ESA RN34

Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis

Turin • August 29th – September 1st, 2018

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the University of Turin in August this year. The Mid-Term Conference of the ESA Sociology of Religion Research Network 34 is focusing on Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis. Religious affiliations, and cultural and social identities are part of the current discourses on diversities within the European context, both at international and national levels. This is not something new but the strong relationship between religious affiliations and migratory backgrounds is again at the forefront of the debate. Migration is a fact in our countries. This is visible in everyday life in many towns and cities, including the city hosting this conference, Turin, in which the majority of the population has an internal migration background and about 10% of residents is composed of non-Italian citizens. The visibility of cultural and religious diversities is vast: squares, buildings, shops, events, debates, habits and exhibitions emphasise the co-presence of new religious requests, organizations, personnel and practices, promoted by Catholics, Orthodoxies, Pentecostals, Muslims, Sikhs and other religious and spiritual communities connected with the various waves of migration. At the same time, migration and cultural and religious diversities are increasingly questioned and debated from different angles, from everyday life experiences to various ideological positions. The pivotal issue is that of integration (or clash?) among different cultural, religious and spiritual traditions, in an increasingly multicultural social context that, however, often fears the immigrant. The challenge is also to reveal latent processes beyond the pure “integration debate”. These challenges are central to the programme of this conference, along with other topics, which our scholarly community is trying to address. Various thematic lines, and various research findings are complemented by intra and inter-disciplinary approaches. With this, sociology of religion witnesses that social and scientific engagement is the only response to complex social processes. We do hope the conference will be a good opportunity to discuss studies, research findings and future projects in a friendly and stimulating environment.

Roberta Ricucci & Siniša Zrinščak
Welcome by the Local Committee

Dear Colleagues,

The Mid-term Conference is usually a unique opportunity for young and senior scholars to deliberate on each other’s methodological concerns and research outcomes in a particular collaborative atmosphere. On behalf of the Local Committee, we are honoured to contribute to this bi-annual event. We are most pleased to host more than 150 participants motivated by the shared objective of contributing to map the research agenda on religious and migration studies. These contributions will certainly help the scientific development of the multiple ways of understanding how religion interplays in human mobility studies.

The main theme of the Conference will be devoted to exploring the multiple aspects of sociology of religion in the Mediterranean area. The main (but not exclusive) interest is to scrutinize how religions matter in the relations between the current migratory flows and the various societal domains, and the importance of paying attention, at the city level, to discussing religious diversity management.

Through inaugural, semi-plenary, methodological and closure events, the conference should be an opportunity for creating synergies between the scholars who facilitate the development of research programs on religion(s) within and beyond the Mediterranean basin: indeed a particular effort has been made to open the conference to global, European and local debates, stressing the importance of developing a research-policy nexus on the conference themes.

It is our hope that this event will encourage scientific exchange and introduce new research ideas and collaboration opportunities.

Conference Local Committee
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29th August 2018

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Managing differences. Researchers meet professionals, social workers and migration operators

14:30 – 17:30

This event is designed as a moment of training for operators who work in reception services; an opportunity for workers of the public or private social sectors who have daily interaction with migrants, asylum seekers and/or holders of international protection. The workshop aims to address the topic of how culture, in general, and religion, in particular, intervene in relation with migrant communities.

Where Campus Luigi Einaudi – Room Sala Lauree Blu grande

Institutional Welcome will be brought by Renato Saccone, Prefetto of Turin.

Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin and FIERI, will introduce the following contributions:

- **MSNA victims of trafficking and serious exploitation: vulnerability and responses of the multi-agency network**, by Enza Roberta Petrillo for Save the Children

- **The role of religions within the Territorial Commissions in recognising international protection**, by Maurizio Veglio for ASGI

- **Religion and reception in complex migratory contexts**, Nicolamaria Coppola for EPOS

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Documentary Session: Borders, intercultural relations and religious identities

14:30 - 17:30

Workshop organized in Collaboration with MiSTo

Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers associated with what is usually termed the “Mediterranean Crisis” have prompted a profound social and political crisis in various European countries, contributing to anti-immigrant feelings. The issue of religious belonging is again at the forefront of the debate. Religion (which in public debate refers only to Islam) has become linked to wider interrelated issues, from welcoming to social rights, from international protection under the Declaration of Human Rights (Art. 18) to citizenship rights; from how states and local institutions manage and recognize religious needs to the issue of having guaranteed places of worship in every welcoming and reception center. From another perspective, migrants — especially those who are recently arrived — are trying to define their own safe insertion paths and to build their own ‘new life’, often having to face social conflict and discriminatory behaviour. There is also a positive aspect: stories of positive interactions, intercultural and inter-religious initiatives, aimed at stressing similarities between migrants and citizens in the religious and spiritual fields.

The session will offer a preamble to the conference topic: Migrations and Religions. Differences analysis and a work-program of an observatory on religious persecutions

**Discussing by Ugo Melchionda**, International Migration Outlook & Religions for Peace Europe
Wednesday 29th August  

**Workshop II**

**Documentary Session:**  
**Borders, intercultural relations and religious identities**  

14:30 - 17:30

**Migrants’ voices and images**

- **Destination de Dieu**
  
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**Comments & discussion**

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**Welcome Cocktail**

18:00 – 20:00  
Campus L. Einaudi D4 – Foyer
Thursday 30th August

Opening Plenary

11:00 – 12:30

Welcome by Institutions

Emanuela C. Del Re
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Monica Cerutti
Piedmont Region

Paola Borgna
Italian Sociological Association (AIS)

Anna Elisabetta Galeotti
MiSTo Joint Research Unit Migration Studies Torino

Religions and migrations – old and new

Lecture by

Jim Beckford
Warwick University

Introduced by

Franco Garelli
University of Turin

Opening remarks

Roberta Ricucci
ESA - RN34 Coordinator
Jim Beckford
Warwick University

Religions and migrations – old and new

Shortly after his re-election for the third time as Prime Minister of Hungary in May 2018, Viktor Orbán was reported in the New York Times as saying ‘It’s my personal conviction that migration leads in the end to the destruction of nations and states’. This is an extreme view but it is shared by a growing number of politicians and voters in many European countries. Moreover, the dangers that large-scale international migration allegedly represents to ‘nations and states’ are widely perceived to be associated with the religious diversity that it helps to generate. The aim of this presentation is to consider, in the first place, the important contributions that sociologists can make to explaining the complex intertwining of religions and migrations in history and in the present. Secondly, it will examine in detail some of migration’s less well-known entanglements with religion in chaplaincies in public institutions, in the treatment of children and in the trafficking of vulnerable people. And the final part of the presentation will discuss some of the ethical and policy-related issues that arise in connection with the religious dimensions of international migration.
Thursday 30th August

Semi – Plenary I
13:30 – 15:00

Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations

Emanuela C. Del Re
Cluster “Sociology of Religion”, AIS

Alfredo Aletti
University of Ferrara

Dario Padovan
University of Turin

Vladimir Kmec
University of Cambridge

Chair:
Roberto Cipriani
University of Rome 3

Friday 31st August

Semi – Plenary II
13:00 – 14:30

Roundtable on religions, migrations and rights

Maurizio Ambrosini
University of Milan

Angela Paparusso
IRPPS-CNR

Ferruccio Biolcati
University of Milan

Chair:
Roberta Aluffi
University of Turin
Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations

The conference “Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis” invites various disciplines to explore many facets of this theme. Through theoretical approaches and inter-generational perspectives, studies can offer useful reflections and analyses for stakeholders and policy-makers. Besides an almost exclusive attention to themes such as reception of asylum seekers and social dynamics, provoked by migratory flows in Italy and in the rest of Europe, the number of European citizens with migratory background is on the increase. The cultural origins and religious affiliations of these European citizens are redefined through their relationship with local contexts. Therefore, local administrations, teachers and social workers face renewed religious pluralism wherein the Islamic component is under observation. However, it does not represent the entire universe of religious pluralism. The semi-plenary “Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations” intends to discuss - through the demographic, juridical and sociological perspective - how the link between religion, identity and migration solicits reflections and research paths that go beyond the dichotomy between integration and isolation, between tensions and assimilation and temptations of exclusive ethnic identification, between local roots, ties with the countries of origin and prospects of return.

Roundtable on religions, migrations and rights

Although analysis on the relationship between religion and migration is not new in human mobility studies, it has only recently been the focus of debate and analysis. An attention that is, at the same time, selective, often focused on one religion (Islam), on some symbols (the mosque and the veil), and on a few functions performed (religious or informative). Yet, there are many aspects to be noted regarding the religiosity of migrants, as well as legal issues and questions on the recognition of the right to profess one’s religion. Or the role of associationism and places of worship: from their being a safe port in a storm of inclusion to an environment of solace for the soul of those who feel lost in facing the difficulties and fatigue in reconstructing their life path in a new context, where diversity (skin colour, somatic traits, accent) makes access to work, close neighbourhood relations and daily interactions truly strenuous.

In a European and Italian scenario in which religious affiliation and belief take on many different forms, migrants put religions and sacredness at the centre of the debate, demonstrating how these issues and the management of them are capable of provoking controversy and conflicts at local level: from the construction of places of worship to the training of religious ministers, from education to participation in public debate and to the visibility of different generations and of male and female protagonism.

Within the framework of international debate, the panelists will discuss the issues mentioned by different disciplinary perspectives.
Friday 31st August

Closing Plenary
16:30 – 17:45

Pathways to citizenship: the interaction between integration and religious issues

Panelists

Pieter Bevelander
Malmö University

Jocelyne Cesari
Birmingham University and Georgetown University

Chair

Siniša Zrinščak
University of Zagreb
Citizenship and immigrant integration

Citizenship assumed as the legal relationship between the individual and the state, implicates that being a citizen, one has full rights as members in a particular community. Immigrants, that is, individuals who do not possess the host country citizenship by birth, are not full members of the polity. They do not enjoy the rights and entitlements that are associated exclusively with citizenship.

Along with globalization and increased international migration, debates on the meaning of citizenship have had a renaissance in the public and political spheres as well as in academia. Discussions on transnational and participatory citizenship and post-national forms of membership started in the 1980s and early 1990s have questioned the relevance of traditional conceptions and practices of citizenship. A hypothetical erosion of the distinction between citizens and non-citizens can be seen as either a devaluation of citizenship or as a process that is in line with a post-national age making state-centered citizenship outdated. However, the predominant trends in citizenship legislation over the last decades have shown that state-centric citizenship - and the rights and duties it involves - remains to be highly relevant. Citizenship policies have been changed to increase its importance for identity, loyalty and security issues. Immigrants are increasingly subjected to new naturalization policies, linguistic and civic tests, which aim at ensuring commitment to common values and practices and fostering integration. All these debates, issues and trends raise the question of whether ascension to and holding of a citizenship still matters.

The religiosity of migrants within national and transnational cultures

The presentation will address the ways in which religion intertwines with the integration of migrants and the possible roles of the countries of origin with a focus on Muslim groups.

Research testifies to the effects of the country of origin effect. First, religion is an important part of everyday public life in many societies of origin and thus migrants expect it to have a similar presence at destination. A strict division between private and public religiosity at destination in many Western societies is a novelty that influences integration, both positively and negatively. Second, migrants tend to differentiate between personal attachment to religion and belonging to a community, either religious or national. This is a challenge for sending countries where religion is part of the national identity.

On the other hand, perceptions within the receiving countries leading to discrimination rise another set issues: for example, due to growing Islamophobia, Muslims are perceived as being more difficult to integrate, even if existing evidence shows a much more complex picture. Also, in the common Western imagination, the idea of a Muslim is equated with Middle Easterners or North Africans, regardless of their actual denomination; interestingly enough, Muslims from Albania or Bosnia are not immediately perceived as Muslims.

Adding to the challenge of fluid identities, the influence of the country of origin is increasingly contested by transnational religious movements. Consequentially, the effect of religion on migrants cannot be analyzed only through the dyadic relations between sending and receiving countries; it must also be discussed in a broader space where different actors operate: state actors [from both sending and receiving countries], non-state actors from receiving and sending countries [religious leaders, intellectuals] and transnational actors.
Friday 31st August

Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner will take place in the NH Collection Torino Piazza Carlina, on Friday 31st of August at 8:30 pm. The hotel sits in the very heart of Turin. It has a rich history, dating back to the 17th century, once home to Antonio Gramsci, co-founder of the Communist Party of Italy. On the hotel's top floor there are two spacious rooftop terraces, each with a panoramic view across the city.

Location Area: City Center
15 Piazza Carlo Emanuele II

The beautiful Po River is a short 5-minute stroll away and some of Turin's most popular attractions can be found just around the corner: less than 10 minutes from the Mole Antonelliana, home to the National Museum of Cinema, walking distance from the Royal Palace of Turin, Egyptian Museum, Teatro Carignano and Palazzo Madama.

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The CITY of DIVERSITIES: a multi-religious walk. Discovering Turin religious diversity through contemporary places of worship

As an historical destination of national and international migrations, Turin is the birthplace of a religious diversity rooted in the past of the city and in the stories of its inhabitants. Contemporary Turin is a plural and composite scenario: here the coexistence of cultures, religions and spiritualities testifies to the many forms of expression, belonging and participation of its citizens. Its neighborhoods represent the countless stories of migration, settlement and coexistence among people, families and communities from all around the world.

The neighborhood of San Salvario is emblematic: ideal ground for the public expression of religious plurality since its origins in the XIX century, it is nowadays a privileged scenario to understand the many souls of the city. The tour will explore the neighborhood and its history, visiting its places of worship.

Date: September 1st from 10 am
Locations: ex Jewish ghetto, Waldensian temple, synagogue, Romanian Orthodox parish, Sunni mosque, Philippine Catholic chaplain.
Length: max 2 km - Disabled access available (ramps)
Documentary Session:
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Destination de Dieu

Synopsis
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Credits
Direction, Fotography, Editing ANDREA GADALETA CALDAROLA
With the partecipation of RADIO GHETTO
With the contribution of COOPERATIVA CAMERA A SUD

Displaced

Synopsis
A brief documentary about the situation of refugees on the border between Austria and Slovenia in October 2015, during a trip on the borders of Austria, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy financed by Poa Onlus to document the arrival of refugees in the camps. A huge crowd of children and elderly advances in silence, and despite the cold and difficulties does not lose hope in a better future.

Images of an exodus, resumed between two refugee camps, in Sentilj (Slovenia) and in Spielfeld (Austria), in October 2015, which leaves the viewer the opportunity to listen to their feelings in front of images that summarize the drama of the humanitarian crisis that lives our century.

Credits
A film by MILAD TANGSHIR
Produced by POA ONLUS
Music A WINGED VICTORY FOR THE SULLEN
Thanks to FABIO CALZA, CRISTINA CONTINI, VICKEY BERGER

Tom’s story

Synopsis
The cultivation and subsequent producing and sale of tomatoes become the emblem and metaphor of the life of immigrants. Just as the tomato, the one who emigrates is forced to confront with a society that prefers to change it instead of accepting it. Tom will become part of the social fabric doing the only job he is capable of: being eaten, filling a stomach and grafting change.

Credits
A Film by YAMUNA ILLUZZI, ALESSANDRO SPECCHIO
Script by YAMUNA ILLUZZI, AMBROGIO PALMISANO, ALESSANDRO SPECCHIO
Original Music PLASTEELIN
Thanks to Yamuna e Alessandro want to thank RUBEN, IRMA AND “BALTHAZAR” for their unconditional support

Ghetto PSA

Synopsis
Jacob arrived in Italy alone from French Guinea when he was 11 years old. Today he is 27, and hip hop music is his whole world: it is his way to express dreams, hopes and frustrations, and to not feel part of the “ghetto” any longer. He lives on the outskirts of Turin, where, by day, together with other young migrants who are part of his band “Ghetto PSA”, he writes songs and makes music. At night, he works as an educator in a centre for asylum seekers. This “double life” leads him to reflect on his own identity, as a young Italian who speaks three languages, but who does not forget who
he is and where he has come from. Project supported by MIBACT – Bando MigrArti.

Credits

With Jacob Bamba - Directed by RosSELLA Schillaci
Produced by Enrica Viola - DoP Simone RivioRe
Sound design Giovanni Corona - Editor Fulvio Montano
Production Assistant Mattia Plazio
Color grading Gianluca Mamino - Master DCP - Stereo
Language Italian, French, English, GuINEAN
Subtitles English, Italian - Duration 15’
Production in collaboration with Azul Film

Luck will Save me

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Credits

Directed and filmed by Alexandra D’Onofrio
Editing Antonio Augigliaro
Post production and audio Tommaso Barbaro (Redrum Murder)
Original Music Dissói Lógoi
Realised with the contribution of Open Society Foundation
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1. Categories and Boundaries – Fabrication Processes in Europe

Parallel Session 1A  
Room F1

9:00 – 10:30  Conveners/Chair:  
Annette Schnabel, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf

Panelists:
• The social construction of religiousness: On the relationship  
between human rights violations and religious identity  
construction  
Heiko Beyer, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf

• Who is the "we"? Construction of We-ness in European  
Constitutions Considering Religion  
Annette Schnabel, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf

• Protecting vulnerable Children. Categorization of Young Migrants  
in Germany  
Bettina Uelpenich, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf

• Border Discourses and Neo-Colonial Modernity. Arab Refugees in  
Germany  
Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld

2. Religion and religiosity of migrants:  
what is the role of the social remittances?

Parallel Session 1B  
Room F2

9:00 – 10:30  Conveners/Chair:  
Emanuela C. Del Re, Cluster “Sociology of Religion” AIS  
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

Panelists:
• The Impact of religion affiliation on migrants social adaptation  
and their willing to remit: Libya as a case study  
Mustafa Attir, University of Tripoli

• Remittances interrupted the condition of Uyghur refugees in Italy.  
A case study of two Uyghur asylum seekers in Rome  
Francesca Rosati, École des hautes études en sciences sociales  
(EHESS), Paris and Leiden University

• Questioning cultural values on social upward mobility among  
second generations  
Giulia Marroccoli, University of Turin

• The impact of changes in social-economic conditions in the  
countries of origin of migrants and refugees on migration fluxes  
and the role of social remittances  
Nicolamaria Coppola, Sapienza University of Rome

3. Established Religion and Newcomers in Sustainability Transitions:  
Empirical Insights

Parallel Session 1C  
Room F3

9:00 – 10:30  Conveners/Chair:  
Christophe Monnot, University of Strasbourg  
Jens Köhrsen, University of Basel  
Alexandre Grandjean, University of Lausanne

Panelists:
• Transformations towards Environmental Sustainability: The  
Potentials of Religion.  
Jens Köhrsen, University of Basel
4. Modes of Passing down Religion through Generations in Immigrant Communities

Parallel Session 1D  Room F4

9:00 – 10:30 Conveners/Chair:
Christel Gärtner and Linda Hennig, University of Münster

Panelists:
• Passing down Islam in Guest Workers Families
Linda Hennig, University of Münster
• Religiousness and bi-cultural identity in second generation Muslims in Turin
Marco Rizzo, Angela Fedi, Anna Miglietta and Silvia Gattino, University of Turin
• Religious Change, Church Attendance and Cohort Replacement in Europe (1970-2015)
Ferruccio Biolcati, Francesco Molteni and Cristiano Vezzoni, University of Milan

11:00 – 12:30 Opening Plenary  Room B1

Religions and migrations – old and new

13:30 – 15:00 Semi-Plenary I  Room Sala Lauree ROSSA GRANDE

Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations

5. Religion, integration and identity:
Perceptions of “natives” and migrants in the light of quantitative research – Subsession I

Parallel Session 2A  Room F1

15:00 – 16:30 Conveners/Chair:
Olaf Müller, University of Münster
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

Panelists:
• Germany Islam or Islamophobia in Europe as a Threat for a Democratic Political Culture? Empirical Evidence of a Rising Problem
Gert Pickel, Leipzig University
• Not in My Back Yard: Religious Belonging and Migration in Recent European Polls
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin and CRSR, Italy, University of Notre Dame, USA
• Attitudes towards Religious Minorities in Hungary
Gergely Rosta, Pázmány Péter Catholic University
• Comparing and Contrasting Attitudes and Local Contexts: Muslims and Islamophobia in Italy
Viviana Premazzi, United Campus of Malta
• Cultural Identity among Second Generation Children from Migrants Families
Eliyahu-Levi Doly and Ganz-Meishar Michal, Levinsky College of Education

6. Diverse metropolis: spatializing religious diversity in contemporary cities – Subsession I

Parallel Session 2B  Room F2

15:00 – 16:30 Conveners/Chair:
Anna Clot-Garrell, ISOR-UAB
Antonio Montañés, University of St. Andrews
Luca Bossi, University of Turin
Panelists:

- The making of "urban spirituality" through the blurring of the spatial religious – secular divide
  Irene Becci, University of Lausanne

- From Urban Geometry to Religious Urbanity
  Mariachiara Giorda, Sapienza University of Rome

- Actor constellations in the urban governance of religious diversity
  Julia Martínez-Ariño, University of Groningen

7. Anti-migrant discourses
   – Subsession I

Parallel Session 2C
15:00 – 16:30 Chair: Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb

Panelists:

- Interplay between radical right and religious fundamentalism: Recent developments in Latvia
  Anita Stasulane, Daugavpils University

- Anti-refugees attitudes of Polish Catholics and the teaching of the Catholic Church – the surprising paradox and its reasons
  Rafał Cekiera, University of Silesia in Katowice

- The European Migration Crisis and Ontological Insecurity: “open-door policy” in the Federal Republic of Germany
  Ljiljana Jovičić, University of Zagreb

  Giulia Sostero, University of Paul Valéry Montpellier

8. Religious Leaders and Worship Prayers in Emigration
   – Subsession I

Parallel Session 2D
15:00 – 16:30 Chair: Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin and CRSR, Italy, University of Notre Dame, USA

Panelists:

- The imam beyond the mosque: the art of not doing politics to make it
  Alexandre Piettre, Université Lille 2/CNRS, University of Lausanne

- The metamorphosis of immigrants: the role of religious leaders in the host society
  Rossana Salerno, University of Rome Tre and University of Enna

- Italian Shi’as and the question of mosque
  Minoo Mirshavald, University of Turin

9. Religion, integration and identity:
   Perceptions of “natives” and migrants in the light of quantitative research
   – Subsession II

Parallel Session 3A
16:45 – 18:15 Conveners/Chair: Olaf Müller, University of Münster
  Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

Panelists:

- Religiosity and Integration among the Population of Turkish Immigrant Background in Germany
  Sarah Demmrich, Olaf Müller and Detlef Pollack, University of Münster

- Attitudes towards Abortion among Muslim Migrants and Non-Muslim Natives in Western Europe
  Sarah Carol, University of Cologne
  Nadja Milewski, University of Rostock

- Migration, Religion and Social Change: An Intergenerational Approach
  Pietro Cingolani, University of Turin

- Measuring Integration, Discussing Islamophobia in a Recent Immigration Country
  Simone C. Martino and Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

10. Diverse metropolis: spatializing religious diversity in contemporary cities
    – Subsession II

Parallel Session 3B
16:45 – 18:15 Conveners/Chair: Anna Clot-Garrell, ISOR-UAB
  Antonio Montañés, University of St. Andrews
  Luca Bossi, University of Turin
Panelists: • The city of Haifa as religious kaleidoscope
Roberto Cipriani, University of Rome Tre

• Religious diversity in urban spaces: a comparative study in Barcelona
Mar Griera and Anna Clot-Garrell, Autònoma University of Barcelona
Antonio Montañés, University of St. Andrews

• Regulating religious diversity in public space. The case of Institute of Islamic cultures in Paris
Victor Albert Blanco, Paris 8, Saint Denis University

• Migrants’ camps and religious matters: some considerations
Cristina Brovia, University of Turin

11. Anti-migrant discourses – Subsession II

Panelists: • The last Bulwark of the Christian Occident? Religion and the new Right Wing Populism in Europe and the U.S.
Tobias Cremer, Cambridge University

• The European Migration Crises: Searching for the Roots of Xenophobia
Olga Iakimova, Ural Federal University

• Anti-migrant discourses
Stewart Kerr, Trinity College Dublin Irish School of Ecumenics

• Islamophobia in the heart of Budapest
Melinda Olcsváry, CultureJam

12. Religious Leaders and Worship Prayers in Emigration – Subsession II

Panelists: • Mosques as symbols of cultural and religious plurality in contemporary Greek society
Venetia Evergeti, University of Surrey

• Migration in Greece, the Orthodox Church and the managing of religious pluralism
Niki Papaageorgiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

• God’s invisible hand: ethnic Christian Churches as vehicles of immigrants’ integration
Maurizio Ambrosini, Paola Bonizzoni and Samuele Davide Molli, University of Milan

18:30 – 19:30 RN34 Business Meeting
Room Sala Lauree ROSSA PICCOLA

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8:30 – 18:00 Registration
Foyer – Graduation area


Panelists: • “Brain Drain and Diaspora” in contemporary Middle East. The Arab-Islamic thought and the European “drawing power” in dialogue
Marco Demichelis, University of Navarra

• Muslims in Scotland: The Making of Community in a Post-9/11 World
Stefano Bonino, University of Trento

• Discourses of being Muslim in Hungary
Esra Sahin Aytar and Péter Bodor, University of ELTE

• Preachers or judges? Similarities and differences between the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe and Sayyid Qutb
Loris Botto, University of Turin
14. Religion and Transnationalism

Parallel Session 4B
Room F2
9:00 – 10:30
Chair:
Olaf Müller, University of Münster

Panelists:
• Tracing Religious Pluralism in Immigrant Congregations: The Case of Religiously Active Migrants in Ireland
  Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University

• Religious Communities and Religious Identity: A Qualitative Study with Turkish Immigrants in Bielefeld
  Kubra Gencal, Bielefeld University

• Eritrean Refugee Communities in Europe: Religion and Ethnicity as Markers of Identity Preservation
  Abdulkader Saleh Mohammad, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Institute of African Affairs

15. Managing Religious Pluralism in EU countries
– Subsession I

Parallel Session 4C
Room F3
9:00 – 10:30
Chair:
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb

Panelists:
• Religious pluralism, radicalisation and fundamentalism. A legal approach to the management of diversity
  Rossella Bottoni, Catholic University of Milan
  Cristiana Cianitto, University of Milan

• Localized human rights and local secularism
  Alberta Giorgi, University of Bergamo

• The role of religious groups and associations in integration processes. Possible form of cooperation with public powers
  Maria Rosaria Piccinni, University of Bari

• Turin, a laboratory of interactions between Islamic communities and society
  Brahim Baya, AIA – Alps Islamic Association

16. Radicalism, jihad and foreign fighters

Parallel Session 4D
Room F4
9:00 – 10:30
Chair:
Anna Miglietta, University of Turin

Panelists:
• Reading religious radicalization by Merton’s strain theory
  Stefania Tusini, University for Foreigners of Perugia

• Terrorism and Jihadism; clashing identities and de-radicalization in the European context
  Kenneth Christie, Royal Roads University
  Marion Boulby, Trent University

• An Ecological Perspective for Exploring the Integration-Radicalization Nexus
  Fabio Introini and Giulia Mezzetti, Catholic University of Milan

17. Muslims on the mirror.
Comparing and contrasting European countries after 2011
– Subsession II

Parallel Session 5A
Room F2
10:45 – 12:15
Conveners/Chair:
Roberta Ricucci and Rosita Di Peri, University of Turin

Panelists:
• Protection of Minors and Religious Identities. Juridical problems of Islamic kafala in the context of citizenship rights
  Germana Carobene, University of Naples Federico II

• Political Islam and quest for lost identity
  Hossein Alizadeh, University of Tamperer, Tampere Peace Research Institute

• Global perspectives on racism and racialization: an introduction
  Dario Padovan, University of Turin
  Alfredo Alietti, University of Ferrara
18. Religious values, norms and integration practices

Parallel Session 5B

10:45 – 12:15 Conveners/Chair:
Roberta Ricucci and Valentina Moiso, University of Turin

Panelists:
- Supporting ethno-religious identities and national integration. Migrant communities and their social services
  Marc Breuer, Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine
- Identity formulation between Secular and Religious Laws? Syrian and Iraqi migrants between Middle East and Europe
  Mudar Shakra, Uppsala University
- Becoming economic autonomy: a difficult path for (un)welcomed migrants
  Monica Gallone, Independent Researcher
- Immigrants and refugees’ economic socialization patterns: opportunities and difficulties in promoting financial inclusion
  Emanuela Rinaldi, University of Udine

19. Managing Religious Pluralism in EU countries
   – Subsession II

Parallel Session 5C

10:45 – 12:15 Chair:
Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University

Panelists:
- Sovereignty, National Identity, and Migration Policy
  László Tóth-Matolcsi, University of Debrecen
- Islam and Prison in Italy
  Silvia Mondino, University of Turin
- Assessing Successful Educational Actions (SEA)
  Roger Campdepadros Cullell, University of Girona
  Ana Burgués de Freitas, University of Barcelona
- Regional and local management of religious diversity: the case of Spain and the Observatory of Religious Pluralism
  Eduardo J. Ruiz Vieytez, University of Deusto

20. Identity, Religion and Ethnicity

Parallel Session 5D

10:45 – 12:15 Chair:
Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld

Panelists:
- I was a stranger and you welcomed me? Religious actors, integration and refugee rights in Croatia
  Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb
  Drago Župarić-Iljić, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Zagreb
- Discrimination in the wedding venue business: religion or ethnicity?
  Sarah Carol, Coco Kuipers, Milan Kaspers and Philipp Koesling, University of Cologne
- The Politics of Constructing Belonging in Interaction. Examples from Young Muslims Living in Zurich and Vienna
  Cristoph Novak, University of Vienna and University of Geneva

13:00 – 14:30 Semi-Plenary II

Roundtable on religions, migrations and human rights

21. Being Muslim and Children of Immigrants

Parallel Session 6A

14:30 – 16:00 Chair:
Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University

Panelists:
- Muslim girls’ social integration in European countries: Is it facilitated by sports and physical activities?
  Stefano Martelli, University of Bologna
- Being Second Generation Muslim Students in Eastern Europe, in Hungary
  Ilyas Aytar, Eötvös Lórand University
22. Public discourse and integration

Parallel Session 6B
Room F2

14:30 – 16:00 Chair: Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb

Panelists:
- Intersections of Religion, Race, and Gender in the German Immigration debate
  Petra Klug, Bremen University
- Religion and “the Other” in Italian online public discourses on European identity
  Elizaveta Matveeva, Irkutsk State University
- Migration, European Identity and ‘conflict of rights’
  Chara Karagiannopoulou, Panteion University
- European Migration Crisis Reflected in the Romanian Media: Playing on Nationalist Fears when Presenting Religious Identity of Migrants
  Ana Raluca Bigu, The Center for Institutional Analysis and Development Eleutheria (CADI)

Documentary Session:
Room F4

14:30 – 16:00 Migrations, ethnic relations and intercultural dialogue in Italy
Conveners/Chair:
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin
Viviana Premazzi, United Campus of Malta

16:30 – 17:45 Closing Plenary
Room Sala Lauree BLU GRANDE

Pathways to citizenship: the interaction between integration and religious issues

23. Religions and Asylum Seekers

Parallel Session 6C
Room F3

14:30 – 16:00 Chair: Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld

Panelists:
- Assessing Asylum Cases on Grounds of Religious Persecution
  Alessandra Abis, Catholic University of Milan
- Church asylum in Germany: offering semi-legal status and negotiating belief in the “migration crisis”
  Magdalena Suerbaum, Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity
  Zeynep Yanasmayan, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
- Religious pluralism at stake: the intersection between immigration, religion, and integration, and the new “challenges of hospitality” in European countries
  Adelaide Madera, University of Messina

10:00 – 12:00 City tour:
The multi-faith city
Opening Plenary
Biographies

James A. Beckford
Fellow of the British Academy, he is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Warwick and a former President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. His main research interests are chaplaincies and relations between religion and the state. His publications include Religion in Prison. Equal Rites in a Multi-Faith Society (1998, with Sophie Gilliat), Social Theory and Religion (2003), Muslims in Prison: Challenge and Change in Britain and France (2005, with D. Joly and F. Khosrokhavar), The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion (2007, edited with N.J. Demerath III) and Migration and Religion (two edited volumes, 2015).

Franco Garelli
He is former Full Professor of Sociology of Culture and Sociology of Religion at University of Turin, of which he has been as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Director of the Department of Culture, Politics and Society. He has carried out an intense program of studies and researches – organized at both national and international level – concerning two prevailing themes: the analysis of life styles and behavior models of the young in advanced modernity; and the study of the religious phenomenon in contemporary society, with particular attention to underline not only the changes that take place in the traditional religious confessions but also the new forms of religious expression and aggregation.
Monica Cerutti
She is Regional Minister of Piedmont, with responsibility for Equal Opportunities, Civil Rights, Right to Education, Youth Policies, Immigration, Decentralized Cooperation and Consumer Rights. Graduated in Information Sciences, she obtained a Master degree in Computer Science and Telecommunications at the Polytechnic. In 1994, she entered in politics. While involved in the creation of the Women’s Ulivo Forum (left-wing-party) – of which was also a spokesperson – she developed an interest in female issues. In 2001, she was elected council member of Turin in the list of DS. She has been president of Emily Torino, the association that supports women’s presence in public life as a fundamental value of democracy. She continued her activity as a council member of Turin until 2010 when was elected regional councilor for the first time. Since June 2014 she is Piedmont’s regional minister.

Emanuela C. Del Re

Paola Borgna
She is Full Professor of Sociology at the University of Turin, Italy, where she teaches Sociology and Sociology of Science. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology. Currently she is the vice president of Italian Sociological Association and ESA-RN27 co-coordinator. She is co-editor of “Quaderni di Sociologia”. Main research area: action theory and social actor theory; sociology of the body; science, technology and society studies; public understanding of science.

Anna Elisabetta Galeotti
Roberto Cipriani
He has a number of both theoretical and empirical studies to his credit. His main and most well-known sociological theory is “diffused religion” that is based on the processes of education, socialization and communication. Cipriani’s theory is applicable equally to countries like Italy and to those contexts where a particular religion is dominant. He has conducted comparative empirical research on the relation between solidarity and community in Italy: Orune (Sardinia), Greece: Episkepsi (Corfu) and in Mexico: Nahuazten (Michoacán). In addition, he has made research films on popular festive celebrations, especially on the Holy Week of Cerignola in Puglia (“Rossocontinuo”) and in Spain (“Semana Santa en Sevilla”), on the patronal feast of a Mexican pueblo (“Las fiestas de San Luis Rey”). Cipriani was President of the Italian Sociology Association, President of the Sociology of Religion Research Committee within the International Sociological Association, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal of International Sociology. He has been President of the European Council of National Sociology Associations within the European Sociological Association. President of the Italian Association of University Teachers, Cipriani has authored over seventy books and nine hundred publications translated in English, French, Russian, Spanish, German, Chinese, Portuguese and Basque.

Roberta Aluffi
She is Associate Professor of Comparative Law at the Law department of the University of Turin. Her main research interests focus on family law in the Arab Countries, and the challenges faced by the European legal systems in dealing with Islamic normativity.

Dario Padovan
He is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Turin and is member of the Department of Culture, Politics and Society. He has been working on history of social sciences, environmental sociology, social metabolism, sustainable consumption, sociology of risk and environmental conflicts for a long time. He is coordinator of the UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development at the University of Torino. He is member of Editorial Committee of Theomai Journal (Buenos Aires), Chosmos & History (Melbourne, Australia). He is member of Esa RN 12 on “Environment and Sociology”, and of RN 6 on “Sociology of Consumption”. Recently is doing research on household metabolism, environmental accounting, urban metabolism regulation, circular economy, sociology of practices, energy, environmental conflicts, smart energy grids, socio-technical systems transition.

Alfredo Alietti
Ph.D. in Sociology, he is professor of Urban Sociology at University of Ferrara. He is a member of Research Network of European Sociological Association N. 31 “Racism, Anti-Semitism and Ethnic Relations”. He is co-coordinator of Laboratorio di Studi Urbani [Laboratory of Urban Studies] - Department of Humanistic Studies for promoting researches and training in urban and territorial issues. He is member of the international editorial committees of Theomai Journal, Society, Nature and Development Studies. He is member of research’s group “Housing and Migration” of ISMU Foundation (Interventions and Studies on the Multietnicity). He has directed many empirical research programs on discrimination, racism, interethnic relations and anti-discrimination policies.
Ferruccio Biolcati
He is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan. He teaches courses of social research methodology and data analysis for undergraduate and graduate students. Ferruccio Biolcati serves as director of the Bachelor programme in Social Sciences for Globalization at the University of Milan. He has been visiting researcher at the University of Bremen, at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and at Gesis in Cologne.

Vladimir Kmec
He is a research associate at the Von Hügel Institute at St Edmund’s College and at the European Centre at the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge. As a scholar educated in sociology, politics, international relations, peace and conflict studies, anthropology, religious studies and theology, Vladimir researches various intersections of international affairs, social issues and religion, with focus on migration and religious identities in Ireland and Germany, ethnic and religious conflicts, and peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions.

Emanuela C. Del Re
Sociologist, professor, specialist in conflict studies, migrations, religions, enabled Senior Lecturer. Jean Monnet professor at University of Sapienza of Rome [2007-2010]. Coordinator of the Section Sociology of Religion of the Italian Sociological Association. Board Member of leading Scientific Associations and Journals. Founder of EPOS Intl. Negotiating Agency and creator of projects for the reconstruction of the Civil Society in conflict areas.

Angela Paparusso
She is Research Fellow on “Statistical and Demographic Analysis of Migration and Integration Processes” at the Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies of the National Research Council (IRPPS-CNR). She holds a doctorate in Demography (2016) from the Doctoral School in Statistical Sciences of Sapienza University of Rome (title of the thesis: “Studying immigrant integration in Europe: civic rhetoric, citizenship policies and self-reported life satisfaction”). She graduated with honor in International Cooperation and Development, with a thesis on borders and migration in Europe that has been awarded by the Foundation “Roma Sapienza” for the “best master’s degree in the discipline of Social Sciences”. She was also educated at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock and the Autonomous University of Barcelona, where she obtained the “European Master in Demography” – degree of the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD). In 2015, she has been visiting doctoral student at CERI SciencesPo. Her main research interests focus on migration and integration policies and processes at both the Italian and the European Union levels. She has developed quantitative and qualitative analyses on the effect of policies on migrants’ integration.

Maurizio Ambrosini
He is professor of Sociology of Migration at the University of Milan, and chargé d’enseignement at the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis [France]. He is also the editor of the journal “Mondi Migranti” and the Director of the Italian Summer School of Sociology of Migrations of Genoa. His handbook, Sociologia delle migrazioni, is adopted as the textbook in many Italian universities. In English he has published Irregular Migration in Southern Europe [Palgrave, 2018] and Irregular Immigration and Invisible Welfare [Palgrave, 2013], together with several articles in leading scientific journals.

Semiplenaries
Biographies
Jocelyne Cesari
She holds the Chair of Religion and Politics at the University of Birmingham, UK and is Senior research fellow at Georgetown University’s Berkley Center on Religion, Peace and World Affairs. Her work on religion, political violence and conflict resolution has garnered recognition and awards from numerous international organizations such as the Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, the Royal Society for Arts in the UK, or the European Academy of Religion (that she will preside in 2018). She is a Professorial Fellow at the Institute for Religion, Politics and Society at the Australian Catholic University. She teaches on contemporary Islam and politics at the Harvard Divinity School and directs the “Islam in the West” program.

Pieter Bevelander
He is professor of International Migration and Ethnic Relations at the Department of Global political studies and Director of MIM, Malmö Institute of Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University, Sweden. His main research field is international migration and different aspects of immigrant integration as well the reactions of natives towards immigrants and minorities. His latest research contains the socioeconomic and political impacts of citizenship ascension of immigrants and minorities and the labour market integration of refugees in host societies. He is currently Associated Editor of International Migration Review (IMR).

Siniša Zrinščak
Ph.D. in Sociology, he is Professor and Head of the Chair of Sociology at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, and has been since 2013 Professor of European and Comparative Social Policy at the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. His main scientific interests include religious and social policy changes in post-communism, Church-State relations, European and comparative social policy, and gender. He served as President (2006-2014) and Vice-President (2001-2006) of the ISORECEA (International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Association), Vice-President of the International Sociological Association RC 22 (2006-2014), President (2005-2007) and Vice-President (2007-2009, 2013-2014) of the Croatian Sociological Association, Editor-in-chief of the Croatian Journal of Social Policy (2002-2009), General Secretary of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (2013-2017), etc. Currently, he is vice-coordinator of the ESA RN34, member of the Scientific Committee of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), associate editor in the European Journal of Social Work, etc. He has been involved in several mainly international scientific projects, and has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and books.
**Renato Saccone**
Since 29 August 2016, he is Prefect of Turin. He served - in chronological order - in the offices of Florence, Rome-Ministry, Caserta, Massa and Carrara, again Florence, Milan, Monza and Siena. He has been head of Cabinet in the Prefectures of Massa and Carrara, Florence and Milan, where he served as vicarious prefect as well. In particular, he has handled emergencies and natural disasters, events such as the European Social Forum in Florence in 2002, programs for reception of Albanian, Kurdish, Somali, Eritrean refugees. He has been extraordinary administrator of the municipalities of Massa, Carrara, Montignoso and Cesate, president of the Electoral District Commissions of Florence and Milan; member of the Technical Secretariat of the “Milan Table”; established by D.P.C.M. on September 29, 2006; Deputy Commissioner for the nomadic emergency in Lombardy until December 2009. Prefect since September 1, 2009, Saccone has been charged with the task of completing the offices of Monza and Brianza. He has supervised the aggregation of five Municipalities to the Province of MB and since March 25, 2011 has been appointed Prefect of Monza and Brianza. Moreover, Saccone was prefect of Siena from April 2, 2012 until his current position.

**Nicolamaria Coppola**
He is Ph.D. candidate in Applied Social Sciences at La Sapienza University of Rome. He has worked on field in the Middle East, especially in Iraq, Jordan and Syria, both as research assistant of Prof. Del Re and as coordinator of projects of international cooperation.

**Maurizio Veglio**
Since 2006, member of ASGI (Association of Juridical Studies on Migration), he is a lawyer specialized in immigration law. He is a lecturer at the International University College of Turin (since 2011) and collaborates with the Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic (HRMLC), thereby supervised the project “Betwixt and Between: Turin’s CIE”. This project investigates the conditions of foreign detainees within the Turin CPR: the establishment of the “Refugee Law clinic”, which provides applicants for international protection with legal support. In addition, Veglio has launched an Observatory on Judicial Review of Migrants’ Removal (Lexilium) on the activities of the Justice of Peace on the matter of immigration. He has authored several articles (in EDAL, L’indice dei libri del mese, Persona e danno, Questione giustizia, AmeriQuests, Il quotidiano giuridico, Minorigiustizia, Diritto, Immigrazione e cittadinanza) and, in 2014, co-authored Lo straniero e il giudice civile, published by UTET giuridica.

**Enza Roberta Petrillo**
Human Trafficking Researcher for Save the Children, she coordinates the anti-trafficking interventions of Save the Children and edits the annual report on trafficking and the serious exploitation of minors in Europe and in Italy. She is member of the UNESCO Chair in Population, Migrations and Development at the Sapienza University of Rome. As researcher, she deals with policies and geopolitics of international migrations, and with the welcome policies’ effects on vulnerable migrants. On the same topics, she collaborates with universities, international organizations, NGOs and think thank.
Workshop Biographies

**Ugo Melchionda**
He is Researcher of international migration, board member of Religions for Peace-Europe and the Italian correspondent in OECD for realization of the annual International Migration Outlook. From March 2015 to April 2018, Melchionda was president of IDOS: the research centre that edits and publishes a yearly report called the Statistical Dossier on Immigration. From 2000 to 2014, he worked as project manager and specialist in economic migration at the Rome office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) when he directed international migration projects from Albania, Morocco, Moldova, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Egypt, Ghana, and Senegal to Italy. Previously he had carried out researches in Europe (Germany, France, Belgium and Great Britain), South America (Brazil, Uruguay) and Canada for FILEF [Italian Federation of Migrant Workers and Their Families]; a non-profit organization that receives the requests of Italian emigrants.

Local Committee Biographies

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