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Immigrants' Integration: Educational Opportunities and Life Chances

An international conference

hosted by the Department of Sociology of Education at the University of Bern (CH) in collaboration with the Institute of Education and Society, University of Luxembourg (LU)

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Venue Congressi Stefano Franscini (CSF), Monte Verità, Ascona, Lago Maggiore, Switzerland (<http://www.csf.ethz.ch/about/index>).

Theme

The conference centres on the question of how education contributes to immigrant integration in terms of becoming part of a society. Education plays a crucial part in integration processes among immigrants and non-immigrants. Education relates to knowledge and skills, certificates as well as socialised values and behavioural patterns that facilitate integration in regard to different fields including labour market integration and integration into social relations and networks. Integration is an important prerequisite for wellbeing. Research issues to be discussed at the conference include the questions of how and why educational attainment and status attainment differ between immigrants and non-immigrants, how educational attainment affects life chances (such as labour market chances, subjective well-being, health, political participation) among immigrants and non-immigrants, and how institutional settings of education and social systems (welfare state, immigration regimes) affect these mechanisms of inequality? A main feature of the conference is the explicit consideration of the heterogeneity among the immigrant population with differences structured along characteristics such as social origin and gender, immigrant generation (e.g., first and second generation), migratory status (e.g., refugee status, migrant worker), citizenship (e.g., of country of origin, of destination country, stateless status), migration reason (e.g., political refugees versus economic immigrants), country of origin and country of destination. The conference is dedicated to the discussion of latest and classical immigration research regarding conceptual frameworks, methodological designs, empirical analyses, and policy implications.

Keynote Speakers

Laura Bernardi, University of Lausanne (Switzerland), Yaël Brinbaum, CEE - Centre d'études de l'emploi (France), Christian Imdorf, University of Hannover (Germany), Irena Kogan, University of Mannheim (Germany), Cornelia Kristen, University of Bamberg (Germany), Ineke Maas, Utrecht University (The Netherlands), Karl Ulrich Mayer, Yale University (US)/Max Planck Institute for Human Development and Education (Germany), Jake Murdoch, Université de Bourgogne, Dijon (France), Paul Statham, University of Sussex/Sussex Centre for Migration Research (UK)

Head of Young Scholar Grant/Best Oral Presentation/Best Poster Jury

Frank Kalter, University of Mannheim (Germany)

Organisers

Rolf Becker (University of Bern, Switzerland), Andreas Hadjar (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)

Format: The conference will take place over 5 days (Sunday evening to Friday noon).

Participant numbers are limited (max. 100). On Wednesday there will be an excursion around Lake Maggiore.

We invite social scientists to contribute to the conference with:

- paper presentations (approx. 15 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes of discussion),
- posters or
- round-table talks (10 minutes presentation plus discussion).

The conference language is English.

Papers should focus on immigrants' integration including topics such as immigration-related educational inequalities in primary and secondary schooling, vocational education and higher education, school-to-work transitions and labour market chances of immigrants, immigrants' life chances and non-monetary returns on education.

A **structured abstract of 600 words maximum** should cover *Background* (context of the study), *Purpose and Theory* (main research aims/questions, theoretical framework), *Design and methods* (study design and methods, including dates of data collection, sampling method, methods of data collection and analysis), *Results* (main findings in relation to the research aims/questions), *Conclusions* (arising from the research).

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **15 November 2018**.

Please submit your abstracts via conftool at <https://www.conftool.com/ieolc2019>

After a **double-blind peer review procedure**, you will be notified whether your paper has been accepted by **20 December 2018**.

Costs, Grants and Subsidies

We offer subsidised rates for the Hotel Monte Verità. Accommodation and breakfast/lunch/dinner at the Hotel Monte Verità from 23-28/6/2019 would then amount to approx. 850-1000 CHF, due until 1st May 2019.

There will be also grants for doctoral candidates (of 400 CHF) covering all accommodation and breakfast/lunch/dinner costs at the Hotel Monte Verità for the conference week. ***Please note that eligibility for financial support depends on attendance at the entire conference from Sunday night to Friday noon.***

Registration Fee

150 CHF (due until 15 April 2019)