

## CALL FOR PAPERS

# Superdiversity: theory, method and practice in an era of change

International Conference, Birmingham 23-24 June 2014

**(DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013)**

### Keynote Speakers include:

- Professor **Jan Blommaert**, Babylon Centre for the study of Superdiversity, University of Tilberg, The Netherlands.
- Professor **Peggy Levitt**, Wellesley College, USA.
- Professor **James Nazroo**, Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE), University of Manchester
- Professor **Gill Valentine**, University of Sheffield, UK
- Professor **Steven Vertovec**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Gottingen, Germany

With the unprecedented speed, scale and spread of global migration, academics have an important role in developing new methods, advancing theoretical understanding and producing empirically informed knowledge about the emergence of superdiversity.

### Invitation to submit

The [Institute for Research into Superdiversity](#) (IRiS) at the University of Birmingham are organising the first international interdisciplinary conference on superdiversity. The conference will be held at University of Birmingham on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014. It will feature invited plenaries, academic panels and a policy roundtable on topics at the forefront of the superdiversity research agenda. The aim of the conference is to map the state of the art in knowledge on superdiversity and to draw an agenda for future research.

We welcome academics from a broad range of disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, social policy, geography, linguistics, history, psychology, economics, medicine, demography, politics, and development studies, policy makers and practitioners to submit innovative papers, panel proposals or posters on any aspect related to superdiversity.

Doctoral researchers are welcome to submit their work. The conference will be an opportunity for meeting fellow PhD students and senior academics working on superdiversity.

**The conference will include parallel sessions on:**

- Law, legal pluralism and diversity
- Migration processes, transnational practices, and globalization
- Patterns and experiences of space and place
- Interchanges, interactions and encounters
- Immigration regimes, rights and belonging
- Discrimination, segregation and inclusion
- Hybridity, representations and belonging
- Communication, language and media
- Policy, planning and service delivery
- Research methods and approaches
- Markets, finance and opportunity
- Art, culture and history
- Faith, religion and spirituality
- Health and healthcare
- New demographics

**Submission Guidelines**

Abstracts should be submitted electronically, using the on-line submission link - <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/superdiversity-institute/events/2014/06/call-for-papers.aspx> - by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

- Submissions for presentations should include an abstract of a maximum of 250 words.
- Submissions for panels should include the names of three speakers and a Chair, an overview abstract of 250 words and an abstract for each associated paper of 250 words.
- Poster submissions can describe in 250 words or less key themes and approaches to be included in the poster.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated week beginning the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**Presentation Format:** The selected papers will be grouped by themes. There will be parallel sessions, with three presentations in each session. Each presentation will last 20 minutes and followed by 10 minutes discussion.

**Deadline for papers:** Panel speakers are expected to submit full papers (pdf files) by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

**Conference publications:** delegates will be offered the opportunity after the conference to submit their papers for consideration to be included in an edited book and/or journal special edition.

**Other:** Travel and accommodation expenses should be covered by the participants. However, there will be a limited number of registration fee bursaries for participants under exceptional circumstances.

**Further info:** please contact Ann Bolstridge, IRiS manager: [a.bolstridge@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.bolstridge@bham.ac.uk)

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