

## Summary of Planning Meeting of the CAEC Task Force on Migration

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Tagaytay City

Makito Noda from the Japan Center for International Exchange introduced CAEC to the team, which was represented by Carolina Hernandez and Diana Wong from Asia and Steffen Angenendt and Mirjana Morokvasic from Europe. Imke Kruse and Rowena Layador joined the meeting as staff members. Jeroen Doomernik, Barbara Marshall, Huang Ping, and Jorge Tigno were not able to attend.

The authors will work on the following subjects:

	ASIA	EUROPE
Labor Migration	Huang Ping	Mirjana Morokvasic
Forced Migration	Diana Wong	Barbara Marshall
Undocumented Migration	Jorge Tigno	Jeroen Doomernik

### General remarks

Makito pointed out that the report must come out with concrete policy recommendations. In addition, it must at least have the following: (1) how is the problem being addressed, (2) experiences/lessons learned, and (3) the areas of cooperation between Asia and Europe.

The meeting clarified conceptual issues on migration including the possible areas of overlap in each category of migration flows and identified issues to be included in the various papers.

One conceptual difficulty is delineating the three types of migration: irregular, forced, and labor migration. The team agreed that it is not only the transnational aspect of migration flow that should be examined, but also large-scale internal migration (displacements), as this later may lead to transnational flows and therefore has substantial political relevance.

The reports should not only focus on the traditional form of transnational migration (people taking up temporary or permanent residence in foreign countries). New types of migration, e.g. repetitive movements across boundaries (shuttle and commuter migration) must be considered as well.

The authors should consider push and pull factors of transnational migration as well as the existence of migration systems, for example ethnic networks.

The studies should reflect the growing importance of gender aspects. Feminization of transnational migration is one of the most important trends on international migration. It is especially true for Southeast Asian countries. There might be problems in documenting these trends, because statistical evidence is scarce, but it nevertheless should be tried.

The most important factors driving transnational migration are globalization, geopolitical shifts, demographic development, and economic structures. Their relevance for the respective migration movements should be addressed in all papers.

An extended discussion of national problems and policy details would be too much for a 30-pages paper. Our aim should be to create categories, and to describe patterns and trends. For example, there could be a distinction made between Southeast and Northeast Asian countries, which seem to have different migration patterns.

One important aspect to be covered by all reports would be foreign and security aspects of transnational migration, which are relevant for future Asia-Europe cooperation.

As far as the time frame is concerned, the reports should concentrate on the 1990s, and only when absolutely necessary refer to historical experiences.

### **Labor Migration**

For labor migration, one should look into globalization impacts on national migration policy and demographic developments within the respective societies. Additionally, the economic structure that contributes to the pull factors and demographic changes in the labor market over time should also be looked into. The demand for skilled/unskilled labor as well as possible problems of brain drain/gain could be addressed, too.

Mirjana is planning to include the following topics in her paper: shuttle migration, marriage migration, domestic workers, the question of qualification, internal unemployment and structures of demand. The participants suggested referring to the EU policy concerning labor migration as well.

## **Forced Migration**

Analyzing forced migration should take the main challenge into account which asylum policy is facing: That is the growing difficulty to distinguish between voluntary and forced migrants.

The participants agreed to focus not only on asylum seekers but other forms of refugees as well and to take into account also arrangements of temporary protection now established in several countries. As far as referred to numbers, it should be differentiated between the sum of asylum seekers, the recognized asylum seekers and permanent residents. Regional asylum policies, e.g. within the European Union, should also be analyzed.

## **Undocumented Migration**

The participants decided to use the phrase “undocumented” (or “irregular”), in stead of “illegal”. The differences to other crimes should be clarified. The papers on undocumented migration should include the problem of trafficking, especially of women and children, and of bilateral tensions (foreign policy) between sending and receiving countries. In general, these papers face the problem of statistical data and estimation. With regard to trafficking, statistical differentiation between genders and a break down of sending countries would be helpful.

## **Overview Paper**

The overview paper written by Carolina and Steffen will provide the definition of migration for all papers and point out the problem of overlap between the three research topics. It will include some general subjects as citizenship, naturalization and integration policy. The overview paper mainly deals with the comparison between the situation/problems in Asia and Europe within all three research fields and will identify fields of future cooperation between Asia and Europe.

## **Time Schedule**

The findings of the Migration Task Force must be presented during the CAEC plenary meeting in Copenhagen in June or July 2002. Then a 2-3-page policy paper must be produced to be presented to the ASEM Copenhagen meeting in September 2002. It would be fine if the book containing the Task Force’s country reports and the overview paper could be published also before the ASEM meeting.

The participants agreed on the following work schedule:

September 10, 2001	Coordinators submit summary of planning meeting discussions to authors
October 10, 2001	Authors forward outlines to coordinators
November 10, 2001	Coordinators return comments on the outlines to authors
End of February 2002	Authors submit first draft based on revised outline to coordinators
End of March 2002	Coordinators return comments on first draft to authors
Mid-April 2002	Second workshop (if funds are available)
Mid-May 2002	Authors submit second revised draft to coordinators
Mid-June 2002	Coordinators write drafts of overview paper and of policy proposals and submit it to Task Force members for comments
End of June 2002	Presentation of papers and overview to CAEC plenary meeting in Copenhagen
September 2002	Task Force submits policy proposal (and if possible) book to ASEM meeting

The authors will be provided with a template that they should use in formatting their paper whose length is about 8-10,000 words. The release of honorarium would be 50% upon submission of the first draft and the rest upon the submission of the final draft.

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