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Nordic societies are becoming increasingly plural and diversified, and class differences are increasing. This increasingly diverse society is frequently viewed as creating challenges for the making of “good citizens” and for upholding values seen as characteristic to Nordic societies such as trust and social equality. The realm of parenting is an important space for moulding new citizens, both in the intimate sphere of the family and in public institutions. Nordic welfare states aim to create ‘good citizens’ and prevent social inequality from being reproduced through various governmental measures, programs and institutions targeting parents in particular. Through this work, these institutions such as kindergartens, schools, and child welfare systems promote particular ideals and ideas of what is considered good parenting. This workshop will address the complex interrelationship between the welfare state and migrants as parents. How are the various welfare states and their institutions responding to migrant parents? How are migrant parents meeting the Nordic welfare state? We invite papers with empirical as well as theoretical approaches to the study of parenting cultures in contemporary Nordic societies.