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# Research

IRiS is working to generate advanced, high quality research to underpin theory building, knowledge generation, policy making and public debate about superdiversity. We are addressing crucial issues related to: population dynamics, security, cohesion and integration, identity, global networks, citizenship, service delivery, well-being, social exclusion and the opportunities that a superdiverse society offers to support economic recovery.

IRiS research is organised in five workstreams and one cross-cutting programme:

### Theory and Method

Superdiversity challenges our understanding of society, and the ways we conceptualise and investigate a rapidly changing and increasingly diverse population. Terms such as 'race relations', 'integration' and 'multiculturalism' for different reasons, have come under scrutiny and are accused of no longer providing adequate frames for reading contemporary societies and addressing the opportunities and challenges produced by the diversification of diversity which is transforming immigration countries both in developed and developing economies. This research stream focuses on theories and methods which accompany the emergence of a new research agenda around diversity, cohesion and belonging.
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### Language and Superdiversity

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### Practitioner Researcher Programme

This ground-breaking **Practitioner Researcher Programme (/research/activity/superdiversity-institute/practitioner-research-programme/index.aspx)** brings policymakers and practitioners together with IRiS academics to collaborate around the development of innovative research projects embedded within practice settings.
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Our **current projects (/research/activity/superdiversity-institute/research/projects/index.aspx)** explore important issues around integration and social capital, ageing and migration, multilingualism and superdiversity, civil society and community actions, destitution and inclusion, Roma, citizenship and rights, business advice and support for superdiverse SMEs, engagement in health programmes and planning for superdiversity.

We also have a **Doctoral Researchers Diversity Network (DRDN) (/research/activity/superdiversity-institute/diversity-network/index.aspx)** that brings together PhD students researching diversity related issues in a cross-college network which focuses on developing their research and academic skills and producing world leading diversity researchers.

**Watch our research videos to find out more about research at IRiS (/research/activity/superdiversity-institute/research/research-videos.aspx)**

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