

**Pre-call for papers and panels  
IMISCOE 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Immigration, Social Cohesion and Social Innovation**

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**Conference theme**

The 11<sup>th</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference will address the links between migration, social cohesion and social innovation in globalised, transnational spaces. Immigrants in Europe have been seriously affected by the economic downturn. Rising unemployment has caused labour and income insecurity and led to long-term vulnerability, particularly for families of immigrant origin. At the same time, public policies aimed at immigrant integration have undergone adjustment and faced budget constraints, and public debates revolving around their redefinition have questioned their effectiveness, management and scope.

The new and more hostile environment has affected not only publicly provided immigrant-targeted services, but has also impacted those supplied by NGOs (devoted to immigrants or not) which had customarily maintained strong financial and institutional links with the State. Together with the economic crisis, the resulting gap in service provision could increase ethnic segmentation processes, ultimately threatening social cohesion. Within this context, social innovation can emerge as a potential solution to the pressing issues immigrants are confronted with.

**Pre-call for papers and panel proposals**

The 11<sup>th</sup> IMISCOE Conference welcomes work and participation from scholars of various disciplines, on all aspects of migration, integration and ethnic studies. Submissions directly related to the conference theme are welcome as well as those on other topics in the broad field of migration studies. Both individual papers and panel proposals can be submitted as of mid-January 2014. The conference is open to IMISCOE network members and non-members alike.

**Note: New submissions format, procedure and 1 April deadline**

***The full call for panels and papers will be published mid-January 2014.*** Panel proposals should consist of 4 or 5 coherent and related papers. Besides research panels, the organisers also invite panel proposals for policy workshops. Submissions can only be done via the online system. The deadline for panel and paper abstracts is 1 April 2014. All submissions must include a short (200 word) panel abstract and an extended abstract (2-4 pages) per paper. Applicants will be informed of the selection decisions by mid-May 2014. Full papers will have to be uploaded to the conference online system no later than 1 August 2014.

The conference will start with a welcome event and keynote address on 27 August followed by two days of plenary sessions, conference panels, PhD training sessions and social events. Confirmed keynotes will be announced soon.

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