

Call for papers
Racial and ethnic discrimination:
Concepts, methods and empirical trends

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Studies on discrimination against immigrants and their descendants in Europe and the US have boomed in the last decade. They mainly focus on access to the labour market, yet discrimination appears also in the workplace such as career development, access to manager positions, access to further education and wages. Moreover, it appears also in other social spheres such as housing, education, access to services or interaction with police and justice. Discrimination represents a major challenge both to the normative principle of equality and to the objective of social cohesion in multicultural European societies

Much research has pointed out that, over time, manifestations of discrimination have transitioned from overt forms to 'modern' or more subtle forms. To be sure, behaviours that explicitly exclude or subordinate members of minority groups still occur, but covert exclusionary acts of subtle, low-intensity yet recurrent behaviours that isolate or handicap minority members are flourishing. A new thread of research documents the expressions of stigmatization (acts of hostility, verbal and physical racist aggressions, racial harassment or profiling) and their consequences, and link these experiences to the field of discrimination. However, the conceptual and empirical connections between everyday racism, micro-aggression and ethno-racial discrimination needs to be analysed further. How discrimination relates to racism is rarely questioned even though there might be useful conceptual distinctions to stress while accounting for ethnic and racial inequalities. Moreover, if research has delivered indisputable evidence of both overt and covert discrimination, it has somewhat neglected to examine the effectiveness of policies to address those issues both at macro-societal and at meso-societal, organisational level.

This panel aims at bringing together researchers on discrimination in Europe and tackling these issues from various disciplines, theoretical backgrounds and methods. We especially welcome papers that address the three lacunas identified above in spheres, forms and policies about discrimination and racism as well as papers addressing the causes, variation and changing patterns of discrimination and racism over time and contexts. We also welcome papers which use and discuss theories about cross-country differences, ethnic hierarchies, and evolution over time, including studies which compare the historical experiences of discrimination among European immigrant groups and African-Americans in the US with today's situation for more recent immigrant groups and ethnic and racial minorities on both sides of the Atlantic.

Please send your proposal for a contribution no later than **November 15th, 2018** to the organizers: Rosita Fibbi (Rosita.Fibbi@unine.ch), Arnfinn H. Midtbøen (ahm@socialresearch.no) and Patrick Simon (simon@ined.fr). Abstracts of a maximum of 250 words should include the title, name(s) and affiliation(s) of authors as well as specifying the main research question, methods and findings.

The notification of acceptance will be made by **November 25th, 2018** and the panel proposal will be submitted to IMISCOE **December 1st, 2018**. To ensure a high quality of contributions and discussions during the session, the submission of full papers or extended abstracts is required by 30 April 2019.