



IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION: THE IMPACT OF FEDERALISM ON PUBLIC POLICY

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE FORUM OF FEDERATIONS IN COOPERATION WITH
THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS (EUROPEAN UNION)**

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Room JDE 53 Jacques Delors Building, rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels

This conference, which is being held in collaboration with the Committee of the Regions of the European Union, is part of a Forum of Federations project on the impact of federalism on immigrant integration (laws, policies and programs) in seven countries: Canada, the United States, Australia, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Spain. Particular attention is being paid to developments and debates during the past 10 years or so that were marked by differences of view and/or approach between the federal and subnational governments (including local government). Leading scholars are currently drafting chapters (based on a common template) for a comparative volume intended for publication by McGill-Queen's University Press. For further information on the project, see: <http://www.forumfed.org/en/global/thematic/immigration.php>.

On the first day of the conference, the 'country authors' will give presentations based on their research. On the morning of 30 November, the project co-directors and a high-level panel composed mainly of practitioners will draw lessons from the previous day and offer observations about the implications for public policy with regard to immigrant integration in multilevel government systems. The conference proceedings will take place in English.

There is no fee to attend the conference, but registration is required. Those planning to attend should communicate with Rachida Chaillie, indicating their position/affiliation: chaillie@forumfed.org. A block of rooms (at a reduced rate) has been reserved at the Sofitel Brussels. Ms Chaillie will be pleased to make a reservation for anyone who requires accommodation.

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PROGRAM

Monday, 29 November

Opening session

9-0-9.15 Words of welcome:

- Gerhard Stahl (Secretary-General, Committee of the Regions)
- Leslie Seidle (Senior Policy Advisor, Forum of Federations)

Session 1: Immigration integration – pressures and policy responses

9.15-9.40 Keynote presentation: Christian Joppke (American University of Paris)

9.40-9.55 Commentary: Sergio Carrera (Centre for European Policy Studies)

9.55-10.15 Discussion

10.15-10.30 **Break**

Session 2: Immigrant integration in ‘settler’ federations

Chair: Johanne Poirier (Centre de droit public, Université libre de Bruxelles)

10.30-10.50 Canada: Keith Banting (Queen’s University)

10.50-11.10 United States: Gary Freeman and Stuart Tendler (University of Texas at Austin)

11.10-11.30 Australia: Lesleyanne Hawthorne (University of Melbourne)

11.30-11.40 Commentary: Mark Cully (Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Government of Australia)

11.40-12.30 Discussion

12.30-14.0 **Lunch**

Session 3: Immigrant Integration in Western European federations

Chair: TBD

14.0-14.20 Germany: Holger Kolb (Sachverstaendigenrat deutscher Stiftungen für Integration und Migration)

14.20-14.40 Belgium: Marco Martiniello (Université de Liège)

14.40-15.0 Switzerland: Gianni D’Amato (University of Neuchâtel)

15.0-15.20 Spain: Ricard Zapata-Barrero (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

15.20-15.40 **Break**

15.40-15.50 Commentary: Andreas Kiefer (Council of Europe) [invited]

15.50-17.30 Discussion

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all presenters, etc. are confirmed.

Tuesday 30 November

Session 4: Key observations from day 1

9.30-9.50 Christian Joppke and Leslie Seidle (project co-directors)

9.50-10.30 Discussion

10.30-10.45 **Break**

Session 5: Immigrant integration and policy directions (panel discussion)

Chair: Keith Banting

10.45-11.30 Introductory presentations by panellists:

- Luc Van den Brande (President, Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs, Committee of the Regions)
- Hassan Bousetta (Senate of Belgium and Université de Liège)
- Dirk Jacobs (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- Brian Grant (Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

11.30-12.30 Discussion

Closing session

12.30-12.45 Concluding remarks:

- Béatrice Taulègne (Head, Forward Studies Unit, Committee of the Regions)
- Leslie Seidle (Forum of Federations)