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TOLERANCE, PLURALISM AND SOCIAL COHESION:

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY IN EUROPE

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Nicosia, 27-28 September 2012

27 September, Millennium Building M-203, University of Nicosia

28 September, RED Amphitheatre, Millennium Building, University of Nicosia



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS) is organizing a two day European Conference on **Tolerance, Pluralism and Social Cohesion: Responding to the Challenges of the 21st Century in Europe** that will take place on 27-28 September 2012. The Conference is being organized within the framework of the project **Tolerance, Pluralism and Social Cohesion: Responding to the Challenges of the 21st Century in Europe - ACCEPT PLURALISM** funded by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Programme, DG Research, Social Sciences and Humanities.

The aim of the conference is to present the main findings of the research undertaken across Europe in relation to tolerance and intolerance on political and civic participation and diversity. Further, the conference aims to discuss the (in)visibility of the gender dimension in discourses and policies on tolerance, pluralism and multiculturalism in Europe and provide insights on its relevance as an analytical tool and in the formulation of policy.

This two-day conference will bring together the partners of the ACCEPT Pluralism project, as well as external scholars, social and political actors from different countries, women's rights organisations as well as anti-racism and migrant networks in order to reflect upon and discuss the results of the project and to share their own experiences in addressing (in)tolerance in political and public life.

The first day of the conference will consist of a public event to present the main findings of the ACCEPT Pluralism project. **The event will focus on policies of inclusion on a European level in relation to the participation of migrants and ethnic minorities in political and public life**, drawing on national case studies conducted in the context of the ACCEPT Pluralism project. The second day of the conference on **Gender, Diversity and (In)tolerance in Europe** focuses on **far right discourses of intolerance discourses towards diversity and issues of minority participation and representation**. It also raises the issue of the (in)visibility of gender dimension in discourses and policies on tolerance and diversity in political life, drawing also on the experiences of representatives of civil society.

The conference will close with the launch of a book publication of the ACCEPT Pluralism project entitled **Addressing tolerance and diversity discourses in Europe. A Comparative Overview of 16 European Countries** and with the presentation of the **Handbook on Tolerance and Cultural Diversity in Europe**.



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THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER | MILLENNIUM BUILDING M-203, UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

POLICY CONFERENCE

15:00-15:30 Arrival and registration of participants

15.30-17.00 *Key note addresses*

Chair: **Tariq Modood**, University of Bristol

Anna Triandafyllidou, Project Coordinator, European University Institute European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre

Presentation of the ACCEPT PLURALISM project theoretical and empirical framework

Androula Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism, Sport, Media and Youth

Eliza Savvidou, Commissioner for Administration in Cyprus, Authority against Racism and Discrimination

Discussion

17:00-17:30 *Coffee break*

17:30-19:30 *Tolerance and Intolerance in political life*

Chair: **Tariq Modood**, University of Bristol

Maurizio Ambrosini, University of Milan
Local policies of exclusion

Jon Fox, University of Bristol
Native minority representation and participation structures

Flora Burchianti, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Far right discourses of intolerance

Jan Dobbernack, University of Bristol
Religion and politics in France and the UK

Discussant: **Veit Bader**, University of Amsterdam
The meaning and limits of tolerance in political life

Discussion

FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER | RED AMPHITHEATRE, MILLENNIUM BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

GENDER, DIVERSITY AND (IN)TOLERANCE IN EUROPE

09:00-09.15 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15-09:30 Welcome and introduction

09:30-11:00 *Far right discourse of intolerance towards diversity*

Chair: **Maurizio Ambrosini**, University of Milan

Zsuzsa Vidra, Central European University, Budapest
Intolerance discourses towards Roma in Hungary

Hara Kouki, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre
Intolerance discourses towards immigrants in Greek politics

Flora Burchianti, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Discourses of intolerance towards immigrants in Catalunya

Discussant: **Per Mouritsen**, Aarhus University

Discussion

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

- 11:30-13:00 ***Issues of minority participation and representation***
- Chair: **Jon Fox**, University of Bristol
- Marko Hajdinjak**, International Centre for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations (IMIR), Sofia
Roma and Turkish political representation in Bulgaria
- Lasse Lindekilde**, University of Aarhus
The limits of tolerance in Danish political life
- Angeline Escafré Dublet**, Sciences Po, Paris
The concept of laïcité and Muslim mobilization in France
- Discussant: **Nasar Meer**, University of Northumbria
- Discussion
- 13:00-14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30-15:30 ***Is (in)tolerance gendered?***
- Chair: **Nicos Trimikliniotis**, University of Nicosia and NGO Symfiliosi
- Anna Triandafyllidou**
Insights on the (in)visibility of gender in the study of tolerance/intolerance in public life
- Discussant: **Nina Mühe**, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt a. O.
- 15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:00-18:00 ***Gender and (in)tolerance in political and public life***
- Chair: **Nicos Trimikliniotis**, University of Nicosia and NGO Symfiliosi
- Josie Christodoulou**, Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, MIGS
Civic Participation of Migrant Domestic Workers
- Sebihana Skenderovska**, National Roma Centrum in Macedonia
Participation in Public Life and Political representation - the European Roma strategy: challenges and opportunities
- Anthoula Papadopoulou**, KISA (Action for Equality, Support and Antiracism), Cyprus
Racism and public discourse and its impact on migrant women
- Alwiye Xusein**, European Network of Migrant Women
Migrant Women and Political Participation in Europe
- Discussion
- 18:00-20:00 Presentation of books
- Addressing tolerance and diversity discourses in Europe. A Comparative Overview of 16 European Countries***
and
Handbook on Tolerance and Cultural Diversity in Europe
- Cocktail*