

Nations of Immigrants: Australia and the USA

**Workshop
19 - 21 October 2008
Monash University
Prato Centre**



program

Sunday 19 October 2008

7:00pm **Welcome dinner**
Venue: Lo Scoglio Restaurant (Via Verdi, 42)

Monday 20 October 2008

9:00 – 9:15am **Registration**
Coffee on arrival

9:15 – 9:30am **Opening, welcome and introduction**

9:30 – 10:30am **Ten Major Issues: Australia and the USA**
Professor John Nieuwenhuysen
Professor John Higley
Chair: Associate Professor Santina Bertone

10:30 – 11:00am **Morning tea**

11:00 – 12:30pm **Session 1: Recent Flows of Immigrants
1993-2008**
Professor Graeme Hugo
Professor Frank Bean
Chair: Professor John Higley

12:30 – 2:00pm **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:30pm **Session 2: Immigration and the Labour Market**
Associate Professor Santina Bertone
Professor Steve Trejo
Chair: Professor John Nieuwenhuysen

3:30 – 4:00pm Day one closing remarks

7:30pm **Workshop dinner**
Venue: Baghino Restaurant (Via Dell' Accademia 9)

Tuesday 21 October

9:30 – 11:00am **Session 3: New Groups and Social Cohesion**
Professor Andrew Jakubowicz
Associate Professor David Leal
Chair: Professor Andrew Markus

11:00 – 11:30am **Morning tea**

11:30 – 1:00pm **Session 4: Policies: Convergence and Divergence**
Professor Gary Freeman
Dr Bob Birrell
Chair: Dr James Jupp

1:00 – 2:00pm **Lunch**

2:00 – 3:30pm **Session 5: The Future Multiculturalism, Integration or Assimilation**
Dr James Jupp
Associate Professor Cara Wong
Chair: Professor Gary Freeman

3:30 – 4:00pm **Conclusion: preparation for publication**

biographies

Frank D. Bean is the Director of the Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy at the University of California, Irvine. Prior to joining the UCI faculty, Frank served as Ashbel Smith Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs, Director of the Population Research Center, and Chair of the Department of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. He was also the founding Director of both the Program for Research on Immigration Policy and the Population Studies Center at The Urban Institute in Washington, DC. His current research focuses on the estimation of the size and type of immigrant flows; racial/ethnic relations in the U.S; and the inter-connections among cultural repertoires, citizenship, and immigrant group incorporation among U.S. Mexican immigrants and their descendants.

Santina Bertone is an Associate Dean (Research and Research Training) in the Faculty of Business and Law at Victoria University, Australia. She has been actively researching in the area of immigration and work since the 1990s. 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 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. Santina recently participated in the Australia 2020 Summit and retains a keen interest in policy issues.

Bob Birrell is Director of the Centre for Population and Urban Research (CPUR) and Reader in Sociology at Monash University. He has a degree in economics from Melbourne University, in history from University of London and a PhD in Sociology from Princeton University. He has acted as an advisor on immigration issues to both Labor and Coalition governments. He is joint editor (with Katharine Betts) of the quarterly demographic journal *People and Place*, published by CPUR. The CPUR consults on demographic issues with industry and government partners. It is currently preparing the background analysis on the demand and supply for university graduates for the Review of Higher Education in Australia.

David Leal is an Associate Professor in the Department of Government at the University of Texas at Austin and holds a PhD from Harvard University. He is a Faculty Associate of the Center for Mexican-American Studies and Director of the Public Policy Institute. His primary academic interest is Latino Politics, and his work explores a variety of questions involving public opinion, public policy, and political behaviour. He has published over forty journal articles and book chapters on these and other topics.

Gary Freeman is Chair of the Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin. He specialises in the politics of immigration, comparative social policy, and politics in western democracies. His most recent writing has been directed at understanding the form of immigration politics in different countries and explaining the integration strategies employed by countries as they grapple with immigrant populations. He is currently working on the question of the linkage between immigration and the welfare state, especially the impact of ethnic and other forms of diversity on the solidaristic foundations of social policies.

John Higley's interests are comparative politics and political sociology, especially the comparative study of political elites and political regimes. As director of the Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, he also works on various policy issues in those countries and on their trade and other relations with the U.S. He has written extensively about elites and elite theory in contemporary social science, including a book about *Elites in Australia* (1979). Since 2001 he has served as Chair of the Research Committee on Political Elites of the International Political Science Association. His most recent book is *Elite Foundations of Liberal Democracy* (2006).

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. His research interests are in population issues in Australia and South East Asia, especially migration. He is the author of over three hundred books, articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books, as well as a large number of conference papers and reports. In 2002 he secured an ARC Federation Fellowship over five years for his research project, 'The new paradigm of international migration to and from Australia: dimensions, causes and implications'. He has recently completed reports on migration and development for the Australian Government and for the Asian Development Bank.

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. His research interests cover globalisation and intercultural relations, new media and cultural interaction. 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 is the 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).

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. He has published extensively in the field of Australian race relations. He is the sole author of four books and the editor or co-editor of more than ten others. His publications include; *Race: John Howard and the Remaking of Australia* (2001) and *Building a New Community. Immigration and the Victorian Economy* (editor, 2001). His report, *Mapping Social Cohesion: The Scanlon Foundation Surveys*, was published in 2008.

John Nieuwenhuysen 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 (AM) 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.

Stephen Trejo is a labour economist at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago in 1988. His research focuses on public policy issues, including overtime pay regulation, the labour market experiences of immigrants, and obstacles to the economic progress of minority groups. He joined IZA as a Research Fellow in August 2000 and has been a member of the American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (1998-2003), and a member of the National Academy of Sciences Panel to Study U.S. Hispanics (2003-05). He is the author of numerous articles concerning the status and mobility of Mexican Americans in the U.S. labour market.

Cara Wong is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She holds a PhD in political science from University of California, Berkeley. Her research interests include American government and politics, political psychology, race, ethnicity and politics. She has published numerous articles on racial and ethnic politics, voting behaviour, citizenship, social capital and multiculturalism.



The Edward A. Clark Center for Australian & New Zealand Studies

The Edward A. Clark Center for Australian & New Zealand Studies was created by the University in 1988-89 to mark Australia's bicentenary. The Center is named for President Lyndon B. Johnson's illustrious Texan ambassador to Australia in the late 1960s, and the Clark Center is this year celebrating its 20th anniversary.

During its two decades the Center has encouraged the regular teaching of undergraduate courses about Australian and New Zealand history, literature, film, and politics. It has also supported doctoral students writing dissertations about aspects of the Antipodean countries. The Center has conducted several large research projects studying the American-Australian Alliance; trade between the U.S., Australia and New Zealand; US and Australian immigration flows and policies; the role of the High Court in Australia compared with counterpart courts in the U.S., Canada, and New Zealand; Australia as a multicultural society; as well as anti-discrimination policies in both Australia and New Zealand.

In this anniversary year the Center is conducting, with Monash University in Melbourne, a new study of immigration to Australia and the U.S., and it is working with the United States Studies Center at the University of Sydney to assess directions that the American-Australian Alliance is likely to take under the Rudd government in Canberra and a post-Bush government that in Washington. Other current Center initiatives include a study of the innovative fiction produced by the Australian writer Michael Wilding, and a study of the pioneering "bio-security" measures that New Zealand governmental and environmental organizations are implementing.

Since its inception the Clark Center has hosted scores of Australian and New Zealand scholars, political leaders, business and trade union leaders, public servants and artists. It has played a key role founding and supporting the two North American academic associations that focus on Australia and New Zealand.

The Center has been directed since its creation by John Higley, Professor of Government & Sociology at the University and holder of the Jack S. Blanton Chair in Australian Studies. Mrs. Frances Cushing, who earlier worked for two decades in the Parliamentary Library in Canberra, has likewise long served as the Center's key administrative associate. Their e-mails: jhigley@austin.utexas.edu; fsc@austin.utexas.edu.



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The Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements

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.

Based at Monash, Clayton campus, it undertakes high-quality research, fosters public discussion and offers expert advice.

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?

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INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

VENUE

Monash University Prato Centre
First floor of the Palazzo Vaj,
26 Via Pugliesi, Prato, Italy

Tel: +39 0574 436921
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WELCOME DINNER & REGISTRATION

SUNDAY 19th October 2008 at 7.00 pm

Delegates are requested to meet at the gates of the Monash University Centre at 6.45pm, so we can walk to Lo Scoglio Restaurant Via Verdi, 42

REGISTRATION

SUNDAY 19th October 2008 **7.00 pm at the restaurant**
MONDAY 20th October 2008 **9.00 – 9.15am**

Registration desk will be located on the first floor of the Monash University Prato Centre.

SESSION TIMES

MONDAY 20th October 2008 **9.15am – 4.30 pm**
TUESDAY 21st October 2008 **9.00am – 5.30 pm**

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Enclosed for your information

NAME TAGS

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

CONFERENCE DINNER

MONDAY 20 October 2008 at 7.30 pm
Il Palazzolo Ristorante
Via Mazzini 37/39

MESSAGES

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

CATERING

Morning teas and lunches will be served at the Monash University Centre in Prato during Conference.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES

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

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Data Projector and Lap will be provided if required

TRANSPORT TO PRATO

Please visit the following website for details about getting to Monash University Prato Centre by car or train.
<http://www.ita.monash.edu/getting.html>

TIME DIFFERENCE

Italy is eight hours behind AUS EST and seven hours ahead of US CST. For example, when it is 12 noon in Prato it is 8.00pm in Melbourne and Sydney and 5.00am in Austin, Texas.

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	4.00pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday to Saturday	9.30am – 1.00pm 4.00pm – 7.30 pm

Clothing stores may open later between	9.00am and 10.00am
Most other stores will open between	8.30am and 9.00am
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	8.30am - 6.30pm
Sundays and public holidays	8.30am - 1.30pm
http://www.aboutflorence.com or http://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. Efficient service with menus in English if needed. Main courses priced slightly higher than 'trattoria' prices.

Il Rifrullo

Piazza Mercatale 18/19

Ph: 0574-25062

Simple pizzeria, but good, cheap entrees and big sized pasta/rice portions.

Pizzas also good and inexpensive. Can take larger groups. Outdoor section available.

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
We look forward to seeing you in Prato!