

The Baldy Center Working Group on
Migration Policy and Pluralism
invites you to a luncheon presentation



Wednesday, October 22, 2008

12:30 – 2:00 pm

5th Floor Conference Center, 509 O’Brian Hall

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The Discomfort of Religion: Integration of Post-War Immigrants in Western Europe

Leo Lucassen

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Professor Dr. Leo Lucassen compares the propensity to intermarry of various migrant groups and their children who settled in Germany, France, England, Belgium, and the Netherlands in the post-war period, using a wide range of available statistical data. He explains the different intermarriage patterns within the framework of Alba and Nee’s assimilation theory and pays special attention to the role of religion, colour and colonial background. He then compares colonial with non-colonial migrants and within these categories between groups with ‘European’ (Christian/Jewish) and non-European (Islam, Hinduism) religions.

Lucassen holds the chair of Social History at Leiden University and is attached to the Institute of Ethnic and Migration Studies (IMES) in Amsterdam. He is a former fellow of the New School for Social Research in New York and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS). He is a specialist in the migration history of Europe and has also worked extensively on gypsies and itinerant groups. Recent publications include: *Migration; Migration History; History: Old Paradigms and New Perspectives* (1997, 1999, and 2005) (ed. with Jan Lucassen); *Gypsies and other Itinerant Groups. A Socio-Historical Approach* (1998), *The Immigrant Threat. The Integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850* (2005); *Paths of Integration. Migrants in Western Europe (1880-2004)* (2006)(ed. with J Oltmer & D Feldman; and forthcoming *Migration in Europe: An Encyclopedia* (2009)(ed. with K Bade, P Emmer & J Oltmer).

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