



Proposals and some practices in order to prevent and solve problems arising from individuals of different religions and cultures

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Immigrants' assimilation and integration

Assimilation is mostly a one-way absorption process.

Whereas integration is a process of providing immigrants with equal chances to access opportunities available to native-born.



It reflects that receiving societies accept them, and provide them with equal rights to express their behaviors along with the native-born, while preserving of their differences.

Integration in EU countries

- The willingness of immigrants to integrate is not enough.
- The duty of the receiving societies is to accomplish a work of accepting and integrating them.
- Integration has been a priority in EU countries, supported at EU level through different concrete measures included in the European Commission's Action Plan on the integration of third country nationals.
- The faster migrants are integrated, the better they do and the more they contribute to their host economies.



Dimensions of Integration Process

- The integration process has the legal/political, the socioeconomic and the cultural/religious dimensions
- Legal/political dimension relates to governmental issues while socioeconomic dimension is related both governmental and communal.
- In this presentation, it will be discussed social and cultural/religious dimension, which concern both host societies and immigrants.



Cultural and Social Integration

- Immigration integration policy in the EU recommends actions, such as
 - shared forums,
 - inter-cultural dialogue and
 - education about immigrant cultures,
- which enhance
 - interaction between immigrants and Member State citizens and
 - promote mutual understanding.



Arts and culture

- Commission's Handbook on Integration highlights the role of arts and culture in giving a voice to migrants and refugees.
- The Commission recommended EU financial support to cultural diversity projects through arts and culture.
- There is an urgent need to find strategies allowing the refugees to be included in European societies while preserving their cultural roots and identity.



Culture as a factor for helping refugees

- It is focused on culture as a factor in helping refugees
 - to recover from trauma,
 - develop their skills, and
 - feel empowered,
 - as well as contributing to conflict resolution and prevention, and
 - mutual understanding



Tolerance

- Migration is a huge asset and a challenge within Europe.
- The key to mastering this challenge would be tolerance, and one task of the cultural institutes is to promote tolerance in the entire society.
- Integration is an ongoing process rather than a final destination, focusing not only on immigrants themselves but also on the responsibilities of the receiving societies and state authorities.



**Activities regarding integration
done by host societies**

Governmental and international activities

- Lisbon Treaty that came into force in December of 2009 and articulated the European initiatives to support the policies of Member States in the area of immigrant integration.
- International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants



Committees, programs

- The Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Council of Europe, The Intercultural cities program
- KNOMAD, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development, is a brain trust for the global migration community.
- ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) is Germany's oldest intermediary organization for international cultural relation.



Projects

- Causes and Consequences of Socio-Cultural Integration Processes among New Immigrants in Europe. Georg-August-Universität, Germany
- Night spaces: Migration, Culture and IntegraTion in Europe (NITE) for supporting community wellbeing and better integration. Project Partners: Netherlands; UK; Germany; Denmark; Ireland.

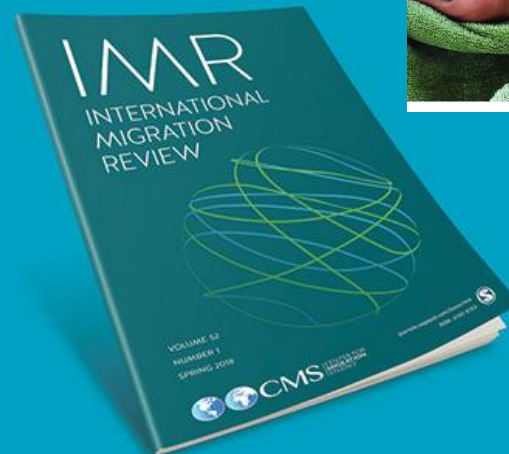
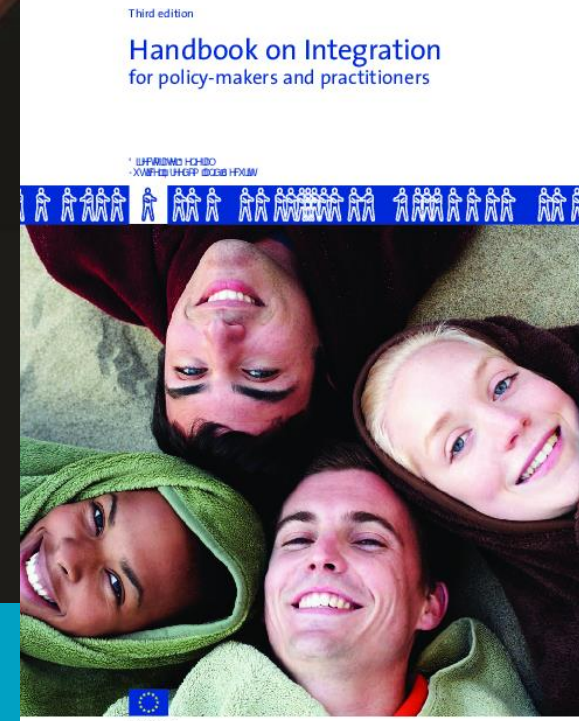
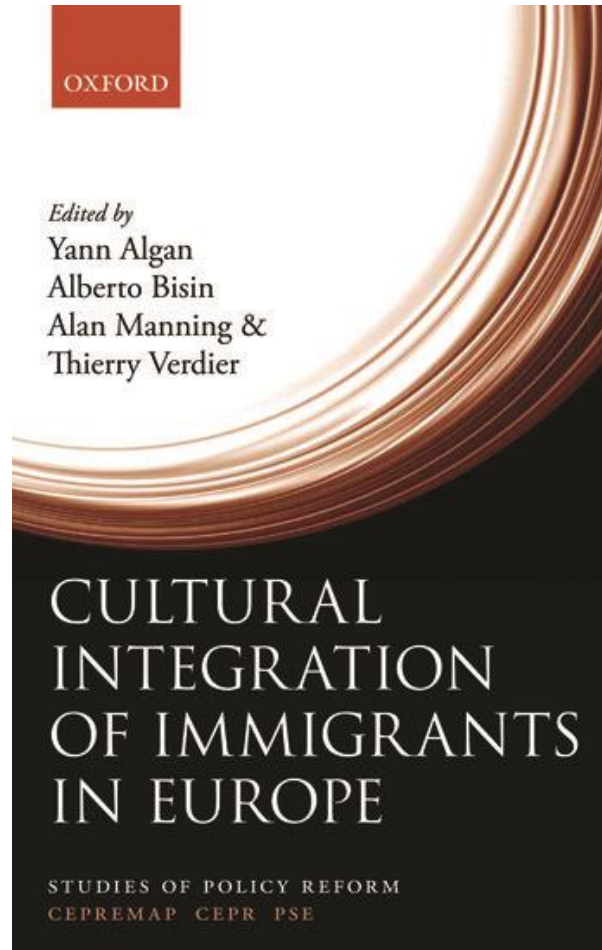


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Books and journals

- Cultural Integration of Immigrants in Europe
- Handbook on Integration for policy-makers and practitioners by European Commission.
- International Migration Review is an interdisciplinary journal



Research Centers

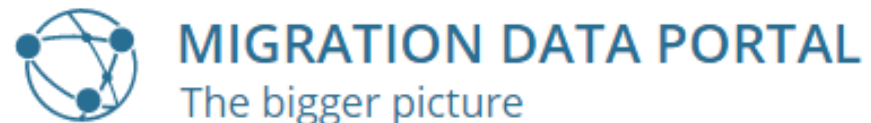
- Migration Policy Centre
- The European Policy Centre
- The University of Oxford's Centre on Migration, Policy and Society
- The Migration Policy Institute's National Centre on Immigrant Integration Policy
- The Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS) at Osnabrück University
- The Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.
- The master's programme in Migration Studies at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.



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Websites

- Good practices in EU
- Migration Data Portal
- European Migration Law is a unique website which offers easy and rapid access to EU law, case laws and news in the fields of asylum, immigration and free movement of people.



Financial supports

- The European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- Europe for Citizens Programme
- The Creative Europe Programme



**Europe for Citizens
Programme**



Platforms, councils,
consulting offices, forums,
working groups, networks,
and NGOs

- European Union National Institutes for Culture
- Migration Policy Group
- Network Migration in Europe
- European Migration Network
- The European Migration Forum



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NETWORK MIGRATION IN EUROPE

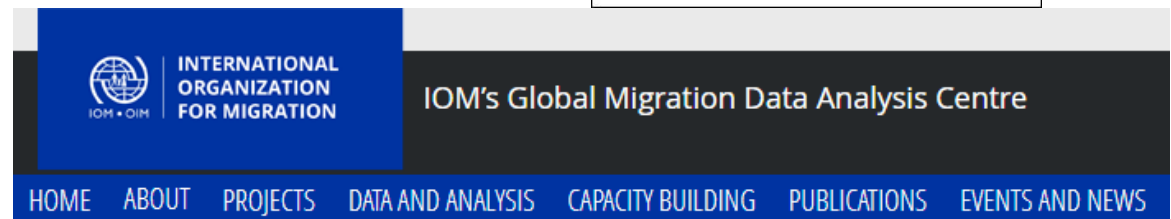
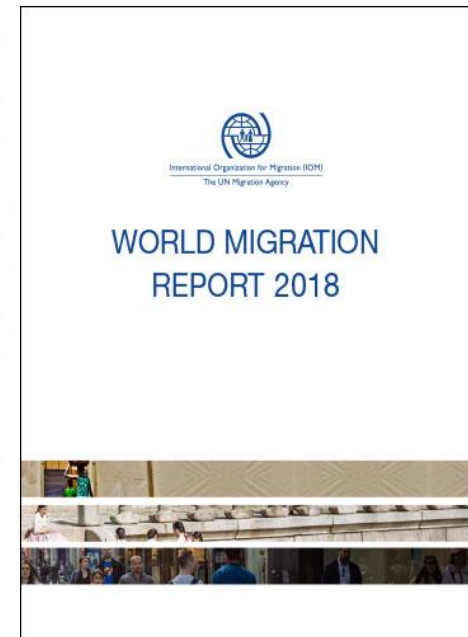
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- The Human Rights League
- Human Rights Defenders
- The Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration
- Eurocities working group on migration and integration
- International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion Network



Indexes, indicators and reports

- Eurostat
- The Migrant Integration Policy Index
- The Migration Governance Indicators
- IOM's 2013 World Migration Report



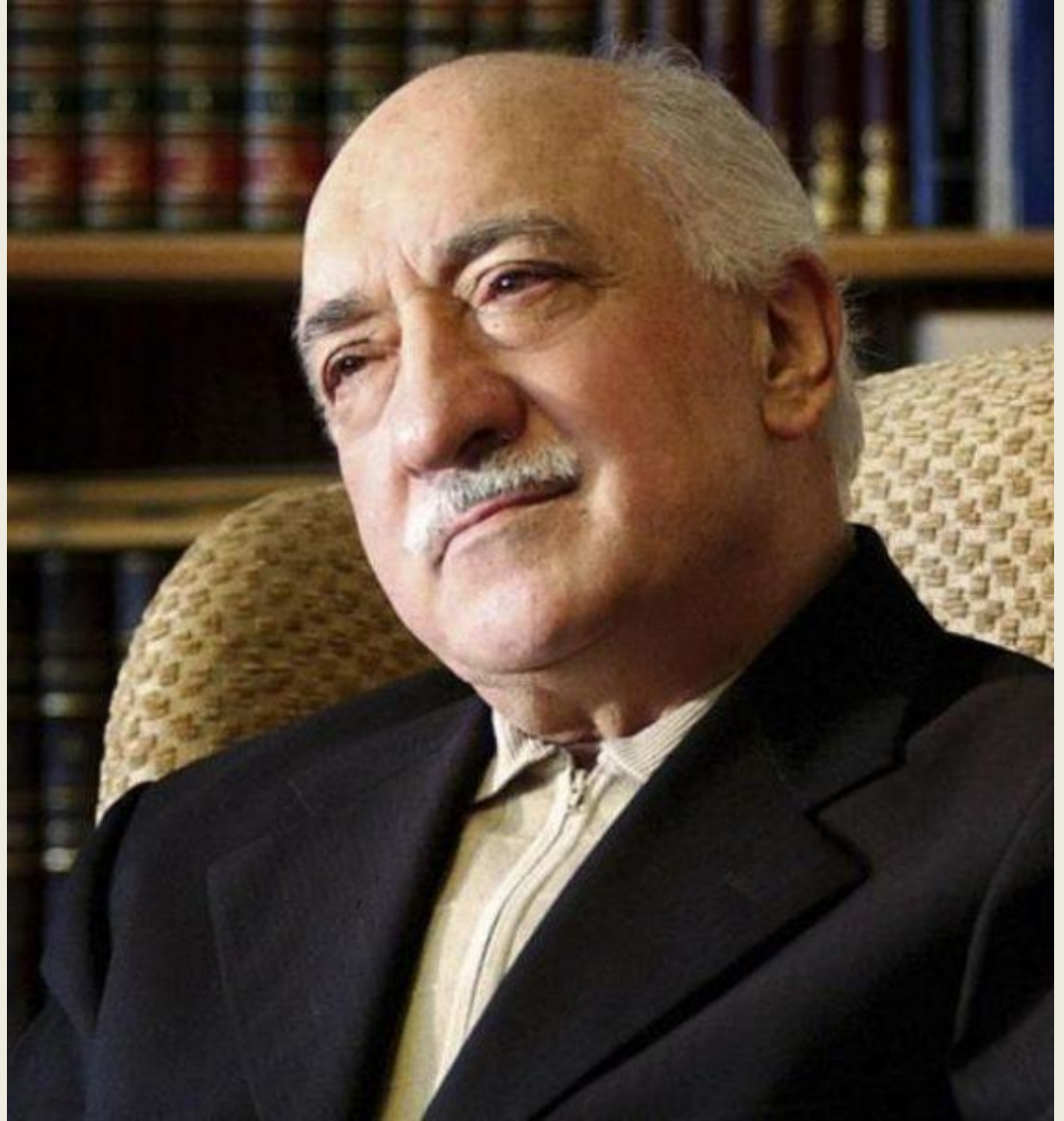
MIGRATION GOVERNANCE INDICATORS

Activities Regarding Integration done by Guest Societies

The Gulen Movement as an example
in Europe and worldwide

Activities regarding cultural integration done by Gulen Movement

- Fethullah Gulen is a Turkish Muslim scholar, opinion leader and peace advocate.
- He is one of the world's most influential Muslim scholars, the inspiration behind a major transnational civil society movement.
- According to Gulen, dialogue is not just about overcoming problems of our globalizing world but is necessitated by our very humanity and his Islamic faith.



Dialogue initiatives

- It was in the early 1990s that he began particularly advocating the need for dialogue initiatives and organizations.
- He visited religious and ethnic leaders such as:
 - the Patriarch of the Turkish Orthodox community,
 - the Patriarch of the Turkish Armenian community,
 - the Chief Rabbi of the Turkish Jewish community,
 - leaders of the Turkish Alevi community,
 - Pope John Paul II and,
 - the Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Israel.



Gulen inspired dialogue initiatives and projects worldwide

- The International Festival of Language & Culture
- Charter schools and cultural centers



Forum Dialog, Berlin/Germany

- Interreligious, Interfaith, and Christian-Muslim Summer Schools
- Project Human Rights and Religion
- Project House of One: Jews, Christians and Muslims came together in Berlin.



HOUSE OF ONE

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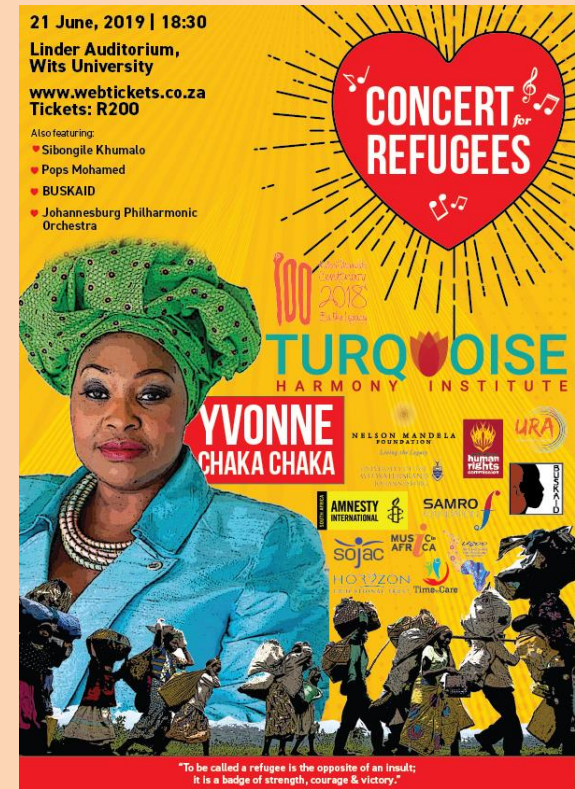
Concerts, Festivals

Turquoise Harmony,
South Africa organized

- Dialogue and Friendship Dinners
- A Concert for Refugees

Dialogu Nams, Latvia
organized Latvian
Language Festival

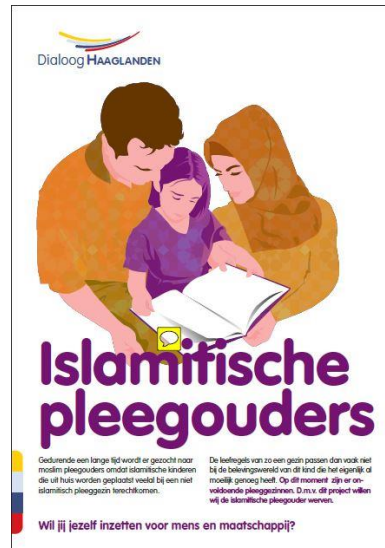
Balturka, Lithonia
organized Poetic
Umbrella (*Under the
umbrella of Lithuanian
language and culture*)



The Netherlands

- Platform INS initiated Project «Art of Living Together»
- Dialogue Haaglanden initiated Projects like:

- Nobody is Alone
- Youth is the Future
- Islamic Foster Parents Wanted



Dunaj Instytut Dialogu Warsaw/Poland

- Books (Dialogue, Dialogue of Civilization Muslim Education: A pedagogical Vision of Fethullah Gulen)
- Workshops (Turkish Kitchen, Ebru Art, Music: Learning to play "ney")
- Dialogue Conversations
- Seminars on communication without violence
- Cultural meeting: Evening of Ukrainian Culture
- Conferences (Pesach - Universal Freedom Festival, CC Crisis&Outcomes of COP24)
- Roundtable: Why dialogue?



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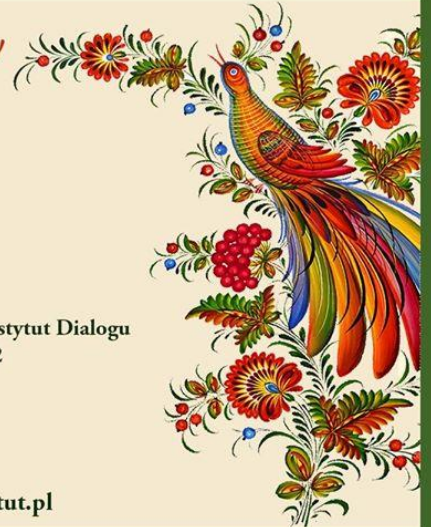
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Rejestracja na: spotkanie@dialoginstytut.pl



Dunaj Instytut Dialogu Warsaw/Poland

- Planting trees
- The International Festival of Language & Culture (IFLC)
- Dinners (Christmas dinners, Iftar dinners in Ramadan, Dinner at Festival of Sacrifices)
- Luncheon meetings
- Social Evenings
- Picnics
- Visits to the orphanage
- Dunaj football cup
- Carrier talks
- Meetings (with neighbors, with Mayor)
- Islam Day in the Catholic Church
- Movie nights
- Language Olympiads





**The Effect of Wars on Climate Change
& Proposed Solutions
Case Study: Middle East**





Registration:
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The program will be held in English

Speaker

Peshang Hama Karim
Warsaw University of Technology

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21th
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Lilia Platforma Kobiet

Warsaw, Poland



International Day for the Elimination of
Violence against Women

What can be done against air pollution?



Zaproszenie

Mamy zaszczyt zaprosić Państwa na spotkanie z okazji Międzynarodowego Dnia Walki z Przemocą wobec Kobiet.

Spotkanie odbędzie się 26.11.2019 w godzinach 18:00 - 20:00 w Domu Kultury Kolorowa przy ulicy Generała Kazimierza Sosnkowskiego 16, Warszawa - Ursus.



Conclusions

- A quote of the Lord Jenkins of Hillhead who was the President of EC between 1977 and 1981, well explains integration process:
 - I do not regard [integration] as meaning the loss, by immigrants, of their own national characteristics and culture.
 - I do not think that we need in this country a ‘melting pot’, which will turn everybody out in a common mould, as one of a series of carbon copies of someone’s misplaced vision of the stereotyped Englishman...
 - I define integration, therefore, not a flattening process of assimilation but as equal opportunity, accompanied by cultural diversity, in an atmosphere of mutual tolerance.

Conclusions

- There is consensus that the notion of integration entails a multi-dimensional and multi-actor process of participation, interaction and understanding, encompassing societies as a whole.
- Love, tolerance, dialog, relief, humility, self-devotion, and to create common spaces for meeting and working together in socially beneficial works are essentials for creating sustainable integration of immigrants.
- The Gulen Movement plays important role in this regard.

Thanks for your attention

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