

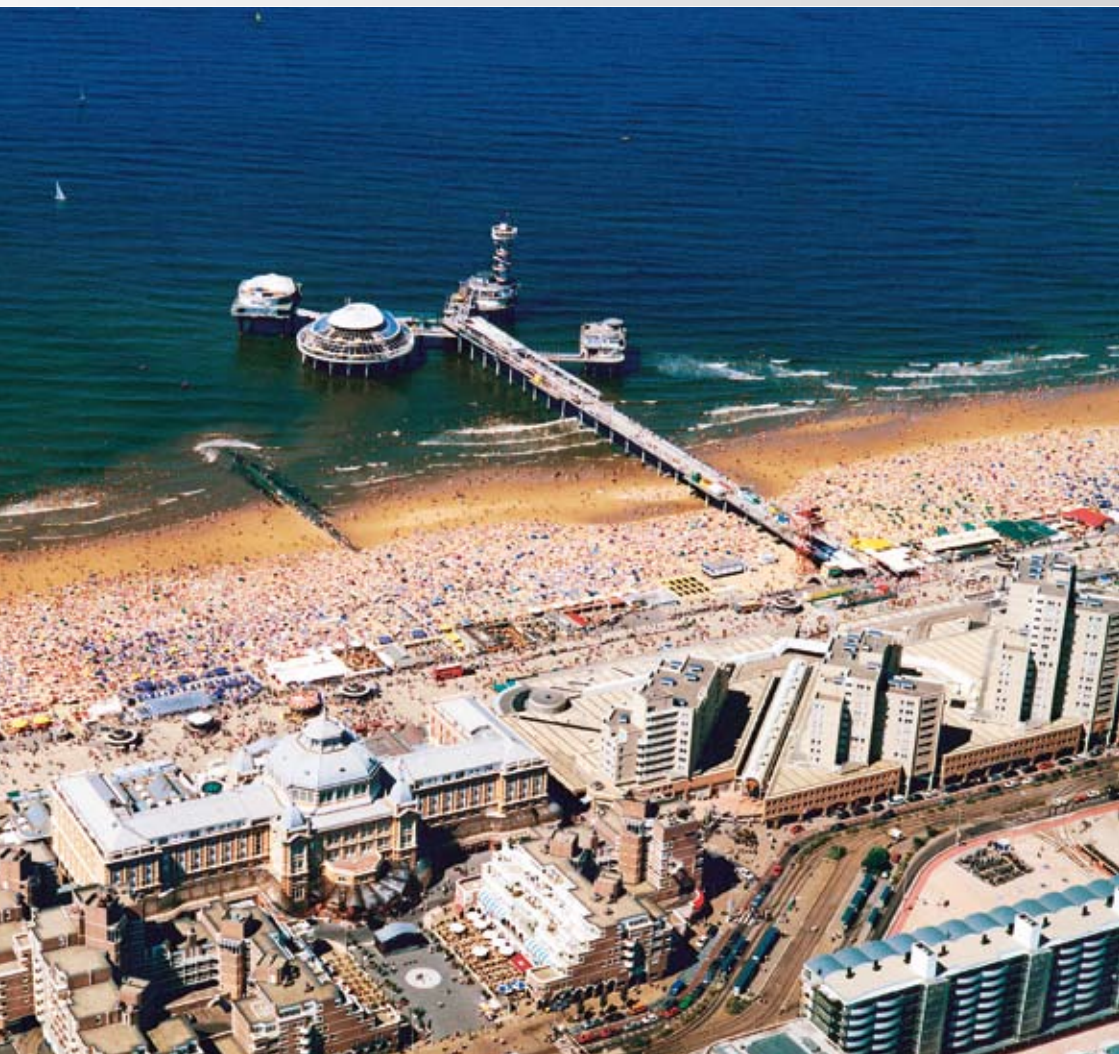


METROPOLIS

THE HAGUE - THE NETHERLANDS

15th International Metropolis Conference | 4-8 October 2010

Justice and Migration: Paradoxes of Belonging



As Mayor of The Hague I warmly welcome you to our city!

For many people in the Netherlands, 'The Hague' is synonymous with government, politics and parliament. This is hardly surprising. After all, our city has been the seat of government in the Netherlands since the sixteenth century. And The Hague has also been a royal residence for many centuries.

During recent decades, The Hague has developed into a home for many illustrious international organisations and multinational companies. International City of Peace and Justice. It is a proud title, and justly worn. The Hague is the world's second UN city, and as such, it vibrates to a characteristic international rhythm.

The Hague is also a city that provides a unique sense of space, due to its numerous large parks. And on one side our city borders on Europe's largest area of natural diversity: the North Sea. The Hague is a city of youth, too. Culture and creativity abound in a vibrant, bubbling melting pot of influences. Thousands of young people study here. And The Hague has always excelled in the fields of graphic design, modern dance and music.

The Hague is honoured to be hosting the 15th International Metropolis Conference. The Hague is a meeting place of different cultures and has become more and more diverse over the years. We see this diversity as a strength but we have to put a framework in place that can enable the shared sense of belonging, civic pride, urban identity and citizenship. A citizen is not only an inhabitant but also an active participant in the life of our city. Together we are one city.

In this context I like to welcome you as visitors to the International Metropolis Conference in 2010.

Jozias van Aartsen,
Mayor of
The Hague



The International Metropolis Project

The International Metropolis Project (www.metropolis.net) 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 organizations.

In the decade since its inception, the project has grown to include researchers, policy makers, international organizations and non-governmental organizations from across North America and Europe as well as a growing presence in Africa, Latin America and much of the Asia-Pacific region.

The project is perhaps best known for its international conferences, which are the largest annual gatherings of experts in the fields of migration and diversity. Each conference attracts between 800 and 1000 delegates for high-level plenary sessions, a comprehensive study tour programme and more than 60 concurrent workshops. The conferences are an opportunity for delegates – both expert and novice – to discuss critical issues, identify research and policy gaps, compare international experiences and build the Metropolis network. The 15th International Metropolis Conference 2010 is organized by the Municipality of The Hague, The Netherlands.

The Hague: Justice and Migration: Paradoxes of Belonging

The question of belonging is a key question in contemporary societies due to the international migration and mobility of people across borders and their subsequent participation in the host society. Governments are confronted with different and sometimes competing forms of belonging of their population, and are faced with questions about the legitimacy and justification of citizenship claims.

The 2010 International Metropolis Conference in The Hague focuses on questions of belonging. It will deal with various aspects of belonging, the opportunities and challenges it poses in the context of legitimacy and justification of processes of migration and integration, as well as their consequences for social policies. In doing so this conference will contribute to a better understanding of how



governments and international bodies can deal with different forms of belonging in multicultural societies and a globalized world. Furthermore, it will help us to better understand the implication for immigrants and societies overall of processes of migration and integration. It will help us to think through the effects of our histories, the impact of globalization and high mobility, and the most adequate responses to growing diversity. Finally, it will provide us with a better practical understanding of what we need to do to achieve more successful, peaceful and equitable societies.

General conference information

Date

4-8 October 2010

Conference venue

The 15th International Metropolis Conference will take place at The Hague World Forum Churchillplein 10, 2508 EA The Hague, The Netherlands
Web: www.worldforumcc.com/wfcc/uk

Registration

Online registration will be made available on www.metropolis2010.org early 2010.

Who should attend?

The 2010 Metropolis Conference will be of interest to policy makers and representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as academic researchers. Metropolis seeks to reach those with a professional interest in international migration and urban management issues. Graduate students and interested stakeholders in the private sector are encouraged to attend this event.

Useful Information

The Netherlands is easily reached from all over the world by plane to Schiphol International Airport (www.schiphol.nl). Public transport options from Schiphol Airport to The Hague include a direct train, travel time is 29 minutes.

There is also a special taxi service called Schiphol Travel Taxi (www.schiphol.nl/traveltaxi).

For more information about The Hague, please visit the website at: www.denhaag.com.



Call for Workshop Proposals

International Metropolis Conferences are renowned for their high-calibre workshop programmes which consist of internationally-comparative and cross-sectoral workshops on a wide variety of topics within the fields of migration and diversity.

We are pleased to announce that workshop proposals for the 15th International Metropolis Conference will be accepted for consideration until April 2, 2010. Workshops which closely relate to the specific theme(s) being covered by the conference will be of particular interest to the Adjudication Committee.

Metropolis conferences aim to engage partners from different sectors and different national contexts in discussion and debate through our workshop programme. Accordingly, workshops must include representation from more than one sector (policy; academic; NGO), and from more than one country. While most workshops use a panel format, other formats will be considered.



To submit a workshop proposal, please download the appropriate form at www.metropolis2010.org (will be ready for download October 15, 2009). The submission form should be sent to projet-metropolis-project@cic.gc.ca. We encourage all those interested to review the guidelines and frequently-asked questions available on the conference website.

We look forward to seeing you in The Hague,

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