

Call for Papers

The Center for Metropolitan Studies Berlin presents the two-day workshop

Second Generation Research Dialogues Comparative Perspectives on children of immigrants Berlin, 16|17 January 2009

Within integration debates across Europe, focus has shifted from the first to the so called second generation of immigrants in recent years. Their performance in educational systems and on the job markets is tied to success or failure of integration policies and scrutinized with concern, as is their cultural, social and religious orientation. In many places a very contested group, the second generation symbolizes permanency of migration and growing diversity while raising questions about the concept and mechanisms of „integration“ today.

In this workshop, current work on second generation immigrants will be discussed along two main themes:

- **the second generation and the city**
- **the second generation in school**

Central questions and concerns include

- the impact of cities on processes of second generation identity construction, self representation and negotiation between cultural spheres
- its role as arena for political participation, claim making and social positioning
- its role as living and working environment and space of opportunity or restraint
- as social space and place of belonging
- the educational participation of second generation immigrants in comparative perspective
- inequalities within educational systems
- linkages between educational settings, policies and attainment
- the role of teachers, friends, families and other factors impacting educational careers

The workshop offers internationally comparative perspectives on second generation research in Europe and the US, featuring **keynote presentations** by

Philip Kasinitz, chair of Dept. of Sociology at CUNY, NYC, USA
on the New Second Generation in metropolitan New York;

Jens Schneider, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies (IMES), Amsterdam
introducing the EU- research project TIES on the European second generation covering fifteen cities
in eight European countries

Workshop format:

The workshop aims at facilitating intense dialogue and exchange among doctoral students and junior researchers involved in work on second generation immigrants. This will be reflected in the amount of time in the program allocated for discussion in a constructive, supportive setting.

Participants have the opportunity to give ten-minute presentations introducing their research with subsequent discussion.

There will be a maximum of 20 participants. Workshop language is English.

Papers

We invite papers presenting theoretical and/or empirical contributions from a variety of methodological perspectives on second generation immigrants, regarding one of the central themes:

- the second generation and the city
- the second generation in school

Submitted papers should:

- be directly related to one of the major topics of the workshop
- present current research
- be theoretically informed regarding second generation “integration“ theory

Papers should not exceed length of 7,000 words and include an abstract (no more than 700 words).

It is expected that collected papers will be published in some form after the workshop.

Application

Please submit your abstract and short CV with contact details to the following address:

secondgeneration@metropolitanstudies.de

no later than 21st November 2008.

Applicants will be notified before 8 December 2008.

(deadline for handing in of complete paper by participants: 31st December 2008)

All sessions will be held at the Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technical University Berlin, Ernst-Reuter-Platz 7, 3rd floor, 10587 Berlin, Germany.

Participation in the workshop is free of charge for all selected participants. Unfortunately, the Center for Metropolitan Studies cannot offer travel grants. Travel and accommodation expenses are responsibility of individual participants. However, we can support you with recommendations and information regarding your stay in Berlin.

For further questions, please contact Viola-Donata Rauch or Philipp Schnell:

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