



Purpose of the Workshop

A growing interest among academics, politicians and practitioners about the discourses on immigration at the local level in Catalonia is at the origin of this workshop. It is composed of two parts, representing respectively the political and practical perspectives toward the issue. The first part examines the discourses of political parties through the results of two projects led by members of GRITIM-UPF. The second seeks to explore and identify the different challenges that are faced by administrative practitioners when implementing policies related to migration.

Session 1 | Presentation of projects on political discourses about immigration in Catalonia.

Between inclusion and exclusion. Political discourses during 2011 municipal elections in Catalonia.
Researchers: Blanca Garcès Mascareñas, Elena Sánchez Montijano and Núria Franco Guillén.

This project studies the treatment of immigration in the electoral programs and debates in sixteen municipalities in Catalonia during the last municipal elections of May 2011. The first question considered is *how* they talked about immigration. The second has to do with the *who*, ie which political parties have participated in the debate. The third refers to *where*, ie in which municipalities have emerged these debates. The ultimate goal is to map the different discourses on immigration, taking into account their variability both across political parties and across municipalities.

The limits of political parties discourses on immigration.

Accept Pluralism. Tolerance, pluralism and social cohesion. European Commission's 7th Framework Programme.
Investigators (Spanish team): Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Flora Burchianti and Juan Carlos Triviño.

Accept Pluralism is a European project that addresses the need to explore and understand tolerance in relation with ethnic, racial and religious diversity in European societies, and identify key issues for political leaders. As part of this project and in line with the study of tolerance in the political life, the Spanish team has researched the limits of the discourse of political parties on immigration in Catalonia regarding the years 2010-2011. The objective here is to understand the political discourses that have emerged in local controversies about immigration issues and to determine the boundaries of these discourses. More specifically, it seeks to understand how different political and social actors perceive the public discourses on migration and their view on the need and possibility to limit intolerant discourses.

Session 2 | Roundtable: Political Discourses on Immigration: How do they influence local practices?

In this second session, the intervention of practitioners in charge of migration issues for the municipalities of L'Hospitalet, Terrassa and Vic, offer the opportunity to discuss the nexus between political discourses and policy implementation, especially the challenges faced by the practitioners in implementing institutional discourses. The following questions will be discussed: How do practitioners conceive the implementation of policies? Which factors do they think are affecting directly or indirectly the efficacy of projects toward migrants? Which aspects are considered as being more important in translating a discourse into practice? Are there limits to what one can and cannot do?

GRITIM-UPF Workshop

Monday 19 March 2012
15.00 - 18.00

Immigrant policies
at local level

From discourse
to practice

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- RECI: Red española de Ciudades interculturales.
- Proyecto DIVERSIDAD. Municipios e inmigración: interculturalidad e índice de Gobernabilidad. Min. Economía y Competitividad, 2012-2015.

Programme

15.00–16.15 Presentation of projects on political discourses about immigration in Catalonia.

Welcome speech
Ricard Zapata-Barrero

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The limits of political parties discourses on immigration.
Flora Burchianti, GRITIM-UPF. Accept pluralism project.

16.15–16.30 Coffee break

16.30–18.00 Roundtable: Political Discourses on Immigration: How do they influence local practices?

Moderator: Juan Carlos Triviño

With the interventions of:

- Sr. Òscar Negredo, Community mediation service coordinator, l'Hospitalet de Llobregat City council.
- Sra. Elisenda Blancafort, Migration policy officer, Vic city council.
- Sra. Gemma García, Head of Citizenship and Civil rights department, Terrassa City council.

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