

GRITIM-UPF Research in Progress Session

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12.00-14.00

Room 24.021

1. Immigrants' perceptions on integration in two institutional frameworks, Sweden and Spain

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Abstract

This report presents a summary of preliminary findings based on 56 interviews with immigrants (of Asian, Latin American, Muslim and African origin), expats (with "White, Western and Christian" as common denominators), and integration stakeholders in Stockholm and Barcelona. Throughout most of the interviews, skin color and ethnic origin appear as central determinants for how the respondents are treated in relations with natives at different levels, considerably affecting their sense of belonging and equality of opportunities, and, thereby, their integration into society.

2. The recurrence of the "border crisis" in the Spanish case: strait of Gibraltar, Ceuta, Melilla, Canary Islands ... back and forth

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Abstract

The presentation analyses the bordering process in Spain, and particularly his relation to the "migration crises" that occur constantly in some specific fragments of the border. To better understand this "re-bordering by crises", I analyse, on the one hand, the case of Ceuta and Melilla, as laboratories of the emergency treatment, and on the other hand the Canary Islands as a temporary hotspot. I will then decode the elements hidden by the Spanish bordering process: in particular the fact that the emergency management produces a *de facto* 'state of exception and excess' at the most symbolic parts of the border. Finally, I will address the ambiguity of the constant emergency management of a phenomenon that in the meantime has become structural.