

“International students as skilled migrants? Policy and practice in Denmark”

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International student migration is increasingly treated as a sub-class of talent mobility in the globalising knowledge economy. This is leading to mobilisation of states' agendas for internationalisation of higher education and talent attraction to boost national competitiveness. Concurrently, convergence is happening between migration management regimes, albeit with persistent variations in actual regulations, when it comes to attracting skilled migrants.

This seminar will discuss the deployment of students migration schemes for attracting skilled labour by examining the management of the status transition of international students' into foreign workers in the host country context. Looking at the example of Denmark, which is still developing its position in international policy landscapes, the seminar will discuss inherent tensions in promoting talent attraction and internationalisation vis-à-vis migration management.

Dr. Ana Mosneaga is a migration policy specialist with core expertise in labour migration management. She currently works as a Research Associate at the United Nations University's Institute for Advanced Studies of Sustainability in Tokyo, focusing on displacement challenges after the nuclear accident in Fukushima. Before joining UNU, Dr. Mosneaga worked for the Immigration and Integration Unit of the European Commission's Directorate-General Home Affairs in Brussels and held positions with multinational companies in Copenhagen. She obtained her Ph.D. in human geography from the University of Copenhagen examining the management of international student mobility as a subgroup of skilled migration. During her PhD, Dr. Mosneaga was also a guest researcher in the Labour Migration Branch of the International Labour Organisation in Geneva. She grew up in Kyoto and has since resided, studied and worked in seven different countries.

