Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Discrimination in the Context of Migration and Mobility

Conference
Neuchatel, 23–24 March 2017

Program
This two-day conference aims to initiate an interdisciplinary exchange, which unpacks the implications of commonalities and ambiguities in understandings and uses of the notion of discrimination. The event brings together researchers from different academic disciplines to discuss the meaning and use of discrimination as a concept. It will also shed light on different methods employed to study discrimination “on the ground”.

Various levels of analysis will be considered, including institutional discrimination, discrimination in interpersonal interaction and intergroup settings, and discrimination at the level of public representation. The aim is to create the basis for a more comprehensive understanding of discrimination across disciplines, including, but not limited to, Economics, Legal Studies, Social Sciences and Philosophy. The conference combines the discussion of different understandings and methodological approaches to discrimination with case studies of ethnic and racial, religious and gender discrimination.

This conference is organized in the framework of the nccr – on the move, the National Center of Competence in Research – The Migration-Mobility Nexus. We invite interested students and scholars to join the conference as non-presenting audience. Places are limited and will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Registration fees are CHF 25 for students and PhD candidates and CHF 50 for PostDocs and senior scholars. Please e-mail Eva Zschirnt, eva.zschirnt@unine.ch to register for the event.

Thursday, 23 March 2017
Workshop Venue: Main Building, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, Room C43

10:15 – 10:30
Gianni D’Amato, Director of the nccr – on the move, University of Neuchatel
Welcome and Introduction

10:30 – 12:00 | Keynote #1
Doris Weichselbaumer, Professor of Gender Studies, Johannes Kepler University Linz
Experimental Measurement of Discrimination: The Effect of Wearing the Headscarf

12:00 – 13:00 | Sandwich Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 | Panel #1 Discrimination in the Labor Market
Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchatel
When Ethnic Minorities are Preferred: A Case of Positive Discrimination in Hiring?

Theresa Goebel, Sigrid Rand and Sophie Westenberger, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main
The Effects of Discrimination on the Professional Career Path of Foreign-Trained Nurses in the German Hospital Sector

Daniel Auer and Flavia Fossati, University of Lausanne/nccr – on the move
Get Rid of Your Roots: Labor Market Re-Integration in Switzerland
Sabrina Laufer, Statistics Austria
Comparing (Social Mobility Patterns of) Self-Employed Persons with and without Migration Backgrounds in Austria as a Way for Measuring Discrimination?

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 | Panel #2 Experiences of Racism

Jean-Pierre Gauci, British Institute of International and Comparative Law
Intersections of Vulnerability: Race and Human Trafficking

Federica Steffanini, University of Neuchatel
Anti-Racist Criminal Law and Migration

Sarah Schilliger, University of Basel/IMIS Osnabrück, Claudia Wilopo, University of Basel and Ellen Höhne, University of Osnabrück
Studying Racial Profiling from a “Critical Race Studies” Perspective

17:00 – 19:00 | Apéro
Starting 20:00 | Conference Dinner (invited speakers only)

Friday, 24 March 2017
Workshop Venue: Main Building, Avenue du 1er-Mars 26, Room C56

09:30 | Welcome

09:35 – 11:05 | Keynote #2
Marie Mercat-Bruns, Affiliated Professor, Sciences Po Law School and a tenured Associate Law Professor in Private Law and in Labor and Employment Law, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers
The Limits of Discrimination Law and Systemic Change: Examples Based on Gender

11:05 – 12:35 | Panel #3 Conceptual Approaches to Discrimination

Tino Plümecke, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main
Why Foucault Did Not Talk about Discrimination

Minna-Kristiina Rukonen Engeler, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main
“Biographical Narrations of Othering”: Reconstructive Approach to Discrimination at the Intersection of Articulations and Disarticulations

Pietro Vulpiani, National Office against Racial Discrimination (UNAR), Italy
Migrants and the Reluctance to Complain Discriminations

12:35 – 13:30 | Sandwich Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 | Panel #4 Intersectional Discrimination

Wassilis Kassis, University of Osnabrück
On the Normalized but Still Pathogenic Socialization Pathways towards Hostility against Muslims

Charles Dube, University of Stellenbosch
The Ambivalence of Religion-Based Discrimination in Everyday Life among Zimbabwean Migrants in South Africa

Gian-Louis Hernandez, Università della Svizzera italiana
Discriminatory Practices in International Education

15:00 – 15:15 | Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:00
Wrap-Up and Outlook