

GRITIM-UPF Research in Progress Session

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Room 24.200

1. Migration & the Transnationalization of Social Protection

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Abstract

Research on migration and social protection needs to overcome its disciplinary and methodological fragmentation if we are to fully understand the evolution of immigrant access to social protection in Europe. This presentation therefore aims to introduce some of the concepts and early findings of the ERC-project “Migration, and Transnational Social Protection in (post)-crisis Europe” (MiTSoPro) that challenges receiving-state centered assumptions by looking at formal and informal social protection strategies developed by immigrants in the home and host societies.

2. Keeping Policy and Politics Apart: Integration Policies in Europe and the Politics of Citizenship in Spain and Italy

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Abstract

This thesis investigates immigrant integration policies paying special attention to the Spanish and Italian citizenship regimes. It hinges upon a multi-method research design and its results take the shape of a three-article structure. The first article addresses similarities and differences among European countries' integration policies and, by means of cluster analysis on MIPEX data, it

identifies policy-models of integration characterizing the current European scenario. Two shared-configurations are captured, cutting across the East/West cleavage. The Eastern configuration is more restrictive than the Western one, especially in traditional areas of integration. The second and third articles concentrate on the domain of citizenship and they try to account for the puzzling continuity of nationality laws in Spain and in Italy by relying on the explanatory power of ideas. The Spanish case is treated in the second article whereas the third article compares such case to the Italian one. In both countries ideational factors prove to be crucial in driving the evolution of nationality laws; however according to distinct causal logic.