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Irregular immigrants and persons with weak immigration status are often excluded from the formal social security arrangements in their countries of work and residence. This raises a growing number of legal, practical and political issues. This conference seeks to analyse these issues and bring together academics, policy advisers, practitioners, international organisations, NGO's and representatives of migrant interest groups to explore alternative approaches to social protection and migration.

**Conference goals:**

- To present the research findings of the Cross-border Welfare State research group on the relationship between immigration, social security and integration ([www.crossborderwelfare.nl](http://www.crossborderwelfare.nl)).
- To serve as a platform for initiating further research on alternative approaches to social protection and migration, such as: minimum standards for vulnerable groups, voluntary insurance for emigrants moving abroad, collective private insurance and government expatriation programmes.

**Invited key-note speakers:**

Dr. Ryszard Cholewinski, Migration Policy Specialist at the International Labour Organisation (ILO),  
Dr. Kay Hailbronner, Professor of Law at the University of Konstanz, and  
Dr. Loïc Wacquant, Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley and Researcher at the Centre de sociologie européenne, Paris.

**Papers are welcome for workshop sessions on:**

- Reception of asylum seekers
- Social rights of irregular migrants
- Income requirements in migration policy
- Integration requirements in migration and social policy
- New approaches to labour migration and social security
- Return facilities as an alternative form of social security
- Migrants' informal sources of social security

Please consult the conference website for more information on the workshop themes and for names and contact details workshop organizers: [www.rechten.vu.nl/accessdenied](http://www.rechten.vu.nl/accessdenied)

**Deadline for abstract submission: 1 December 2011. Deadline for papers: 1 February 2012.**

**Post-conference working session**

Following the closing plenary on Wednesday March 14 there will be a post-conference afternoon working session for participants who have committed to follow-up proposal. This proposal is posted on the website: [www.rechten.vu.nl/accessdenied](http://www.rechten.vu.nl/accessdenied)

**Conference publication**

Participants will receive a conference publication including the research findings of the cross-border welfare group, a selection of the conference papers and an annotated bibliography.

**Registration and information**

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or write to: Access Denied, p/a Sarah van Walsum, Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law, VU University Amsterdam, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, the Netherlands; or e-mail: [Accessdenied.rch@vu.nl](mailto:Accessdenied.rch@vu.nl). **Deadline early registration: 1 December 2011.**