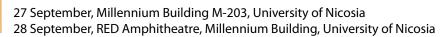


ACCEPT PLURALISM – EU Research Project

Tolerance, Pluralism and Social Cohesion: Responding to the Challenges of the 21st Century in Europe

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Nicosia, 27-28 September 2012





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*.







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