



International Scientific Conference

LABOUR MIGRATION AND ITS CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CONTEXTS

The conference will be held under the auspices of **Prof. PhDr. Martin Hetényi, PhD.**, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra.

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Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

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JUNE 16, 2026

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8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

OPENING

9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF THE APVV PROJECT

doc. Mgr. Silvia Letavajová, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Culturology and Ethnology, Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Slovakia

9:20 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

KEY SPEAKER 1

The Construction of the “Economic Migrant” in Slovak Public Discourse

doc. PhDr. Radoslav Štefančík, MPol., PhD. – Department of Intercultural Communication, Faculty of Applied Languages, University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia

9:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

KEY SPEAKER 2

Labour Migration in the Context of International Protection in the Slovak Republic

Mgr. Petra Achbergerová – Migration Office, Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic

10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

10:35 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

SECTION 1: INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS OF MIGRATION

in-person – Slovak language

chair: doc. Mgr. Silvia Letavajová, PhD.

Between Legislation and Practice: Everyday Barriers to Labour Migration in Slovakia

Mgr. Mário Juhaniak, LL.M. – Slovak Humanitarian Council, Bratislava

Analysis of Services, Cooperation, and Barriers in the Field of Foreigner Integration in Slovakia

Mgr. Eva Miháliková and Mgr. Martin Štrbka – Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for the Development of Civil Society

Needed, Yet Constrained by Barriers: Foreign Nationals on the Slovak Labour Market in the Context of Legal Regulation and Its Practical Implementation

JUDr. PhDr. Barbara Faktor Pavlíková, PhD. – Faculty of Law,

Comenius University in Bratislava

Navigating Uncertainty: Young Foreigners in the NEET Situation and Barriers to Their Integration into the Labour Market in Slovakia

Mgr. Elena Gallo Kriglerová and Mgr. Alena Holka Chudžíková – Center for Ethnicity and Culture Research in Bratislava

Centres of Services for Foreigners as a New Model for Managing Labour Migration in Slovakia: From a Fragmented System to an Integrated Solution

JUDr. Natália Schneiderová, LL.M., PhD. – Migration Office, Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic

Discussion (15 min)

LUNCH BREAK

COMIN NITRA – CONTACT CENTER FOR FOREIGNERS

(Guided tour – Slovak language/English language)

SECTION 2: REFLECTION ON THE WAR CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

in-person – Slovak language
chair: PhDr. Katarína Kompasová, PhD.

The Impact of the Russian Invasion of Ukraine on the Migration Processes of Slovaks of Transcarpathia

Mgr. Štefan Ižák, PhD. – Department of Ethnology and Non-European Studies, University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava

The concept of home and visions of the future among Ukrainian migrants in Slovakia

Mgr. Liudmyla Trubinova – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Integration through Art – The Art of Integration (Forms of Cultural Activities of Migrants in Nitra and Their Social Impact)

prof. Mgr. Miroslav Ballay, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Discussion (15 min)

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC MOBILITY AND THE LABOUR MARKET, LABOUR MIGRATION IN THE MEDIA

in-person/online – Slovak language/English language
chair: PhDr. Michal Kurpaš, PhD.

online: From Education to Employment: The Experiences of Ukrainian Female Graduates and Their Retention in the Slovak Labor Market

doc. Mgr. Iveta Jeleňová, PhD. and Mgr. Martina Jacková –

Department of Social Studies, Faculty of Public Administration, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Faculty of Public Administration

online: Motivation of Ukrainian Students to Find a Job - Case Study from Slovakia, Poland and Romania in the Country of Study doc. Mgr., Ing. Miroslava Knapková, PhD. and Bc. Vanesa Kováčiková – Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

English language: Employment Outcomes of International Students and Graduates of the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

PhDr. Michala Fúsková, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

The Picture of the Issue of Roma Work Migration in Audiovisual News

Mgr. Andrea Chlebcová Hečková, PhD. – Department of Journalism and New Media, Faculty of Arts, University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra

Discussion (15 min)

NITRA CASTLE

(Guided tour – Slovak language/English language)

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SECTION 4: MIGRATION TRAJECTORIES OF SLOVAKS FROM THE LOWLANDS

in-person/online – Slovak language
chair: doc. PhDr. Monika Štrbová, PhD.

Suitcases Not Quite Unpacked: The Migration of Vojvodina Slovaks to Slovakia

Sanja Zlatanović, PhD. and Mgr. Juraj Marušiak, PhD. – Institute of Political Science, Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava

online: Work-Related Migration of Vojvodina Slovaks to Slovakia: An Internal Perspective

prof. dr. Daniela Marčoková and prof. dr. Jasna Uhláriková – Department of Slovak Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

12:00 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

The Potential for Stability and Migration of Slovaks from Vojvodina.

doc. Mgr. Miroslav Tížik, PhD. – Institute of Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences in Bratislava

Labor migration from the expatriate environment to Slovakia and its consequences for minority communities

prof. PhDr. Boris Michalík, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Discussion (15 min)

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

SECTION 5: THEORETICAL REFLECTIONS AND REGIONAL STUDIES (POLAND)

in-person – Polish language/English language

chair: PhDr. Jozef Palitefka, PhD. a Mgr. Liudmyla Trubinova

Polish language: **Resources, relations, community. Exploring trade tourism through migratory social capital, migration network theory and A. Caille's gift paradigm**

dr. hab. Mikołaj Sołtysek and Jakub Bidas – Institute of Sociology Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Polish language: **Regional Contexts of Migration: A Case Study of the Silesian Voivodeship**

dr. Rafał Cekiera, prof. UŚ – Institute of Sociology, University of Silesia, Poland

Polish language: **Migrations to Upper Silesia and their social consequences**

prof. dr. hab. Urszula Swadźba – Institute of Sociology, University of Silesia, Katowice, Poland

English language: **The Ukrainian female migrants and refugees in Poland: the perspective of their sociocultural status**

dr. Joanna Stepaniuk – Józef Piłsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw, Poland

Discussion (15 min)

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

FLOWERS FOR NITRA

(Painting exhibition by Ukrainian painter Julia Tomesko)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

SECTION 6: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AND NEW MIGRATION TRENDS

in-person/online – English language

chair: PaedDr. Andrea Molnárová, PhD. and PhDr. Michala Fúsková, PhD.

English language: **Aspiring Through Precarity: Indian Migrant Labour in Slovakia**

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

Zsuzsanna Árendás, PhD. – Senior Research Fellow, Eötvös University, Center for Social Sciences, Central European University, Democracy Institute, Budapest, Hungary

online – English language: **The Network Effect of Immigrants on Neighbourhood Change: Case of Ghanaians in Brno (Czechia)**

Mgr. Emmanuel Donkor – Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Praha, Česká republika

online – English language: **Integration without Assimilation: Acculturation Strategies of Russian-Speaking Migrants in Bulgaria through YouTube Narratives**

Mgr. Mikhail Andramonov – South-West University „Neofit Rilski“, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

online – English language: **Labour, reciprocity and refugee rights. Public discourses about deservingness in the context of welfare participation of refugees in Poland**

dr. hab. Katarzyna Andrejuk – Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

Discussion (15 min)

SECTION 7: LOCAL IMPACTS OF MIGRATION AND EMPLOYERS' PERSPECTIVES

in-person – Slovak language

chair: prof. PhDr. Miroslav Ballay, PhD.

Economic benefit vs social concerns: ambivalent attitudes towards labor migration in Nitra

doc. PhDr. Monika Štrbová, PhD. and doc. Mgr. Silvia Letavajová, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Factors of employment of foreigners by local entrepreneurs

PhDr. Katarína Kompasová, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Labour Migration Through the Lens of Nitra: Experiences and Attitudes of Local Opinion Leaders

PaedDr. Andrea Molnárová, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Labor Migration and Its Impacts on the Local Economy

PhDr. Michal Kurpaš, PhD. – Institute of Culture and Tourism Management, Cultural Studies, and Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Discussion (15 min)

END OF CONFERENCE

ACCOMPANYING ACTIVITIES

JUNE 16, 2026

CONTACT CENTER FOR FOREIGNERS – COMIN NITRA (Guided tour)

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Center tour

Language: Slovak/English

Meeting address: Cintorínska 5, Nitra (2nd floor)



NITRA CASTLE (Guided tour)

5:40 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. tour

Language: Slovak language/English language

Meeting address: Nitra Castle, main entrance, Nitra



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FLOWERS FOR NITRA (Painting exhibition by Ukrainian painter Julia Tomesko)

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Exhibition

Meeting address: Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra
Hodžova 1, Staircase Gallery (ground floor), free admission

