
MIGRATIONS AND REFUGEES: CITIES EXPERIENCE IN EUROPE

21–24 November 2017

Cities are the proximity context where the practical implications of the arrival of immigrants and refugees are more visible. In recent years, cities have taken a leading role in the policy-making of immigration. The demographic changes in cities, towns, and neighborhoods in receiving societies have encouraged the design and implementation of policy responses seeking to accommodate newcomers, local population, and institutions in different areas. The devolution and federal reforms in multi-level contexts and the recognition of cultural diversity as part of the cities' DNA have been driving forces in this transformation. The converging views on the accommodation of newcomers at the local level have fostered the formation of networks to exchange experiences and good practices. Policy innovation and experimentation in these contexts have promoted learning and diffusion processes not only in Europe but around the globe. The current refugee crisis in Europe has made of these experiences instrumental to face the challenge of designing and implementing effective and successful reception and integration policies. The course will address the different perspectives in the policy-making of immigration at the local level through the exposure and assessment of concrete elements of local policies. It will also study the instruments of action and the presentation and discussion of recent experiences in various European cities.

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Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Session 1: Public Policies of immigration at the local level

Venue: Campus Ciutadella (UPF-IBEI) – Room 40.S16 (Roger Llúria Building, Basement / Floor -1)

From a policy perspective, local experiences show that immigration poses similar challenges to local governments in cities throughout Europe. In some cases, the practical way cities have responded to these challenges have even come before than national legislation on integration. In the end, cities through their actions may complement, supplement or contradict national policy frames on immigration. From Sanctuary Cities in the US to Intercultural cities in Spain; the local has the capacity to steer the policy process that guides the integration of immigrants. In this session, we will discuss the role of cities in the policy-making of immigration at the local level from theoretical and empirical approaches.

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| 9.00- 9.30 | Opening |
| 9.30- 11.00 | The EU, the national and the local in the management of immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirk Gebhardt (Consultant local authorities, GRITIM-UPF) |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-13.30 | The city as a proximity context for immigrants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Scholten (Erasmus University of Rotterdam) |
| 13.30-15.00 | Lunch |
| 15.00-17.00 | Roundtable – Immigration and local innovation
Moderator: Dirk Gebhardt (Consultant local authorities, GRITIM-UPF) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter Scholten (Erasmus University of Rotterdam)• Dani de Torres (Policy consultant, Council of Europe)• Octavi de la Varga (Metropolis) |
| 17.00-18.00 | Transfer to the study visit (metro/subway). Take metro at Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4, yellow line) until Passeig de Gràcia station. Transfer to L3 (green line, long transfer). From Passeig de Gràcia to Liceu station. |
| 18.00-19.30 | Study visit – Casal dels Infants. Address: Carrer de la Junta de Comerç, 16 |

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

Session 2: The socio-economic and cultural dimensions of immigration policies

Venue: Campus Ciutadella (UPF-IBEI) – Room 23.S01 (Mercè Rodoreda 23-24 Building, Basement / Floor -1)

The policy-making of immigration at the local level comprises actions aimed at different groups in different areas. Studying the role of the city in the policy-making of immigration encompasses understanding and discussing a variety of policies for immigrants or with immigrants in specific policy areas. Taking this reality into account, in this session, we will explore the specificities of policies aimed at the socio-economic integration and the management of cultural diversity at the local level.

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| 9.00-11.00 | The socio-economic integration of immigrants and refugees at the local level <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teresa Cappiali (Collegio Carlo Alberto) |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-13.30 | Local responses to complex diversity. Managing immigrant integration strategies in cities. Practical examples <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vicent Climent-Ferrando (European Research Consortium MIME and NPLD) |
| 13.30-14.30 | Lunch |
| 14.30-15.00 | Transfer to the study visit (metro/subway). Take metro at Marina (L1, red line) until Espanya station. |
| 15.00-19.00 | Study visit – Barcelona's Service Centre for Immigrants, Emigrants and Refugees (SAIER). Address: Avinguda Paral·lel, 202 |

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Session 3: The refugee crisis and its implications at the city level

Venue: Campus Ciutadella (UPF-IBEI) – Room 40.S16 (Roger Llúria Building, Basement / Floor -1)

The current refugee crisis in Europe has made of cities nodal points for people fleeing wars, political volatility, and environmental catastrophes. From Barcelona to Athens, from London to Budapest and from small villages to mid-size cities, we are witnessing the protagonist role that cities are acquiring as spaces of cooperation and contestation to national, European and international dynamics of reception and integration. The immobility or slowness derived from political compromises at the national and European levels has made in many cases of cities the leading actor. What are the policy implications of the refugee crisis on cities? How are cities responding to this challenge? These are questions that this session seeks to answer.

- 9.00-11.00 Reception policies and the role of the city
- Christine Barwick (The Centre Marc Bloch)
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-13.30 Roundtable – Refugees and local responses
- Moderator: Juan Carlos Triviño (IBEI)
- Ignasi Calbó (Barcelona City Council)
 - Estel·la Pareja (Commissió Catalana d'Ajuda al Refugiat)
 - Lorenzo Gabrielli (GRITIM-UPF)
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-15.00 Transfer to the study visit (metro/subway). Take metro at Ciutadella/Vila Olímpica (L4, yellow line) until Passeig de Gràcia station. Transfer to L3 (green line, long transfer). From Passeig de Gràcia to Liceu station.
- 15.00-19.00 Study visit – Catalan Commission for refugees (CCAR). Address: Carrer de la Junta de Comerç, 26

Friday, November 24, 2017

Session 4: The challenges of implementing immigration and refugee policies at the local level

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Learning about experiences on the policy-making of immigration at the local level is central for the policy diffusion of good practices in different contexts. This session will discuss different policy trajectories followed by cities across Europe when dealing with the accommodation of immigrants in areas ranging from linguistic to religious diversity.

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| 10.00-11.30 | Experience on Housing and public space <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inti Bertocchi (City of Bologna) |
| 11.30-12.00 | Coffee Break |
| 12.00-13.00 | Experience on Cultural diversity in Barcelona <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramón Sanahuja (Barcelona City Council) |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00-15.30 | Final thoughts and exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dirk Gebhardt (Consultant local authorities, GRITIM-UPF)• Juan Carlos Triviño (IBEI) |

Session 1, 3 and 4

Room 40.S16 (Floor -1). *Roger de Llúria Building (40)*

Session 2

Room 23.S01 (Floor -1) *Mercè Rodoreda Building (23, entrance through 24)*

