Policy Conference

‘Addressing Social Cohesion and Effects of Migrants’ Integration in Europe and Asia’

3rd - 4th November 2014
Orchard Hotel
442 Orchard Rd
Singapore

Draft Programme

Day 1: Monday, 3rd November

08:30-09:00 Registration
09:00-09:45 Welcome remarks
Wilhelm Hofmeister
Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Singapore

Keynote Speakers

Janadas Devan
Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Ambassador Michael Pulch
Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Singapore

09:45-10:00 Coffee break
10:00-12:00 Social capital, social mobility and social inclusion in Asia
Chair: Ji-Yeun Rim, OECD Development Centre
Panel:

Fostering social mobility in Malaysia
Helen Ting Mu Heng, Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia

The impact of the income gap on social cohesion in Malaysia
Andrew Eungi Kim, Korea University, South Korea

Social Cohesion in Vietnam
Luu Quang Tuan, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affair, Vietnam

How social capital enhances social cohesion in Cambodia
Soung Sanvavuthy, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia

Open discussion
12:00-13:30  **Lunch**

13:30-15:15  **Social capital, social mobility and social inclusion in Europe**

**Chair:** Claire Dhéret, European Policy Centre, Belgium

**Panel:**
- *Social Cohesion in Europe*
  Monique Borsenberger, Center for Research on Population, Poverty and Socio-Economic Policy, Luxembourg

- *Social mobility through education in UK*
  Germ Janmaat, Institute of Education, University of London, United Kingdom

- *Social Capital and Employment Policy Change in Italy: Lessons from Recent Reforms*
  Paolo Graziano, Bocconi University, Italy

Open discussion

15:15-15:30  **Coffee break**

15:30-17:00  **Non-governmental actors and social cohesion**

**Chair:** Neli Demireva, University of Essex, United Kingdom

- *The changing role of trade unions in Europe*
  Margarida Gada Seoane, Sindicato Nacional dos Quadros e Técnicos Bancários, Portugal and Employment and Social Affairs Commission, European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI), Belgium

- *The role of Development Bank*
  Maria Socorro Gochoco-Bautista, Asian Development Bank Philippines

- *Civic engagement and civil-society in the social domain*
  Amy Sim, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Open discussion

18:30  **Dinner for all participants**

**Day 2: Tuesday, 4th November**

08:30-09:00  **Registration**

09:00-10:30  **Addressing social cohesion and integration in Singapore**

**Chair:** Leong Chan-Hoong, Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore

**Panel:**
- Mizanur Rahman
  Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore

- Vicky Tan
  Connexions, Singapore

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Open discussion

10:30-10:45  **Coffee break**
10:45-12:15  **The role of the business sector and the concept of corporate social responsibility - a contribution to social cohesion and social integration?**

Chair: Ravi Srivastava, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Panel:  
- **Can CSR complement government activities on social cohesion?**  
  Yu Jiantuo, China Development Research Foundation, People’s Republic of China
  
- **CSR as part of the Europe2020 strategy**  
  Jan Noterdaeme, CSR Europe, Belgium
  
- **Cooperation between trade unions and the business sector**  
  Bela Galgoczi, European Trade Union Institute, Belgium

Open discussion

12:15-13:45  **Lunch**

13:45-15:30  **Migration and the impact of integration policies on social cohesion**

Chair: Ruth Ferrero-Turrion, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Panel:  
- **Social cohesion, migration policies and the perception of migrant workers in Asia and the Pacific**  
  Vanessa Steinmayer, UN-ESCAP, Thailand
  
- **Blessing or curse? How Switzerland copes with a high inflow of qualified migrants**  
  Daniel Müller-Jentsch, Avenir Suisse, Switzerland
  
- **Addressing integration of migrants to prevent social divides in Sweden**  
  Henry Martenson, Ministry of Employment, Sweden
  
- **Re-integration of migrants in the Philippines**  
  Ivy Miravalles, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Philippines

Open discussion

15:30-15:45  **Coffee break**

15:45-17:15  **How to make migrants’ integration work for social cohesion**

Chair: Paulina Babis, Ministry of Employment, Poland

Panel:  
- **Whole-of-Government approaches to manage diversity**  
  Hsiao-Chuan Hsia, Shih Hsin University, Republic of China / Chinese Taipei
  
- **Pre- and Post-Departure measures to foster integration of migrants in Germany**  
  Katrin Hirseland, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany
  
- **The Local versus the National Perspective on Migrant Integration in Japan**  
  Keizo Yamawaki, Meiji University, Japan

Open discussion

17:15-17:30  **Concluding remarks**