

The California Agenda Public Policy Lecture Series
“Immigration, Social Exclusion, and Urban Governance in Europe”
Speaker: Dr. Ali Madanipour, University of Newcastle, England
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Dr. Ali Madanipour, from the University of Newcastle, England, summarized recent immigration trends in Europe in an effort to give context to the emerging social, economic, cultural, and geographic exclusion experienced by immigrants in the European Union. Dr. Madanipour reviewed the demographic and economic forces contributing to an increased demand for imported labor and the resulting challenges faced by these nations. Efforts to mitigate immigrant exclusion through strategic governance were reviewed by Dr. Madanipour which included the European Union’s Social Exclusion Agenda and the Eurocities Project. Successful elements of the integration agendas included coordination between different levels of government, the involvement of multiple agencies, leadership by city authorities, and the participation of excluded groups. Drawing on the commonalities between the European and American experience, Dr. Ali Modarres, the Associate Director of the Pat Brown Institute, concluded the lecture by discussing the parallel causes of social and economic exclusion among immigrants within the United States and the need for an integrative policy response. Finally, a discussion was lead by Dr. Madanipour and Dr. Modarres on the issue of immigrant inclusion and within the framework of recent immigration events of particular relevance to California.