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Call for papers

Racial and Ethnic Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective

Workshop/ panel organised at the 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference Barcelona, 2-4 July 2018

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Recent meta-analyses have documented the pervasive and persisting character of discrimination against immigrants and their descendants in Europe and the US. Many studies concentrate on discrimination in access to the labour market; yet discrimination appears also in a variety of other social spheres such as housing, education, access to services or interaction with police and justice. Discrimination represents a major challenge both to the normative principle of equality and raises the question of the policies addressing effectively this issue in order to pursue the objective of social cohesion in multicultural European societies.

Discriminations that are identified and studied are mostly those that directly hinder access to rights, services or goods, such as jobs, promotions, higher wages, nice housing in attractive neighbourhoods, good schools and selective educational tracks, etc. These unfair treatments are connected to stereotypes and prejudices which also foster stigmatization and negative social interactions. These experiences of everyday racism are traditionally not studied as discriminations, even though they contribute directly to shape the space of ethno-racial disadvantages. Echoing the mobilization of social movement against micro-aggressions, a new thread of research documents the expressions of stigmatization (acts of hostility, verbal and physical racist aggressions, racial harassment or profiling, stigmatization) and their consequences, and link these experiences to the field of discrimination. However, the conceptual and empirical connections between everyday racism, micro-aggression and ethno-racial discrimination needs to be analysed further.

The vast literature on ethnic and racial discrimination covers a range of theories addressing the causes, variation and changing patterns of discrimination over time and contexts. This workshop aims at bringing together researchers on discrimination in Europe, tackling these issues from various disciplines, theoretical backgrounds and methods. We welcome empirical studies of discrimination patterns, theoretical perspectives on how the prevalence of ethnic discrimination should be explained and conceptualised, papers that point out new directions for the future of discrimination research in Europe, and studies which discuss the effects and consequences of antidiscrimination policies and legislation, in historical perspective as well as in the contemporary context. We also welcome papers which use and discuss theories about cross-country differences, ethnic hierarchies, and evolution over time, including studies which compare the historical experiences of discrimination among European immigrant groups in the US with today's situation for more recent immigrant groups on both sides of the Atlantic.

Please send your proposal for a contribution no later than **December 8th, 2017** to the organizers: Rosita Fibbi (Rosita.Fibbi@unine.ch), Arnfinn H. Midtbøen (ahm@socialresearch.no) and Patrick Simon (simon@ined.fr). 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 **December 13th, 2018** and the panel proposal will be submitted to IMISCOE **December 15th, 2017**. 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 2018.