

Re-SOMA-GRITIM transnational seminar 31st January 2020

Interculturalism and Migration Observatories; Evidences, policy approaches and social ties

Organized by ReSOMA and GRITIM-UPF. As a dialogue meeting, this event aims to bring together civil society organizations, policy actors and researchers who are working on issues related to local integration policies and practices. It is supported by the Research Social Platform on Migration and Asylum ([ReSOMA](#)) that aims to provide ready-to-use evidence on policy, policy perceptions and policy options on migration, asylum, and integration at the EU level.

**Venue: Departament de Treball, Afers Socials i Famílies
Generalitat de Catalunya
Sala d'actes 2nd floor
Passeig del Taulat, 266-270, 08019 Barcelona**

Welcome (9.00h -9.30h):

- ❖ **Oriol Amorós**, Secretariat of Equality, Migrations and Citizenship – Generality of Catalonia
- ❖ **Ricard Zapata**, GRITIM-University Pompeu Fabra
- ❖ **Carles Campuzano**, ACSAR- Catalan Association of Refugee' Solidarity and Aid
- ❖ **Zeynep Kaşlı**, Erasmus University Rotterdam, ReSOMA-Research Social Platform on Migration and Asylum

Roundtables and Debate (9.30h-14.00h)

9:30h-11:00h - Interculturalism and evidence-based policies

Chaired by SIMC-Secretariat for Equality, Migration, and Citizenship, Catalan Government:
https://treballiaferssocials.gencat.cat/ca/ambits_tematicos/immigracio/

Format: The Panel will be coordinated by SIMC (total 1.5 h). The debate will be structured in two rounds. During the first round, the chair will ask each participant a question regarding Interculturalism, whereas, in the second round, they will be asked a question about evidence-based policy. Each speaker will have 5 minutes to answer each of the questions. Once every round has finished, there will be an open discussion with the other participants.



Framing the debate: Sub-national levels of government play a crucial role when designing and developing inclusion and cohesion policies. Traditionally, there has been three models to manage migration: guest-workers model, assimilationism, and multiculturalism. Although, all three models have succeeded in some aspects, they have failed to foster a holistic view of inclusion. In this context, interculturalism appears as a new paradigm to manage diversity. To be able to implement interculturalism at all levels, everybody must understand what this model means when we go from concepts to policies and implementation. As part of its work on key current topics of the European migration and integration debate, ReSOMA has elaborated on the elements of such a comprehensive, holistic approach to long-term integration. To better support the understanding of the paradigm and its benefits, policy-makers must rely on data not only to implement the model, but also to communicate what they are doing, the results they are obtaining, and to counter hate speech when speaking about migration.

Roundtable:

- **Chair: Ricard Zapata**, GRITIM-University Pompeu Fabra

- **Speakers:**
 - 1) Region of Catalonia, Secretariat for Equality, Migration and Citizenship
Oriol Amorós
 - 2) Region of Emilia-Romagna, Department of Social Integration Policies, Fight against Poverty and Third Sector
Marzio Barbieri
 - 3) Region of Västra Götaland
Rasoul Nejadmehr
 - 4) ReSOMA/Migration Policy Group on comprehensive approach to integration
Alexander Wolffhardt
 - 5) ReSOMA/Eurocities, represented by City of Barcelona member in Eurocities Migration Working Group
Aida Guillen

11:00h-11:15h - Coffee break

11:15h-14:15h - Migration Observatory: Typologies and Multi-level Functions

Chaired by ACSAR -Catalan Association of Refugee' Solidarity and Aid:
<http://www.fundacioacsar.org/>

Format: This Panel will be coordinated by ACSAR (total 3 hours). This will be a roundtable discussion with 4 speakers and a Chair. Each speaker will have 15 minutes. The Chair will manage time strictly and coordinate the debate with the other participants/audience. A rapporteur from Acsar will take notes. After the roundtable (90 minutes), invited commentators will have 5 minutes to introduce and give their comments (this can take 60 minutes) followed with an open discussion (30 minutes).



Framing the debate: Migration Observatories collect data and produce information and knowledge for evidence-based policy-making, and social practices, as well as grounding empirical research. They can also have the purpose of promoting dialogues between politics/policies, civil society and academia, they can also provide critical diagnosis on current migration-related events. Potentially, they can play a key role in the upcoming needs assessments and national programming efforts in EU programmes such as AMIF and ESF+, which are crucially important for integration spending in several countries. The purpose of this roundtable is two-fold. First, to better understand the different typologies of Observatories in Europe, their concrete functions, challenges and first self-evaluation. Second, to assess the place of Migration Observatories within the set of stakeholders influencing migration policymaking and dynamics. For example, they may have a role in partnership-based implementation of EU funding programmes or monitor the implementation of Global Compacts on Refugees and on Migrants – these are ReSOMA topics which the participating observatories are invited to comment on. The interlinks between knowledge production, politics and policies, as well as the autonomy of Observatories.

Roundtable:

- **Chair: Gemma Pinyol, INSTRATEGIES**

- **Speakers:**
 - 1) Observatory for Integration and Multi Ethnicity of the Italian Region of Lombardy (ORIM)
Livia Ortensi
 - 2) Observatório Das Migrações (Observatory of Migrations of Portugal)
Catarina Oliveira
 - 3) Ikuspegi, Observatorio Vasco de la Inmigración
Arkaitz Fullaondo Elordui-Zapaterietxe
 - 4) ReSOMA/Migration Policy Group on policy options on future EU integration funding & participatory programme implementation
Alexander Wolffhardt

14.15h-15.00h - Lunch

15.00h-15.30h - Conclusions and final remarks

Zeynep Kaşlı, Erasmus University Rotterdam, ReSOMA

Ricard Zapata, GRITIM-University Pompeu Fabra

