

IMISCOE Annual Conference

Migration and Time: Temporalities of Mobilities, Governance and Resistance

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Call for Papers for the Panel:

Diversity support: structures, motivations and mobilization

Migration scholars in the European context have traditionally paid close attention to public opinion against immigration and the persistence of racism. In contrast, less attention has been devoted to pro-immigration and anti-racist attitudes and mobilization strategies of social actors. Yet, in many contemporary European societies, majorities are favourably disposed towards urban and national socio-cultural diversity: Many hundreds of thousands recently actively welcomed and supported refugees, and the proliferation of support for Black Lives Matter activities, despite a pandemic, reify this image of rather pro-diversity sentiment.

To explore this sentiment and its societal relevance further, this panel invites papers that offer empirical and theoretical contributions to our understanding of such pro-immigrant, pro-diversity phenomena. What motivates those involved? What exactly do people support if they support diversity, anti-racism, or openness to immigration? How do pro-immigration and pro-diversity support structures emerge and what do they look like in modern societies?

In line with ongoing research into *diversity assent* at the MPI-MMG In Göttingen, we welcome different methodological approaches (from an ethnographic case study to big-data analyses), as well as different analytical foci (public opinion, political actors and movements, organisations) and levels of analysis (local, national, regional).

Please send your 250 word abstract to Eloisa Harris at the Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (Harris@mmg.mpg.de) by **Thursday, 9 December, 13:00**. Notification of Acceptance will be given out on **Monday 13th December**.

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