

## Policy Conference

### 'Addressing Social Cohesion and Effects of Migrants' Integration in Europe and Asia'

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Orchard Hotel  
442 Orchard Road  
Singapore

## Programme

### Day 1: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:45 **Welcome remarks**

Wilhelm Hofmeister  
Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Singapore

#### Keynote Speakers

Janadas Devan  
Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National  
University of Singapore, Singapore

Ambassador Michael Pulch  
Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Singapore

09:45-10:15 **Coffee break**

10:15-12:15 **Social capital, social mobility and social inclusion in Asia**

Chair: Ji-Yeun Rim, OECD Development Centre

Panel: *Fostering social mobility in Malaysia*  
Helen Ting Mu Heng, Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa (IKMAS), Universiti  
Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia

*The impact of the income gap on social cohesion in South Korea*  
Andrew Eungi Kim, Korea University, South Korea

*Social capital of Vietnamese rural people*  
Luu Quang Tuan, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour,  
Invalids and Social Affairs, Vietnam

*Social cohesion in Cambodia*  
Song Sanvavuthy, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia

Open discussion

12:15-13:45 **Lunch**

13:45-15:30 **Social capital, social mobility and social inclusion in Europe**

Chair: Claire Dhéret, European Policy Centre, Belgium

Panel: *Social Cohesion in Europe*  
Monique Borsenberger, Center for Research on Population, Poverty and Socio-Economic Policy, Luxembourg

*Social mobility through education in UK*  
Germ Janmaat, Institute of Education, University of London, United Kingdom

*Social capital and employment policy change in Italy: Lessons from recent reforms*  
Paolo Graziano, Bocconi University, Italy

Open discussion

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00-17:30 **Non-governmental actors and social cohesion**

Chair: Neli Demireva, University of Essex, United Kingdom

*The changing role of trade unions in Europe*  
Margarida Geada Seoane, União dos Sindicatos Independentes (USI), Portugal and  
Employment and Social Affairs Commission, European Confederation of  
Independent Trade Unions (CESI), Belgium

*Can development banks promote social cohesion?*  
Maria Socorro Gochoco-Bautista, Asian Development Bank Philippines

*Civic engagement and civil-society in the social domain*  
Amy Sim, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Open discussion

18:30 **Dinner for all participants**

## Day 2: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-10:30 **Addressing social cohesion and integration in Singapore**

Chair: Leong Chan-Hoong, Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Panel: *Challenges of integrating foreign labour into Singapore*  
Mizanur Rahman, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore

*Practical aspects of promoting social integration in Singapore*  
Vicky Tan, Connexions, Singapore

*Insights from the workplaces perspective (tbc)*  
John Ng, Singapore National Employers' Federation, Singapore

Open discussion

10:30-10:45 **Coffee break**



10:45-12:15 **The role of the business sector and the concept of corporate social responsibility - a contribution to social cohesion and social integration?**

Chair: Ravi Srivastava, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Panel: *Can CSR complement government activities on social cohesion?*  
Yu Jiantuo, China Development Research Foundation, People's Republic of China

*CSR strategies to foster social cohesion and community engagement (tbc)*  
Jerry Bernas, ASEAN CSR Network, Singapore

*Cooperation and social dialogue between trade unions and the business sector*  
Bela Galgoczi, European Trade Union Institute, Belgium

Open discussion

12:15-13:45 **Lunch**

13:45-15:30 **Migration and the impact of integration policies on social cohesion**

Chair: Ruth Ferrero-Turrion, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Panel: *Social cohesion, migration policies and the perception of migrant workers in Asia and the Pacific*  
Vanessa Steinmayer, UN-ESCAP, Thailand

*Blessing or curse? How Switzerland copes with a high inflow of qualified migrants*  
Daniel Müller-Jentsch, Avenir Suisse, Switzerland

*Addressing integration of migrants to prevent social divides in Sweden*  
Henry Martenson, Ministry of Employment, Sweden

*Re-integration of migrants in the Philippines*  
Ivy Miravalles, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Philippines

Open discussion

15:30-15:45 **Coffee break**

15:45-17:15 **How to make migrants' integration work for social cohesion**

Chair: Paulina Babis, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Poland

Panel: *Whole-of-Government approaches to manage diversity*  
Hsiao-Chuan Hsia, Shih Hsin University, Republic of China / Chinese Taipei

*Pre- and post-departure measures to foster integration of migrants in Germany*  
Katrin Hirsland, Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany

*The local versus the national perspective on migrant integration in Japan*  
Keizo Yamawaki, Meiji University, Japan

Open discussion

17:15-17:30 **Concluding remarks**

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