

GRITIM-UPF / ISOR-UAB Research Meeting

Date: 2nd October 2015

Place: Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Jaume I Building, Room 20.233.

Time: 9:45h to 14:30h

Technical Coordination: Luisa Faustini – GRITIM-UPF

Purpose of the Research Meeting:

The main purpose is to promote academic exchanges between two research groups in Catalonia working on diversity issues – GRITIM-UPF (<http://www.upf.edu/gritim/>) and ISOR-UAB (<http://isor.femwebs.com/>) – and facilitate a debate forum for their doctorate students. PhD candidates from both sides will present their current researches, followed by a discussion. Besides, the meeting is thought as an opportunity for the groups to get to know each other and foster their collaboration, so it will also be discussed ways of keeping a GRITIM/ISOR network and venues.

Programme:

- 09:45 – 10:00 **Welcome participants**
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Presenting the research group: main research lines and current projects**
Ricard Zapata-Barrero (GRITIM-UPF) and Mar Griera (ISOR-UAB)
- 10:30 – 12:00 Presentations 1
- Rafael Cazarin - ISOR-UAB**
'Spiritual knowledge' and the Pentecostal discourse of social transformation: the case of African Pastors in the Diaspora.
Discussant: Lorenzo Gabrielli (GRITIM-UPF)
- Francesco Pasetti – GRITIM-UPF**
Integration Policies at a Crossroads: Policy-Models, Philosophies of Integration and Ethical Concerns
Discussant: Avi Astor (ISOR-UAB)
- 12:00 – 12:30 - Coffee break -

12:30 – 14:00

Presentations 2

Marta Simó - ISOR-UAB

The Holocaust in the German-occupied soviet territories and its relation with Spain.

Discussant: Nuria Franco Guillen (GRITIM-UPF)

Reinhard Schweitzer – GRITIM-UPF

The local, everyday politics and negotiation of irregular migrants' entitlements and effective access to public healthcare - Insights from on-going research in London and Barcelona.

Discussant: Mar Griera (ISOR-UAB)

14:00 – 14:30

Conclusion and ideas

Keeping GRITIM/ISOR network and venues for future collaboration

**Presentation time for papers will be no longer than 15-20 min. Discussants are allotted 5-10 min for each paper. 10-15 min will be reserved for joint discussion.*

'Spiritual knowledge' and the Pentecostal discourse of social transformation: the case of African Pastors in the Diaspora

Rafael Cazarin

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Abstract

From joy to sorrow, several are the emotionally-based dispositions that can be perceived by the participants of a Pentecostal service in some of the so-called manifestation of the Holy Ghost. Likewise, Pentecostal Pastors are known by dramatic emotional expressions during sermons and preaching as well as by their influence on congregants' cognitive responses throughout rituals. Far from being limited to Sunday sermons or the simple cathartic experiences, these emotional dynamics seem to engender the social construction of individual and collective narratives of transformation. Based on a doctoral research conducted in Bilbao, Barcelona and Johannesburg, this presentation engages with the current debates on emotions, belonging and social cohesion by exploring Africa Pastors' discourses along various church activities. Particularly, it will be evidenced a somewhat *modus operandi* of Nigerian and Congolese church leaders on articulating congregants' emotional responses (hope, fear, love, suffering, etc.) with the vicissitudes of everyday life in a foreign land.

Rafael Cazarin holds a BA in Sociology from the School of Economics - University of Coimbra, Portugal, where in 2008 he was awarded an undergraduate scholarship at the Centre for Social Studies. In 2010 he completed an MSc in Migration Studies followed by an MPhil in Social Sciences in 2011, both at the University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, Spain. In 2012, Rafael became a research and PhD fellow funded by the Basque Government to develop a research project on African Pentecostals in migratory contexts, particularly looking at Nigerian and Congolese-led churches in Bilbao and Johannesburg. He has been also a visiting scholar at the African Centre for Migration and Society, Wits University - South Africa (2013), the International Migration Institute at the University of Oxford (2015), and at the Autonomous University of Barcelona where he is an associate fellow at ISOR - Sociology of Religion. His areas of interests are: medical anthropology and sociology, phenomenology of religion and spirituality, emotions, migration and Diaspora, diversity policies and social transformation.

The Holocaust in the German-occupied soviet territories and its relation with Spain.

Marta Simó

ISOR-UAB

Abstract

The Holocaust in the German-occupied soviet territories and its relation with Spain. The first question of this topic came as a consequence of the dissertation done in 2004 on: Teaching about the Holocaust in Catalonia. Now, after more than ten years continuing studying and researching on this issue and although this first approach was basic, sometimes even wrong, one of the main hypothesis persists. The myth of Spain as a neutral country during World War II, together with the idea of non-Jewish heritage mixed with an awkward approach to the Israel-Palestine conflict gives an idea that Holocaust is not a topic of enough interest to study. The first aim was therefore to see if there was any relationship with the Holocaust and Spain from a historical perspective. The first surprise was to find some episodes of encounter in the territories of the former USSR through two groups: the fighters of the Blue Division and the Spanish republican fighters in the Red Army. It is through archive files, written reports and personal interviews that this topic has been approached in order to see who they were, what role they played, what ideology influenced them and how was their memory of the events built and transmit and also which memory narratives have persisted. To end it trying to ask these questions not from a historical approach but from a sociological approach.

Marta Simó, degree in Sociology from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (2000), MA in Central and Eastern European Studies at Jagellonska University in Krakow (Poland) (2005), in the specialty of Jewish Identities and Holocaust. MA Thesis: "Teaching about the Holocaust in Catalonia". Postgraduate studies at State Moscow University (Russia) in Judaic Studies and Holocaust in the German-occupied soviet territories (2010). Since 2011, PhD studies in Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona developing a thesis directed by Dr. Joan Estruch and Dr. Joan B. Culla about Spaniards and the Holocaust. Since 2012 researcher at the ISOR (Research Group of Sociology and Religious Studies) in the same University. Since 2012 member of the Working Group "Exili, Deportació i Holocaust" of the Memorial Democràtic and Education Department of Catalan Government and since December 2013, member of the Multilingual Expert Team of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) for the Education Research Project (ERP).

The local, everyday politics and negotiation of irregular migrants' entitlements and effective access to public healthcare - Insights from on-going research in London and Barcelona

Reinhard Schweitzer

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Abstract

This article aims to contribute to a better understanding of local processes of policy implementation in areas that are characterised by a high level of politicisation and where (policy) decisions are driven by conflicting normative and functional imperatives. Based on qualitative research data gathered in London and Barcelona it compares the formal entitlements and effective access of irregular migrants to publicly funded healthcare services in both local settings, through the perspective of those institutions and individuals that have to implement this complex, frequently changing and often inconsistent set of regulations. I therefore develop a framework that combines institutional approaches to (immigration) policy making and implementation with theoretical insights from organisation studies. This helps me to argue that where governments feel unable to openly justify a necessary level of inclusion, they have to resort to a contradictory rhetoric and ambiguous legal frameworks in order to manage – both politically and in practice – the inherent conflict between humanitarian norms, public health concerns and the logic of immigration control.

Reinhard Schweitzer has been a visiting PhD candidate at GRITIM-UPF from April to October 2015. He is a Marie Curie Research Fellow at the Department of Geography, University of Sussex, Brighton. He previously studied Political Science and Sociology at the University of Innsbruck, spending extensive study and research periods in Santiago de Chile and San José, Costa Rica. After a one-year traineeship at the Austrian Foreign Ministry and collaborations in a number of NGOs, he completed an MA in Migration Studies at the University of Sussex. His research interest centres on the interplay between migration policies (their making, implementation and local effects) on the one hand, and migrants' own perceptions, (counter-)strategies and behaviors on the other, as well as the structural inequalities that underlie both. His doctoral research project within the [INTEGRIM network](#) looks at the situation of irregular migrants, whose position within host societies best illustrates some of the contradictions and ambiguities resulting from the intersection of formal frameworks and various societal actors' individual agency.

Integration Policies at a Crossroads: Policy-Models, Philosophies of Integration and Ethical Concerns

Francesco Pasetti

PhD candidate at Pompeu Fabra University

Abstract

My thesis follows a three-article structure in which each paper speaks to a different sub-domain of the literature on immigrant integration policies, addresses specific gaps, and pursues distinct research aims. The first part of the study is descriptive and focuses on policy-models of integration: relying on cluster analysis performed on MIPEX data it investigates the extent to which is possible to identify “families” of countries characterized by distinctive policy-model of integration, and on the other to describe their evolution over the last decade. In the second part of thesis, the analytical lens is geared toward the causes of integration policies and, especially, on the concept of philosophy of integration as driver of institutional evolution. Such theoretical construct is applied in order to understand why reforms of citizenship have failed to emerge in Italy and Spain. The persistence of different naturalization regimes represents a thought provoking puzzle for two countries until now acknowledged as “similar cases”. Lastly, the third article, while taking the stock of these parallel dimensions of the debate on integration policies, ties them to the core normative issues underlying the governance of international migration. This will be the chance both for a critical revision of the concept of philosophy of integration as analytical tool for normative inquiry, and for evaluating the benefits of a cross-filed reflection between the domain of political philosophy and that of political science, two perspectives of research that have proceeded along separated paths, thus far.

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