



Biographies: Speakers and Moderators

Maurizio Ambrosini is a professor of the sociology of migration in the faculty of political science of the University of Milan. He is director of the Center for Migration Studies Medi at the University of Genoa and Coordinator of the Laboratory LIMeS (Laboratorio Immigrazione, Multiculturalismo e Società) in the Department of Social and Political Studies of the University of Milan. Professor Ambrosini is also director of *Mondi Migranti*, the first Italian review of the sociology of migrations, and director of the Summer School of Sociology of Migrations of Genoa. His main research interests include: immigration and the labor market, ethnic entrepreneurship, second generation immigrants, migration politics and illegal migrations and local policies for the integration of migrants. He has recently published *Un'altra globalizzazione: La sfida delle migrazioni transnazionali* (Il Mulino, Bologna, 2008). Professor Ambrosini has served as a consultant for the Italian Parliament (Schengen Commission) from 2006-2007, and to Caritas Ambrosiana, the Ismu Foundation, and the Autonomous Province of Trento.

Can M. Aybek is a lecturer and research associate of the Universities of Bremen and Siegen in Germany and currently Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence. Aybek studied social sciences in Ankara and Munich. He received his doctoral degree from the International Graduate School of Social Sciences in Bremen with a thesis on school-to-work transitions of immigrant youth in Germany. His research interest is to combine theoretical debates on integration processes of second/third generation descendants of immigrants in Western Europe and North America with concepts and methodological approaches from life-course research. Aybek's recent research focuses on family structures and dynamics as well as inter-generational relations. In January 2009 he completed a research project with Professor Michael Windzio on the timing and circumstances of leaving the parental home among immigrants of Turkish descent in Germany. Aybek worked at the German Youth Institute in Munich and has been a visiting fellow at the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES)/University of Amsterdam. He is also an associate member of the European Network of Excellence on International Migration, Integration & Social Cohesion (IMISCOE).

Muzaffar Chisti is a lawyer and director of the Migration Policy Initiative's office at New York University School of Law. His work focuses on U.S. immigration policy, the intersection of labor and immigration law, civil liberties, and immigrant integration. Prior to joining MPI Mr. Chishti was Director of the Immigration Project of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial & Textile Employees (UNITE). Mr. Chishti currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the National Immigration Law Center, the New York Immigration Coalition, and the Asian American Federation of New York. He has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Forum, and as a member of the Coordinating Committee on Immigration of the American Bar Association. Mr.

Chishti has testified extensively on immigration policy issues before various Congressional committees. In 1992, as part of a U.S. team, he assisted the Russian Parliament in drafting its legislation on forced migrants and refugees. He is a 1994 recipient of New York State Governor's Award for Outstanding Asian Americans and a 1995 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. His publications include: (co-authored) "Guest Workers in the House of Labor" in the *New Labor Forum*; "The Role of States in US Immigration Policy" in the *NYU Annual Survey of American Law* (2002); "Employer Sanctions Against Immigrant Workers" in *WorkingUSA*; and "Rights or Privileges," in the special issue on the Promise of Immigration in *The Boston Review*. Mr. Chishti was educated at St. Stephen's College, Delhi; the University of Delhi; Cornell Law School; and the Columbia School of International Affairs.

Franco Corradini is Assessore for Social Cohesion and Security in the Town of Reggio Emilia. He has a long experience with environmental and peace movements. Mr. Corradini has worked as an organizer on local projects in different neighborhoods of Reggio Emilia and has served as an advisor and group leader in the town council for the democrats of the left, today's Democratic Party. Since July 2008, Mr. Corradini has served as Vice President of the European Forum on Urban Security, an association that counts more than 300 European cities. He is also on leave from Coopservice, a cooperative that provides services to companies, since he assumed his duties as Assessore in January 2007.

Maurice Crul studied Political Science at the University of Amsterdam (MA) and Ethnic Studies at the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam. He acquired his PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Amsterdam in 2000. An essay based on his PhD thesis was awarded the FMO essay prize. In 1999 he was awarded the Hugo de Groot Grant with which he set up an international study on the second generation in Europe, as a result he published together with Professor Hans Vermeulen a special issue of the *International Migration Review* in the winter of 2003. Professor Crul is now the general coordinator of the TIES project - www.TIESproject.eu - a collaborative and comparative research project on the descendants of immigrants from Turkey, the former Yugoslavia, Greece and Morocco in eight EU member states (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland). He is also the principle investigator of the Children of Immigrants in School (CIS) project which looks at second generation Dominicans in New York and second generation Moroccans in Amsterdam. Professor Crul has published extensively on the educational careers of children of immigrants both nationally and internationally. He is on the program board of IMES and coordinates the sub cluster on the second generation within the IMISCOE network. He is advisor to the city of Amsterdam on integration and diversity and advisor for a National Mentor program for 'at risk' youth at the Royal Orange Foundation.

Graziano Delrio was born in 1960. He received his degree in Medicine and a specialization in endocrinology, pursuing advanced studies in Great Britain and Israel. A professor at the University of Modena and Reggio, he is the author of several well-known scientific works and has held seminars in the Americas and Europe. He was founder and President of the association "Giorgio La Pira", which promoted cultural initiatives and closer relations with the Middle East. In 2000, with more than 4,000 votes, Delrio was elected to the Regional Council of Emilia-Romagna where he presided over the Commission for Health and Social Policies and was part of the Commission for the Environment and Territory. He was also a town counselor in the Sala del Tricolore. In the administrative elections of June 12-13, 2004 Delrio was elected Mayor of Reggio Emilia with more than 63% of the vote. He is also the Vice President of the Association of

Italian Communes (ANCI), where he is a delegate to the Welfare and Social Policies committees.

Philippe Fargues is a sociologist and demographer. He is currently Migration Program Director at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute and the founding director of the Euro-Mediterranean Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration (CARIM). Professor Fargues was Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies Program at the American University in Cairo, a senior researcher and head of the Migration and Minorities unit at the French National Institute for Demographic Studies in Paris, a visiting professor at Harvard, and the Director of the Centre for Economic Legal and Social Studies (CEDEJ) in Cairo. He has lectured and researched at the University of Paris I, the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris, the Lebanese University in Beirut, the UN Institute for Demographic Research and Training in Yaoundé, the Lebanese University in Beirut, and the Ivorian University in Abidjan. His research interests include migration, population and politics in Muslim countries, family building, demographic methodologies and their application to developing countries. His most recent books and edited volumes include *Mediterranean Migration Report 2007*, *Jeunesse du monde arabe: defies et opportunités*, *Génération Arabes, Christians and Jews Under Islam*, *The Economy of the Middle East in a Prospect of Peace*, and *The Atlas of the Arab World – Geopolitics and Society*.

Deanna Margini earned a degree in Pedagogy at the University of Bologna in 1978. She worked as an educator in the Municipal Infant-toddler Centers of Reggio Emilia for 6 years. Since 1991 she works as *Pedagogista* in the Pedagogical Coordinating team of the *Istituzione scuole e nidi d'infanzia* in the City of Reggio Emilia. The specific focus of her research and in-depth studies with colleagues of schools and infant-toddler centers include: the education and spirituality of children in relation to an ethic of differences, strategies for welcoming children and families from other countries in the 0-6 services and relational and intercultural dynamics among teachers, parents and cultural mediators in the multicultural scenario of our society. Currently she coordinates one infant-toddler center and two preschools. Ms. Margini also collaborates with Reggio Children on different research projects. She is currently part of the research team with Reggio and Swedish educators on the project "Dialogues on multiculturalism in educational experiences", a collaboration between the City of Reggio Emilia, Reggio Children, the Reggio Emilia Institute and the University of Stockholm. She regularly participates as a speaker in seminars and national and international conferences in Italy and abroad.

Carla Rinaldi is President of Reggio Children and Professor at the Modena-Reggio University Faculty of Education. Ms. Rinaldi has been appointed as a consultant in various commissions of the Italian Ministry of Education. After she graduated from the University of Bologna with a degree in Philosophy and Pedagogy in 1971, Ms. Rinaldi worked as a *pedagogista* with the Municipal Infant-toddler Centers and Preschools of Reggio Emilia and subsequently as pedagogical director and director of the Municipal Infant-toddler Centers and Preschools, from which she retired in 1999. Ms. Rinaldi has served as a pedagogical/scientific consultant for Reggio Children since 1994, following the supervision of all Reggio Children initiatives. She was responsible for research projects carried out in conjunction with Harvard University, the University of New Hampshire and the University of Milan. Recently, Ms. Rinaldi is particularly involved in ongoing professional development initiatives and research projects with the Northern European Countries. Ms. Rinaldi has served as vice-president of the Gruppo Nazionale Nidi-Infanzia (National Early Childhood Association) and as a member of the Reggio

Emilia Town Council. She has been a speaker at numerous seminars and conferences in Italy as well as in Europe, the United States, Australia and Asia. Ms. Rinaldi has co-authored various books on the Reggio Emilia Municipal Infant-toddler Centers and Preschools, such as "The Hundred Languages of Children" catalogue, "The Fountains", the "Children, Spaces and Relations" Metaproject for an environment for young children", "The diary of Laura" and many others. She has coordinated the publication of the book "Making Learning Visible" published by Reggio Children and Harvard University Project Zero and is the author of "In dialogue with Reggio Emilia" as well as a number of articles published both in Italy and abroad in books and education magazines.

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Alessandro Simoni is professor of law and chairman of the International Relations Board at the Faculty of Law of the University of Florence. Since 2007 he is a member of the steering committee of the PhD school in legal sciences of the University of Florence. His recent research is mainly devoted to antidiscrimination law, minority rights with special regard to the condition of Romani communities, legal anthropology, law and society, and law and development. In Florence he currently teaches comparative legal systems and the law and institutions of Islamic countries. Between 2007 and 2008 he served as a legal expert in the Department for Equal Opportunities of the Prime Minister's Office. Since 2004 he is a member of the Network of Independent Legal Experts on Antidiscrimination established by the European Commission, on behalf of

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