The Immigration Working Group of the City University of New York Graduate Center presents

**New Directions in Immigration: Interdisciplinary Research Perspectives**

*A Graduate Student Conference*

**Date: Friday, March 28, 2014**

Time: 11 am to 5 pm (Lunch provided; Reception to Follow)

Location: City University of New York, Graduate Center

365 Fifth Avenue (Corner of Fifth Ave and 34th St)

New York, NY 10016

Room: Concourse 198

Please register for the conference [here](#)!

**Tentative Conference Program**

- **11:00 am – 11:15 am**  
  Registration

- **11:15 am – 12:45 pm**  
  **Session I**  
  
  *Panel 1: Blurring or Redrawing Boundaries?: Race and Ethnicity in the Context of Migration*

  Brenda Gambol, CUNY Graduate Center – “Blurred or Bright Boundaries? Filipino Americans in Interethnic and Interracial Marriages”

  Bernadette Ludwig, CUNY Graduate Center – “Staten Island’s “Iron Ladies.” Gendered Adaptation of Liberian Refugees”

  Susie Tanebaum, CUNY Graduate Center – “Queens Iftar: A Muslim Community Transforming the Public Sphere”

  Nazreen Bacchus, Queens College, CUNY – “Managing Assimilation and Multi-Ethnic Gendered Identities: The Case of Second-Generation Indo-Guyanese New Yorkers”
Panel 2: Integration through Education?

Transnational Experiences in Educational Settings

Gowoon Jung, SUNY Albany – “Blurred Citizenship: The Experience of Transnational Korean Students”

Joanna Yip, CUNY Graduate Center – “The Fujianese Immigrant Bargain: An Alternative Narrative of the Model Minority”


12:45pm-1:45pm Lunch

1:45pm-3:15pm Session II

Panel 3: Citizenship, Law and Governance:

How Policy Shapes and is Shaped by the Lives of Migrants

Abigail Kolker, CUNY Graduate Center – “Migrant Worker Vulnerability and Mobilization in Israel: The Role of Local and National Governance”

Stephen Ruszczyk, CUNY Graduate Center – “Dual Marginalization: Governance of Work, Family and Housing of Young Undocumented Mexicans in New York”


Daniel Schneider, CUNY Graduate Center – “Immigration Reform, Enforcement, and a Local Response to Secure Communities”, Co-written by Marlene Ramos, CUNY Graduate Center

Panel 4: Work and the Labor Market:

Migrant Incorporation in the Workplace and Their Impact on the Host Economy

Hyein Lee, CUNY Graduate Center – “Ethnic Minorities: Playing the Institutional Game”

Elizabeth Miller, CUNY Graduate Center – “Home is Where the Work is?: Creating a Sense of Home and Family on the Job”

Jonas Wiedner, CUNY Graduate Center/Humboldt University in Berlin – “Immigrants’ integration in a changing economy: Exploring the divergent trends in social status and unemployment of native-born and immigrant workers in Germany 1980-2010”

Rita Nassar, University of Illinois – “Immigrants as a material threat: a time-series analysis”
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm  Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm  Session III

Panel 5: Transnationalism and Migration: Forging Identities in a Globalized World

Rachel Bogan, CUNY Graduate Center – “Am I Chinese, American, Both, or Neither? The Complexity of Claiming a Transnationally and Transracially Adopted Child’s Identity”


Leslie Martino, CUNY Graduate Center - “From ‘La Montaña’ to Manhattan: Mixtecos in the New York City Mexican Mix”

Daniela Pila, SUNY Albany – “I’m not good enough for anyone’: Legal Status and the Dating Lives Of Undocumented Young Adults”

5:00pm  Reception