



MONASH UNIVERSITY – ACER CENTRE FOR THE ECONOMICS
OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

 **MONASH**
Institute for the Study of Global Movements

CERC seminar series

Tuesday, 6 March 2007, 1 to 2 pm

Room 212

The University of Melbourne, 234 Queensberry Street

Integrating refugees in to employment – European experience

Richard Pearson

Visiting Professor, Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex

Refugees are an important but distinctive part of the inward migration in to developed countries. Refugees are not 'voluntary' migrants and usually need help integrating in to what is often a very different culture and work environment. The background of refugees is extremely diverse in terms of their ability to speak the 'new' language, adjust to a new culture, and their work skills, while many have backgrounds involving trauma and other types of disadvantage. This presentation will focus on some of the approaches adopted by the UK and selected other European governments in seeking their integration in to employment.

Richard has many years of research experience relating to the labour market and international mobility. He has been a consultant to the EC, OECD, government departments and major corporations. He was director of the independent *Institute for Employment Studies* form 1992-2004. He is currently the research director at the *Employability Forum*, which supports and monitors the integration of refugees in to employment; a Visiting Professor at the universities of Sussex and Leicester. He is also a member of the *Senior Salaries Review Body* in the UK which sets the salaries of senior public sector figures and parliament in the UK. For 10 years he wrote a monthly column for *Nature*, the international scientific journal.

Enquiries: Geraldine East, Centre Manager

Room 234, Level 2, 234 Queensberry St, The University of Melbourne, Victoria 3010

t: +613 8344 9502; **f:** +61 3 8344 9507; **e-mail:** cerc@cerc.unimelb.edu.au