



Exploratory Workshop Scheme

Scientific Review Group for the Social Sciences

ESF Exploratory Workshop on

Interrogating Interculturalism as a new paradigm: Assessing foundations and policies

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Main Objectives and Framework debate

Interculturalism, a policy strategy favoured for some years by the Council of Europe, continues to be a rising force in European diversity debates, especially in these times of policy uncertainty and the so-called "crisis of state multiculturalism". The main purpose of this Exploratory Workshop is to identify the main contours of this policy concept and assess its foundations and policy implications. **The goal** is to interrogate whether Interculturalism marks a policy paradigm shift or whether it is simply a variant within the existing repertoire of diversity policy concepts and approaches.

This Exploratory WS seeks to map these discussions by identifying and engaging with the **normative foundations of intercultural policies**. There are clearly different strands of this concept, from a contractual approach to the national identity/diversity nexus, to a view centred on cohesion and social conflicts, to a diversity advantage approach, which emphasises creativity, seeing diversity as a resource for innovation through interaction. Hence the importance of the conceptual task that we are proposing. Interculturalism has achieved a certain visibility, even prominence in certain parts of Europe and in certain policy domains such that it is urgently in need of intellectual interrogation if the concept is to be of value.

In the current debate on diversity, we wish to bring together European scholars working on diversity policies, citizenship studies and migration research to examine this policy-based and under-theorised concept. Is it the case, as practitioners of interculturalist policies suggest that these policies further debate on diversity, enhance cohesion in urban contexts, social development and reduce xenophobia and the growing intolerant populism? The Exploratory WS has the potential for opening lines of analysis and research at different levels. Firstly, the in-depth exploration of interculturality as a normative concept; secondly, its operationalisation as a policy or forms of sociality, especially at the local level. Thirdly, a comparative study of intercultural policies across Europe as well as in relation to other continents and contexts.

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Report publication and dissemination

The ultimate objective of this Exploratory WS is to map out a European research agenda in relation to discourses of interculturalism. The WS brings together researchers in the field of post-immigration diversity and while we do not expect a uniform consensus, we do think it is feasible to achieve through discussion a shared, multi-faceted research agenda. Our principal output will be an edited book published by an academic press or a special issue in a peer-reviewed journal.



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

To promote fruitful discussions, we request contributors to send us their draft papers (8.000 words) by 15th May, which will be the basis of the discussions and which will subsequently be revised for publication

Wednesday 28th May:

Afternoon *Arrival*
20:30 *Welcome Dinner*

Thursday 29th May 2014

- 9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome by the Convenors and host**
Ricard Zapata-Barrero (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain) and **Tariq Modood** (University of Bristol) and **Jaume Lanaspá** (TBC) (Fundació 'la Caixa')
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)**
Allison Woodward (Scientific Review Group for the Social Sciences)
- 10:15 – 12:30 Morning Session: Assessing the Foundations of Interculturalism**
- 10:15-12:15 Debate 1: Is Interculturalism A Successor to Multiculturalism?
Interculturalism with multiculturalism: observations on theory and practice
Nasar Meer (Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom) and **Tariq Modood** (University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom)
The era of interculturalism – responding to globalisation and super-diversity
Ted Cattle (ICoCo, Nottingham, United Kingdom)
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 18:30 Afternoon session: Interrogations, traditions and assumptions**
13:30-15:30 Debate 2: Diversity and the National
Plural nationalism - a normative or a pragmatic approach to diversity?
Ruby Gropas (European University Institute, Florence, Italy)
Diversity, duality and time
Geoffrey Levey (The Univeristy of New South Wales, Sideny, Australia)
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Tea/Coffee Break*
- 16:00 – 18:00 Debate 3: Interculturalism and the Majority
Illustration and defense of interculturalism
Gerard Bouchard (Université de Québec à Chicoutimi, Chicoutimi, Canada)
Interculturalism, multiculturalism and the dominant culture
Tariq Modood (University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom)
- 18:00 – 18:45 **Conclusion of day 1 and Next Steps**
- 20:30 *Conference Dinner*



Friday 30th May 2014

9:00 – 14:30 **Morning session: From Foundations to Policies**

9:00 -12:00 Debate 4: Is there a distinctive political theory of intercultural policies?

The intercultural paradigm: from philosophy to policy to practice and back

Jude Bloomfield (Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France)

Does interculturalism have a distinctive set of policies?

Riva Kastoryano (CERI, Paris, France)

Are multicultural and intercultural policies compatible with each other?

Patrick Loobuyck (University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium)

12:00-12:30 *Coffee Break*

12:30 – 14:30 Debate 5: Interculturalism and multiple diversity

Intercultural dialogue and the management of the 'Muslim question' in Germany

Schirin Amir-Moazami (Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany)

Québécois interculturalism on the ground: how women's organizations approach the challenges of diversity

Eléonore Lepinard (Université de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland)

14:30 – 15:30 *Lunch*

15:30 – 20:30 **Afternoon session: theorizing intercultural policy applications**

15:30 – 17:30 Debate 6: The Politics of Interculturalism

Interculturalism a "corporate style multiculturalism"? Potential opportunities and pitfalls of economic perspectives on immigrant integration

Leila Hadj-Abdou (SAIS/Johns Hopkins University, Washington, United States)

Intercultural and intraclass practices in urban deprived neighborhoods

Marco Martiniello (Université de Liège, Liège, Belgium)

17:30 – 18:00 *Coffee Break*

18:00 – 20:00 Debate 7: Interculturalism and Urban Governance

Interculturalism, multiculturalism and the public attitudes: Public attitudes towards immigrants and integration policies in Quebec and the rest of Canada

Keith Banting (Queen's University)

Intercultural governance: assessing impacts

Ricard Zapata-Barrero (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain)

20:00 – 20:45 **Conclusions and Next Steps**

20:45 *End of workshop*

21:30 *Closing Dinner*



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