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Department of Political and Social Sciences

Thursday, April 12th at 15:00

Room 40.012. Roger de Llúria Building

Steven Vertovec,

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will present

Conceiving 'diversity'

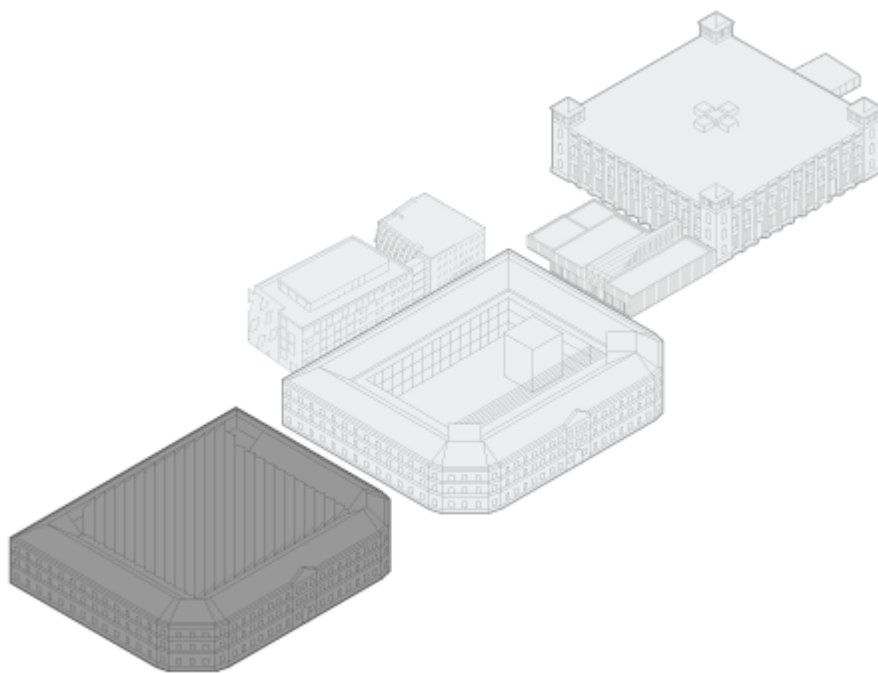


Abstract:

In this lecture Professor Vertovec will explore several ways in which the concept of 'diversity' has been conceived, evoked and imagined in both public discourse and academic study. He will also discuss some of the conundrums of trying to develop a social scientific approach to a topic/theme that is often both highly normative and tactically vague. Some additional or alternative ways of conceiving and studying 'diversity' will be suggested as well.

Short bio:

Prof. Steven Vertovec is Managing Director of the Max-Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen. Previously he was Professor of Transnational Anthropology at the University of Oxford and Director of the British Economic and Social Research Council's Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS). Prof. Vertovec is currently co-Editor of the journal *Global Networks* and Editor of the Palgrave Macmillan book series 'Global Diversities'. His research interests surround international migration, transnational social formations and contexts of urban diversity. Prof. Vertovec is author of five books including *Transnationalism* (Routledge, 2009) and *Super-diversity* (Routledge, forthcoming), and editor or co-editor of thirty-five volumes including *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism* (Oxford University Press, 2003), *The Multicultural Backlash* (Routledge 2010), the *International Handbook of Diversity Studies* (Routledge, 2015) and *Diversities Old and New* (Palgrave, 2015). Prof. Vertovec has acted as expert or consultant for numerous agencies, including the the UK government's Cabinet Office, Home Office, Department for International Development, Department of Communities and Local Government, the British Council, the European Commission, the G8, World Bank and UNESCO..



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