultural Foundation. He has over twenty years experience in policy, management, community development and programming for cultural diversity. Hass has spearheaded initiatives for the development of the general community and prepared programs on community relations on behalf of Government authorities and the private sector. Hass serves on many boards and committees including the European Multicultural Foundation, he is a Fellow of the Williamson Leadership Program.

Lady Kishwar Desai started her career as a print journalist and then moved into television working in all the major TV channels in Delhi: NDTV, Aaj Tak, Zee as Anchor, producer of TV films and CEO of a Punjabi language channel. She is now a full time writer. Last year she published a book on Bollywood and has just completed a film script on Noor Inayat Khan, a WW2 British spy.

Lord Meghnad Desai is Professor Emeritus of Economics at the LSE. He was the founder of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance. From 1990–1995 he was Director of LSE's Development Studies Institute and has been at the LSE for over 30 years. His books, among numerous publications, include *Marx's Revenge: the Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism* (2002). He became a life peer in 1991 taking the title Lord Desai of St Clement Danes.

Howard Duncan received his doctorate in philosophy in 1981 from the University of Western Ontario. In 1987, he entered the field of consulting in strategic planning, policy development and program evaluation. In 1997, Howard joined the Metropolis Project as its International Project Director, and became its Executive Head in 2002. He has concentrated on increasing the geographic reach of Metropolis, enlarging the range of the issues it confronts, and increasing its benefits to the international migration policy community by creating opportunities for exchanges between researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.

Kay Hailbronner is Chair of Public Law, Public International Law and European Law at the University of Konstanz and Director of the Centre for International and European Law on Immigration and Asylum. He is also a holder of a Jean-Monnet Chair of European Law and a Robert Schumann Chair on EU-China relations.

Randall Hansen is an Associate Professor of Political Science and holds a Canada Research Chair at the University of Toronto. His current projects include work on immigration and integration in Europe and North America. His work on immigration and integration includes research on immigration second-generation radicalization, the turn from multiculturalism in Europe, and religion and politics. He is the author of *Citizenship and Immigration in Postwar Britain* (2000) and *Dual Citizenship, Federal Citizenship, and Social Rights in the US and Europe* (2002).

Graeme Hugo is University Professorial Research Fellow, Professor of the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Systems at the University of Adelaide. He is the author of over three hundred books and articles, and recently completed reports on migration and development for the Australian Government and the Asian Development Bank. In 2002 he secured an ARC Federation Fellowship for his research project, 'The new paradigm of international migration to and from Australia: dimensions, causes and implications'.

Andrew Jakubowicz is Professor of Sociology at the University of Technology Sydney, Director of the Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, and Head of the Social and Political Change Academic Group. He was the foundation director of the Centre for Multicultural Studies at the University of Wollongong and historical adviser to a number of exhibitions including the Jewish communities of Shanghai at the Sydney Jewish Museum (2001–2002), the National Maritime Museum (2001–2003) and the national travelling exhibition 'Crossroads: Shanghai and the Jews of China' (2002–2003).

James Jupp AM is Director of the Centre for Immigration and Multicultural Studies in the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute at the Australian National University. He was General Editor of the Bicentennial Encyclopedia of the Australian People from 1984 until its publication as *The Australian People in September, 1988* and of the second edition published for the Centenary of Federation in 2001. He has published widely on immigration and multicultural affairs including *From White Australia to Woomera* (2002), *The English in Australia* (2004) and *Social Cohesion in Australia* (2007).

Stepan Kerkysharian AM was born in Cyprus in 1943 of Armenian parentage. He was the head of SBS radio in its formative years from 1980 to 1989, then he became Chair of a New South Wales statutory body, the Ethnic Affairs Commission, which became the Community Relations Commission in 2001. In 1992 he was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1992 and a Fellow of the University of Technology Sydney in 1995.

Ravindra Kumar is the Editor and Managing Director, The Statesman, in India. He serves on the executive boards of the Indian Newspaper Society, United News of India, Nachiketa Publications Ltd. and Asia News Network. He is also a trustee of the C R Irani Foundation and a member of the Advisory Board of the Asian Center for Journalism, Manila. He writes extensively on the politics of India, South Asia and South-east Asia. He won the Durga-Ratan award for investigative reporting in 1986.

Andrew Markus holds the Pratt Foundation Chair of Jewish Civilisation at Monash University. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and is a past Head of Monash University's School of Historical Studies. His publications include *Race: John Howard and the Remaking of Australia* (Allen & Unwin, Sydney, 2001) and *Building a New Community. Immigration and the Victorian Economy* (editor, Allen & Unwin, Sydney, 2001). His report, *Mapping Social Cohesion: The Scanlon Foundation Surveys*, was published in 2008.

Marie McAndrew is a Professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Foundations, University of Montreal. From 1993 to 2004, she co-ordinated the Research Group on Ethnicity and Adaptation to Pluralism in Education. Presenting an original synthesis of the studies conducted by the group since 1992, her book, *Immigration et diversité à l'école: le cas québécois dans une perspective comparative*, won the Donner prize 2001. In June 2006, she was awarded a SSHRC Canada Senior Research Chair on Education and Ethnic Relations.

Shaykh Ibrahim Mogra has been a visiting imam to Leicester, de Montfort and Loughborough universities since the early nineties. He has trained in classical theology and the traditional sciences of Islam, and holds religious credentials from Dar-ul-Uloom, Holcombe as well as advanced theological qualifications from the Al-Azhar University in Cairo. He has advised the British, Dutch and Australian governments on the training of imams and 'ulama' (Muslim theological scholars), chairs the Muslim Council of Britain's interfaith relations committee, and is a member of the Christian Muslim Forum.

John Nieuwenhuysen AM is the Founding Director of the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements. In 2003 he received an award in the Order of Australia for service to the community through contributions to independent academic, public and private sector research, to debate on immigration, cultural diversity, equity, economic development, taxation, Indigenous, labour and industry issues, and to reform of the liquor laws of Victoria.

Nana Oishi is an Associate Professor of Sociology at International Christian University in Tokyo. She holds a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University, and worked as a Policy Analyst at the International Labour Organization. Her recent publications include *Women in Motion: Globalization, State Policies, and Labor Migration in Asia* (2005) and a chapter "Migration from the Asia-Pacific Region" in *The New Americans* (2007).

Annamaria Pagliaro is the Director of Monash University Prato Centre since 2005, and previously the convener of Italian Studies and senior lecturer at Monash University. Her research interests include nineteenth and early twentieth century Italian literature, literary theory, and modern theatre. She has published a numerous articles on Italian realist writers in international refereed journals, contributed and edited volumes for Melbourne based journal *Spunti e Ricerche*.

Marie Price is an Associate Professor of Geography and International Affairs at the George Washington University. In 2006 she was a visiting scholar at the Migration Policy Institute focusing on immigration to world cities and Latin American migration trends. In 2008 she co-edited the book *Migrants to the Metropolis: The Rise of Immigrant Gateway Cities*. She has written extensively about immigration to metropolitan Washington.

Jan Rath is Professor of Urban Sociology and Director of the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He is the author or editor of numerous articles, book chapters and reports on the sociology, politics and economics of post-migratory processes, including *The Social Reaction to the Institutionalization of a 'New' Religion in the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom* (2001) and *Tourism, Ethnic Diversity and the City* (2006).

Sarah Spencer CBE is Associate Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford, and Visiting Professor at the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex. Sarah is the elected Chair of the network of equality and human rights organisations, the Equality and Diversity Forum, and a former Deputy Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality. She has regularly contributed to government taskforces and advisory committees; and published widely on migration, equality and human rights issues.

Ekkehard Thümler is a Project Director of Strategies for Impact in Philanthropy at the Centre for Social Investment at the University of Heidelberg. Before joining the CSI he was Project Director in the Vodafone Foundation Germany and responsible contents and program of the Symposium 'Integration by Education in the 21st Century – A Challenge for Public Private Partnerships' in the Foreign Office in Berlin. With the Bertelsmann Foundation from 2002 – 2006 he was Strategic Assistant to the head of the Foundation's Program Education and member of the Strategy Development Unit.

Deborah Tunis was appointed Director General, Integration at Citizenship and Immigration Canada in January 2008. She previously served as Director General, Social Policy and worked on disability, children, families and learning issues at Human Resources and Social Development Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Journalism from Carleton University, a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University and completed the Advanced Management Program at Oxford University in 2007.

Maryann Wulff is an Associate Professor in the School of Geography and Environmental Science, Monash University and Deputy Director, AHURI Swinburne-Monash Research Centre. Prior to her appointment at Monash University, Maryann has held senior research positions with the initial AHURI organisation, Australian Institute of Family Studies, and senior academic positions at Swinburne University of Technology and Cornell University (USA). Her research interests include social and demographic trends and housing market outcomes; changing households and housing careers; and population mobility, location and socio-spatial polarisation.

Aristide Zolberg is the Walter A. Eberstadt Professor of Political Science and Historical Studies at the New School for Social Research in New York City. He was born in Brussels and migrated to the United States in 1948, where he served in the U.S. Army in 1955–56, and received his Ph. D. in political science at the University of Chicago in 1961. He is the author of many books, including *One-Party Government in the Ivory Coast* (1961) and *Creating Political Order: The Party-States of West Africa* (1966, 1985)



The International Metropolis Project is a forum for bridging research, policy and practice on migration and diversity. The Project aims to enhance academic research capacity, encourage policy-relevant research on migration and diversity issues, and facilitate the use of that research by governments and non-governmental organisations. In the decade since its inception, the Project has grown to include researchers, policy-makers, international organisations and NGOs from North America, most of Europe and much of the Asia-Pacific region.

The Project is managed by a Secretariat, which is jointly located in Ottawa and Amsterdam. It is also guided by an International Steering Committee made up of approximately 40 partners from across the Project, who provide advice, direction and an international perspective. The Project is perhaps best-known for its International Conferences, which are the largest annual gathering of experts in the fields of migration and diversity. The Metropolis network also shares research projects, publications and informal policy discussion; smaller Inter-Conference Seminars; a website; the Journal of International Migration and Integration; and an annual publication – the World Bulletin – which updates the network on partners' various projects and activities.



The Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements seeks to advance knowledge of the diverse economic, social, political and cultural dimensions to global movements.

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While serving Monash University as a whole, the Institute draws especially on co-operative initiatives in the faculties of Arts, Art and Design, Education, Law and Business and Economics.

The Institute is concerned with three key questions:

- What are the nature and implications of the global movement of people, resources and ideas?
- What institutions, systems and structures are evolving to facilitate global flows, movements, and global interdependence; and what are the implications for national and local institutions?
- What is the impact on security, human rights and national identities in an increasingly mobile and often borderless world?



Australian Multicultural Foundation

The Australian Bicentennial Authority gave support to a proposal to establish the Australian Bicentennial Multicultural Foundation. The idea was first proposed by the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia National Conference in 1981.

In 1986 the Federation and the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs jointly convened a Working Party, which consulted widely concerning the objects and direction for the Foundation.

In June 1987 the Authority invested \$3 Million in the Australian Bicentennial Multicultural Foundation Trust Account. In September 1988 the Funds were transferred to the Foundation after it was legally incorporated as an independent organisation.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the foundation are:

- To cultivate in all Australians a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures and by so doing to advance its social and economic well-being;
- the promotion of an awareness among the people of Australia of the diversity of cultures within Australia and the contribution of people from all cultures to the development of Australia ; and
- the spread of respect and understanding between all cultural groups through any appropriate means.

The foundation will achieve its aims:

- by adopting issues of national significance; and
- by initiating projects and programs in consultation and in partnership in any worthwhile field or activity.

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Integration Futures is organised and sponsored by the International Metropolis Project (Canada), the Australian Multicultural Foundation and Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements (Australia)

Information for delegates

Venue

Monash University Prato Centre
First floor of the Palazzo Vaj,
26 Via Pugliesi, Prato, Italy
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Chinese Life in Prato a Guided Walking Tour Outside the Walls

Wednesday 22 October 2008 3:00 - 4:00 pm
(Please meet outside Monash Prato Centre at 2.45pm)

This tour will take us beyond the historic walls of the town to the new suburbs where the Chinese community live and work. We will explore this area of the town on foot to gain the best perspective, to see the factories and workshops, the new residence, the meeting places and markets. This tour is free to delegates and their guests and families.

Welcome Reception

Wednesday 22 October 2008 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Welcome Reception Will Be Held At Monash University Prato Centre, On The Terrace. www.ita.monash.edu

Registration

Wednesday 22 October 2008 from 5:30 pm
Thursday 23 October 2008 from 8:30 am
Registration desk will be located on the first floor of the Monash University Prato Centre.

Session times

Thursday 23 October 2008 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Friday 24 October 2008 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Program

Updates to the Conference program will be recorded on the website at www.integrationfutures.com/program.php

Name tags

Delegates are asked to wear their Conference nametag at all times.

Conference dinner

Thursday 23 October 2008 7:00 pm
Cantina Del Redi Restaurant in the village of Artimino
Bus departs 6 pm from the Monash University Prato Centre

Messages

Messages for delegates will be left on the bulletin board next to the Conference Secretariat and Registration Desk.

Catering

Morning/afternoon tea and lunch will be served at the Monash University Prato Centre during the Conference.

Incidental expenses

Conference organisers and the Conference Management Office will not be responsible for any incidental expenses incurred by delegates during the Conference.

Transport to Prato

Please visit the following website for details about getting to Monash University Prato Centre whether it is on foot, by car or train. www.ita.monash.edu/getting.html

Currency

The monetary unit used in Italy is the Euro. Foreign currency or travellers' cheques can be freely exchanged at banks, hotels and the airports. Automatic teller machines are located in central locations in Prato and Florence and credit cards are readily acceptable at most restaurants, shops and all conference hotels.

Climate

The weather in northern Italy in October is usually a pleasant summer average of a comfortable 21°C. Delegates are advised that on occasions greater variations occur and provision for both cooler and much warmer temperatures is advised. Evenings are usually cooler, approximately 15°C on average.

Shopping

Shops are usually open during the following hours:

Monday	4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday to Saturday	8:30/9:30 am – 1:00 pm 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Clothing stores may open later between	9:00 am and 10:00 am
Most other stores will open between	8:30 am and 9:00 am
Many food stores (bakeries etc.) close on Wednesday afternoons	

What to do from Prato

From Prato there are many great Italian towns and cities that are easily visited by train.

Florence

The best way to find out about Florence's innumerable offerings is to go to the tourist information office at Via Cavour, 1r.

Open: Monday to Saturday 8:30 am - 6:30 pm

Sundays and public holidays 8:30 am - 1:30pm

www.aboutflorence.com or www.studentsville.it/

Day Trips from Prato

Many of Italy's most popular towns are easily reached by train from Prato.

Rome	2hrs 20mins (from Florence on the Eurostar)
Bologna	45mins – 1hr
Pisa	1hr 30mins
Lucca	55 mins
Viareggio (seaside town)	1hr 15 mins

Where to Eat in Prato

Listed below is a selection of restaurants which have been recommended by the Monash University Prato Centre. Many restaurants are closed on Tuesdays and some on Mondays.

Restaurants/Pizzeria

Donchisciotte

Piazza Mercatale 38/39

Ph: 0574 39023

Delicious wood oven pizzas at a reasonable price, plus other main dishes including seafood.

Antica Fiaschetteria

Piazza Lippi 4

Ph: 0574 41225

This is easily the best medium priced restaurant in Prato. Mostly southern Italian inspired cooking. The service is friendly and there are a good range of wines available.

La Veranda

Via dell'Arco 10 (just off Piazza San Marco)

Ph: 0574 38235

Serves typical Tuscan dishes and a wide variety is available. Main courses priced slightly higher than 'trattoria' prices.

Ars Libandi

Via dell'Accademia, 49

Ph: 0574 401984

Typical Tuscan meals lightly revised. Wide selection of wines.

Osteria Cibbè

Piazza Mercatale, 49

Ph: 0574607509

Small restaurant serving typical Tuscan cuisine.

Booking recommended.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat on Tel: (+ 61 3) 9905 1344 and after 16 October Tel: (+39) 0574 436921

