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CALL FOR PAPERS

Rethinking integration. New perspectives on adaptation and settlement in the era of superdiversity

IRiS and SAST Conference, Birmingham 2 July 2015

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 31 March 2015

Keynote Speakers include:

- Prof. Stevan Hobfoll, Rush University, US
- Dr Aleksandra Kazlowska, Institute for Research into Superdiversity, University of Birmingham and Institute of Sociology/Centre for Migration Research, University of Warsaw
- Prof. Louise Ryan, Middlesex University London, UK
- Dr Alison Strang, Queen Margaret University, Scotland

In an era of unprecedented demographic change the issue of how societies adapt to emergent superdiversity has gained in importance. There are still important challenges, limitations and gaps in knowledge relating to adaptation and settlement. Perceived challenges and concerns about inclusion as well as discussions about adaptation to superdiversity have come to the fore in the face of the accelerating changes, growing diversity and complexity. In what way has our theoretical approach to adaptation and integration been changing? What new phenomena related to these processes can be observed? How should our practical approach to the facilitation of adaptation and

integration be reshaped? This conference aims to enable the exchange of ideas and dissemination of research findings among academics working to develop new methods, advancing theoretical approaches and producing empirically informed knowledge about adaptation and integration in an era of emerging superdiversity.

Invitation to submit a proposal

The Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) at the University of Birmingham together with the project *Social Anchoring in Superdiverse Transnational Social Spaces* (SAST) is organising a one-day interdisciplinary conference which will focus upon theories on and research into adaptation and integration in an era of superdiversity. The conference will allow for the exchange of ideas and formulation of future research agendas to inform academics, practitioners and policy makers which can enable the facilitation of processes of adaptation and integration. The conference will feature invited plenaries and panels on topics related to the processes of adaptation and integration in emerging superdiverse societies.

We invite academics from a broad range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, anthropology, social policy, geography, language and cultural studies, the arts, demography, politics, economics, development studies as well as policy makers and practitioners to submit papers related to the main theme of the conference. Doctoral researchers are also welcome. The conference will be an opportunity for them to meet fellow PhD students and senior academics working on adaptation and settlement.

The conference will include plenary and parallel sessions on:

- New research methods and theoretical considerations related to adaptation and integration
- Patterns and mechanisms of adaptation to superdiversity and integration in an emerging superdiverse society
- Moral and ethical dilemmas and questions around accommodating diversity and integration
- Processes of adaptation and integration in relation to transnational processes and globalization
- Migrants experiences of integration in an emerging superdiverse society
- Interchanges, interactions and encounters between immigrants and others
- Factors decreasing segregation and increasing inclusion
- Relationships between integration and identity, hybridity, representations, belonging and other related concepts
- Policy, service delivery and practices aimed at the facilitation of adaptation and integration in an emerging superdiverse society
- Adaptation and integration processes in a context of new demographics

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the on-line submission link – **by 31 March 2015**.

Submissions for presentations should include an abstract of a maximum of 250 words.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated week beginning the 20 April 2015.

Presentation Format: The selected papers will be grouped by themes. Each presentation will last 20 minutes and followed by 10 minutes discussion.

Conference publications: after the conference delegates will be offered the opportunity to submit their papers for consideration to be included in an edited book/journal special edition/the IRiS working paper series.

Cost (for non-presenters): £50 full fee; £20 for students and NGOs

Other: Travel and accommodation expenses should be covered by the participants.

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