

IMISCOE Annual Conference, 25-27 June 2015, Geneva

Call for papers

Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective

Discrimination is a major obstacle to the integration of immigrants and their descendants, for example in terms of labour market participation, access to housing, education careers, access to services or interaction with police and justice. Research from a variety of disciplines and methodological approaches have provided strong and solid evidence for the decisive role of discrimination in shaping access to opportunities for ethnic minorities across Europe. This represents a major challenge both to the normative principle of equality of opportunity and to the objective of social cohesion currently emphasised by most European governments.

This workshop aims at bringing together discrimination researchers in Europe, tackling this issue from various approaches in social science and beyond (sociology, economics, demography, social psychology, geography, anthropology, history, legal studies) and from all methodological positions (quantitative, qualitative, and experimental). It focuses on accumulated knowledge of discrimination across different countries, domains and discrimination grounds. We welcome empirical studies of discrimination patterns, theoretical perspectives on how the prevalence of ethnic discrimination should be explained and conceptualised, and papers that point out new directions for the future of discrimination research in Europe. Papers that compare research findings from several countries are particularly welcome.

Please send your proposal for a contribution no later than **5 January 2015** to the organizers, Rosita Fibbi (Rosita.Fibbi@unine.ch) and Arnfinn H. Midtbøen (ahm@socialresearch.no). Abstracts of a maximum of 250 words should include the title, name(s) and affiliation(s) of authors as well as specifying the main research question, methods and findings. The notification of acceptance will be made by **9 January 2015** and the panel proposal will be submitted to IMISCOE 14 January 2015. To ensure a high quality of contributions and discussions during the session, the submission of full papers or extended abstracts is required by 30 April 2015.

The workshop will be chaired by Rosita Fibbi (Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies, Switzerland) and Arnfinn H. Midtbøen (Institute for Social Research, Norway). The co-chairs will act as discussants of the papers presented at the workshop.

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