

Migration, Ethnicity, and Urban Inequality in Europe

Call for Papers

Graduate Student Conference
UCLA, March 2-3, 2012

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Over the past several decades, Europe and North America have been at once confronted and transformed by the advent of large-scale international migration. While the migrants may sometimes have been wanted, they have rarely been welcomed, with frontiers made ever tighter, a change to which migrants have responded by finding new ways of crossing borders. While issues of border management, smuggling, and trafficking have become increasingly important, control policies have had limited effect, with the result that both irregular migrants and efforts to police them are pervasive. In addition, the countries of immigration find problems taking new form, as the migrants' children have come of age, often understanding themselves as members of the societies in which they have grown up, and yet finding themselves not fully accepted. The challenge of incorporation has been heightened by a complex set of factors. First, immigrant-origin populations have responded to their situation in a variety of ways, whether through protest, the development of new ethnic and religious identities, or more conventional forms of political mobilization and engagement. Second, exclusion has taken new form, driven by growing levels of inequality, changes in the fabric of urban areas, and the expansion of non-standard or precarious employment. Simultaneously, migration is feeding back to sending countries, whether through migrants' remittances, investments, or political engagements, activities which complicate incorporation trajectories in the destination countries.

These are the topics to be discussed at a graduate student conference, to be held at UCLA on March 2-3, 2012. Part of an effort to both build an interdisciplinary network of young researchers and to begin a trans-Atlantic conversation, the conference is organized by the UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies and the interdisciplinary Program on International Migration, in cooperation with the the Department of Sociology at Sciences Po and the Berlin Graduate School of Social Science. Up to 10 partially-funded invitations will be made to North American (US and Canadian based) graduate researchers to present a paper and participate in a two day conference with faculty and graduate students from UCLA, Sciences Po, and the Berlin Graduate School of Social Science. Commentary, advice, and discussion will be offered to help authors develop their papers for journal publication. The bulk of the conference time will take place in workshop sessions, each of which will feature three presentations by graduate students and a comment by a faculty member. All papers will be available beforehand on a password protected webpage.

Researchers working on European aspects of migration, ethnicity, and urban inequality are invited. We welcome papers from a broad variety of disciplines, including anthropology, economics, geography, law, political science, sociology, urban studies, women's studies, addressing any one of the topics below:

- Incorporation of the first, second, and later immigrant generations
- New forms of urban, ethnic protest and mobilization
- Immigrant and ethnic politics
- Spatial inequalities and their impacts
- Ethnic/racial discrimination: impacts, mechanisms, responses
- Ethnic identity and movements
- Anti-immigrant politics and mobilization
- Policies and implementation of policing, security, control and border management issues
- International legal and human rights issues in the management of new migration in Europe
- Ethnographies of mobility, trafficking, labor migration and refugee movements into Europe from Eurasia, the Balkans, the Middle East or Africa
- Cross-border connections: remittances, investment, politics, development
- Ethnic and racial inequality: education, labor market and housing
- Ethnic and racial categorization

The conference will take place at UCLA. Invited participants will be offered 3 nights accommodation in Westwood in a shared room, together with a fixed rate contribution to their travel costs according to distance (max \$500 each). Sending institutions will be invited to contribute partially to funding their students.

Interested participants should submit an application, including a 750 word abstract (max), a one-page short c.v., and an airfare estimate, to be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor.

Applications must be submitted by no later than January 1, 2012.

Applications will be taken electronically at the following site:

<http://apply.international.ucla.edu/?cees>. Invitations will be sent by January 15.

Completed papers must be delivered by February 10.