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## **16th Nordic Migration Research Conference & 9th ETMU Days**

**13-15 August 2012**

**University of Turku, Finland**

The theme of the 16th NMRC/9th ETMU Days is “Immigrants and Civil Society.” The focus of most research in the Nordic countries has been on the economic circumstances of immigrants and state policies regarding migration and integration. Far less attention has been devoted to the role of the institutions of civil society in facilitating or impeding the incorporation of newcomers into Nordic societies. The theme of this conference is intended to be a response to that imbalance in research priorities.

Confirmed keynote speakers of the conference include Professor Jeffrey Alexander (Yale University, USA), Professor Leo Lucassen (Leiden University, the Netherlands) and Dr. Marja Tiilikainen (University of Helsinki, Finland).

The conference organizers are particularly interested in presentations that address issues related to the incorporation of newcomers into receiving societies in the developed world, with special emphasis on the Nordic countries, and on issues related to fair means of inclusion. These topics are broad and can be approached from a variety of thematic and methodological perspectives.

**The online application system will be available in October 2011 at <http://www.etmu.fi/etmudays/nmrc2012>**

**The due date for workshop proposals in 15 December 2011.  
Acceptances of workshop proposals will be announced on 15 January 2012**

**The due date for paper proposals is 31 March 2012.  
Acceptances of paper proposals will be announced on 15 April 2012.**

Once a proposal has been accepted for inclusion in the program, applicants must formally register for the conference prior to the publication of the final program. Thus, participants are expected to complete the registration process by no later than 15 May 2012.

**If you have any questions about a proposal, feel free to contact Johanna Leinonen at [johlei\[at\]utu.fi](mailto:johlei[at]utu.fi).**

Conference organizers and partners:

ALPO - Developing Integration in Finland (European Social Fund - Ministry of the Interior), European Migration Network (Finland), FiDiPro Project Multiculturalism as a New Pathway to Incorporation (University of Turku), Institute of Migration (Turku), Network for Research on Multiculturalism and Societal Interaction , (MCNet, University of Turku), Nordic Migration Research (NMR), Post-Secular Culture and a Changing Religious Landscape (PCCR, Åbo Akademi), Society for the Study of Ethnic Relations and International Migration (ETMU)