The Migration Seminar - Spring 2016

Welcome to a Research seminar with Katarina Mozetič who completed the MA programme in International Migration and Ethnic Relations at Malmö University and now works as a research assistant at the Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University. In the capacity of research assistant, she has been involved in projects on highly skilled migrants and European youth mobility. In May 2016 she will start working as PhD Candidate at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo.

Time: Thursday 11 February, 14.15 - 16.00
Place: Lounge room, 9th floor, MIM, Niagara, Nordenskiöldsgatan 1, Malmö University
Title: Being Highly Skilled and a Refugee: The Experiences of Non-European Physicians in Sweden

The description: (The seminar will present the outline and findings of the MA thesis research project which was awarded the 2015 MIM Master Essay Award.) By exploring the experiences of highly skilled refugees, the study refines the analytical categories of ‘refugee’ and ‘highly skilled migrant’. The empirical material - gathered through in-depth interviews with non-European medical doctors who came to Sweden as refugees - accounts for the interconnectedness of research participants’ migratory and professional trajectories, and the complex criss-crossings of their doctor and refugee identities. The study shows that the individuals’ migratory trajectories cannot be ranked as either forced or voluntary, but have to be conceptualised in terms of mixed migratory movements, i.e. as an interplay between choice and compulsion; as a mixture between security and, among others, professional considerations. In the same vein, the study points to the processual nature of identity which is always partly self-constructed and partly determined by the external categorizations, and hence pleads against the essentialization of migrants’ identities, be it that of a ‘refugee’ or ‘highly skilled migrant’.

The seminar will be held in English.

Gathering for the seminar at sharp 14.05 at the ground floor next to the Reception in Niagara. Please contact Merja Skaffari-Multala 040-665 7117 for help.

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