

TIES RTN – A Research Training Network on the Integration of the Second European Generation

Fourteen upcoming doctoral and post-doctoral training opportunities on integration and ethnic studies

From the 1st October 2006, the TIES RTN project will seek to familiarise twelve early-stage researchers (ESRs) and two experienced researchers (ERs, less than 10 years of research experience) from different disciplinary backgrounds with cutting-edge methodological and conceptual approaches in migration and ethnic studies.

Coordinated by INED, the French National Institute for Demographic Studies, the network will involve eleven other research institutes and universities from eleven countries*. Most of the host institutes are centres of expertise on migration, and nine of the twelve are members of the IMISCOE network.

The ambition of the partners is to deepen understanding of integration processes by testing theoretical hypotheses with empirical findings. The originality of the RTN is to be built on a European comparative survey - the TIES project** - that investigates processes of integration in 15 cities in eight countries (Sweden, Germany, France, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Switzerland). The survey data will enable researchers to analyse the varying modes of incorporation (education, labour market, housing, identity, social relations, family formation, transnationalism, religion) experienced by second-generation groups across European countries and cities.

Resources accessible throughout the TIES network will provide the ESRs and ERs with unique opportunities to enhance their skills and competencies in a multidisciplinary environment. The RTN will offer wide training activities in close cooperation with the training committee of IMISCOE. As part of the requirements, ESRs and ERs will participate in a summer school, spend at least six months researching at one or more partners' training sites in addition to their RTN host institute, take part in the project plan workshop and methodology seminars and defend their research before an international committee that includes senior members of TIES.

Each of the partner institute will advertise doctoral and post-doctoral positions to be open within the TIES RTN from October 2006. Check regularly the partners and the TIES website for position opening. Don't miss out this truly European training experience !

* TIES RTN partners institutes :

- Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques [INED], France – <http://www.ined.fr>
- Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies of the Universiteit van Amsterdam [IMES], The Netherlands – <http://www2.fmg.uva.nl/imes>
- Nederlands Interdisciplinair Demografisch Instituut [NIDI] , The Netherlands - <http://www.nidi.knaw.nl/nl>
- Institut für Europäische Integrationsforschung of the Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften [EIF] , Austria - <http://www.eif.oeaw.ac.at/01institut/start01.html>
- Departement Sociologie of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven [KUL] , Belgium - <http://www.kuleuven.ac.be/sociologie>
- Institut für Migrationsforschung und Interkulturelle Studien of the Universität Osnabrück [IMIS] , Germany - <http://www.imis.uos.de/index.htm>

- Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones of the Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid [IEM], Spain - <http://www.upcomillas.es/pagnew/iem/index.asp>
- Centre for Research in international migration and ethnic relations (CEIFO) of the University of Stockholm [US], Sweden - <http://www.ceifo.su.se/eng>
- Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies of the Université de Neuchâtel [FSM], Switzerland - <http://www.migration-population.ch/index.php?id=398&L=1>
- Sussex Centre for Migration Research of the Sussex University [SCMR], United-Kingdom - <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/migration>
- Institute of International and Social Studies of the University of Tallin [IISS], Estonia - <http://www.iiss.ee/?m1=116>
- Department for Radio, Television and Cinema of the university Kadir Has University [KHU], Turkey - <http://www.khas.edu.tr/eng/KADIRHASUNIVERSITY.htm>

** More information on the TIES survey is available at : <http://www.imiscoe.org/ties>