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From around 1970s the immigration in Norway has been increasing. Peaks of the immigration in the last decades can be related to the political and economic situation in Europe. For example: 1993 - the war in Bosnia, 1999 - the Kosovo conflict, 2007-2008 – economic crisis in Europe.

This increasing flow of immigrants (not only from other continents but also from European countries) has definitely changed the modern European society and its attitudes toward the immigrants. The terms “migration” and “migrant” are no longer used to talk about all groups of immigrants. Often other terms (e.g., “mobility”, “expat”) are used. It seems that the boundaries become larger or maybe disappear at all. Or maybe they only assume a new form?

For instance, the status of the language and the attitude toward the bilingualism seem to be changed. The term “country of origin” is not clear any more as it was forty years ago. The question of cultural background emerges in different forms.

The aim of our workshop will be twofold. On the one hand, we would like to discuss how terms and concepts describing immigration and integration into a new society have changed during the last four to five decades and which new terms have emerged. On the other hand, we would like to see how the perception and attitudes toward the migrating process and the migrants have changed.

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