Welcome to a research seminar with Nahikari Irastorza, the Willy Brandt Research fellow at MIM. Previously, she was a Marie Curie international outgoing fellow at MIM and Simon Fraser University in Canada. Her research interests include international migration and integration, immigrants’ participation in the labor market and mixed marriages. She has conducted research on intermarriage and on the social and economic integration of immigrants in Sweden, Colombia, France, the United States and Canada. Her book, "Born Entrepreneurs? Immigrant Self-employment in Spain", was published by Amsterdam University Press in 2010. She earned her PhD in Humanities at the University of Deusto in Spain, where her thesis examined the labor market performance and self-employment of immigrants to Spain.

Time: Thursday 18 February, 14.15 - 16.00

Place: Lounge room, 9th floor, MIM, Niagara, Nordensiöldsgatan 1, Malmö University

Title: SUSTAINABLE MARRIAGES? DIVORCE PATTERNS OF BINATIONAL COUPLES IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

Abstract:
This paper analyzes the marital dissolution of binational couples (i.e. couples comprised of immigrants and natives) in countries with traditionally distinct integration models: Canada, the United States and France. Previous studies appeal to cultural differences to explain the higher divorce rates of binational couples but they omit the potential effect of migration or that of environmental factors such as immigration policies and attitudes towards migration and intermarriage. In order to test a model that includes all these factors, an identical online survey was conducted in the cited countries. The concepts “binational couples” and “culture” were disentangled into specific types of couples and variables. While being involved in a binational marriage was not found to be a significant predictor of divorce, being involved in one where both partners are foreign-born decreases the risk of divorce. Religion, family values and families’ perception of a relationship are also significantly related to marital stability.

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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