And Then Came Brexit: Experiences and Future Plans of Young EU Migrants in the London Region

Keynote Speech
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The unexpected result of the UK Referendum of 23 June 2016, when 52% of the British population voted to leave the European Union (‘Brexit’), was above all a protest about what was perceived as ‘uncontrolled’ and hence ‘problematic’ immigration. Yet how well informed was the British population about the advantages and disadvantages of ‘free movement’ within the EU? This lecture will use findings from 120 interviews with migrants from six EU countries living and working in the London area to document their perspectives on migration, including reactions to Brexit. These interviews, and other research evidence, reveal that EU migrants make substantial and often vital contributions to the UK labour market and economy. Meanwhile, in post-Brexit Britain, migrants feel less ‘welcome’. Some prepare to leave but the majority are pausing to ‘wait and see’. They deploy ‘narratives and tactics of belonging’ to affirm their rights to stay.

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Workshop on Publication: A Conversation with Professor Russell King

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Workshop on Migration and Inequalities

 Venue:
Room 1312, 13/F, Academic & Administration Building, 15 Baptist University Road, Hong Kong Baptist University, Kowloon Tong

Keynote speaker: Professor Russell King
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Professor King had multiple appointments at Sussex, including Dean of the School of European Studies (1998-2001), Head of the Geography Department (2004-07) and Director of the Sussex Centre for Migration Research (1998-2011). He was also the editor of the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies from 2000 till 2013. His research areas include migration and life course, transnationalism, and social geography.

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