

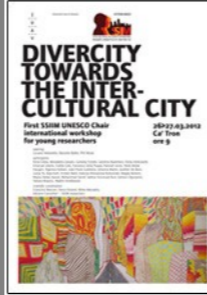
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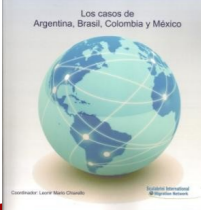
UNESCO Chair in Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants: Urban Policies and Practice

- The first SSIM Unesco Chair international workshop for young researchers "DiverCity: towards the intercultural city" was held in Venice (Italy), 26-27 March 2012. The overall objective of DiverCity workshop is to promote high quality scientific exchanges among Junior researchers with different scientific/disciplinary backgrounds and from diverse geographical contexts, working on issues relating to international migration and cities. The workshop will provide the opportunity to share experiences and initiate new academic and scientific collaborations and partnerships.

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LAS POLÍTICAS PÚBLICAS SOBRE MIGRACIONES Y LA SOCIEDAD CIVIL EN AMÉRICA LATINA



CEMLA – Centro de Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos

Public policies on migration and civil society in Latin America. Coordinated by Leonir Mario Chiarello and published by the Scalabrini International Migration Network, this book reports the results of a research that provides an updated analysis of the main trends of migration flows and of the initiatives which are currently being carried out by political and social actors working in the fields of immigration, emigration, transmigration, refugees and displaced persons in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. This research therefore gives decision makers new elements for defining and implementing public policies and programmes focusing on migration, in line with the current challenges.

UNESCO Chair in Memory, Cultures and Interculturality of the Université Catholique de Lyon.

La question des minorités religieuses au Proche-Orient – Conférence de la CHAIRE UNESCO du 24 Mai 2012

Par Fabrice BALLANCHE – Directeur du Groupe de Recherche et d'Études sur la Méditerranée et le Moyen-Orient (MOM)

Le Proche-Orient, c'est-à-dire l'Orient proche de nous français, il s'agit de l'Égypte, la Jordanie, l'Irak, la Syrie, le Liban, Israël et la Palestine. Aujourd'hui, cette notion s'est effacée au profit de celle de Moyen-Orient. Le Proche-Orient dans son acceptation large n'est plus guère utilisé que par les français, les espagnols et les italiens. En fait lorsqu'on parle de Proche-Orient, nous nous intéressons davantage aux pays concernés par le conflit israélo-arabe : Israël, Palestine, Liban, Jordanie et Syrie.

Au cours de cette conférence, nous traiterons du Proche-Orient dans sa définition la plus large, car cette aire géographique possède un véritable sens, lorsque nous traitons du sujet des minorités religieuses. Mais de quelles minorités s'agit-il ? A l'échelle de la région, tous les non-sunnites sont considérés comme des minorités, mais à l'échelle d'un pays, la situation peut s'inverser, comme au Liban et en Irak, où les sunnites sont minoritaires sur le plan démographique et le sont devenus aussi sur le plan politique ; en revanche en Syrie, Jordanie et Égypte, ils sont largement majoritaires et dominant le pouvoir ; la Syrie constitue une exception politique puisque le pouvoir est issu de la minorité alaouite. Les minorités chrétiennes sont partout minoritaires et minorées politiquement, leur quasi disparition semble inéluctable comme au Maghreb.

Dans cet espace, le statut des minorités religieuses a varié entre la soumission (la « dhimitude »), la marginalisation ou l'élimination, en fonction des époques et des pays. Mais, en dehors de rares exceptions dans l'histoire, nous n'avons jamais eu d'égalité entre les sujets ou les citoyens. En ce début de XXIème siècle, la situation des minorités religieuses au Proche-Orient est préoccupante. Les dictatures sont malmenées mais la démocratie naissante ne profite pas aux minorités qui sont toujours les premières victimes durant les périodes de trouble. La communauté chrétienne d'Irak a été divisée par trois depuis 2003, les chrétiens de Syrie se préparent au pire en cas de chute du régime d'Assad, quant aux coptes d'Égypte, leur émigration s'est accélérée avec la chute de Moubarak.

Discutant : **Michel YOUNES**, Maître de Conférences en Théologie et en Philosophie, Responsable du Centre d'Études des Cultures et des Religions (CECR), UCLy.

<http://chaireunesco.univ-catholyon.fr/la-question-des-minorites-religieuses-au-proche-orient-86023.kjsp>



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Editorial

MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY PLAN OF ACTION

The **UNICA - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe**, jointly with Sapienza University of Rome, has recently set up a workgroup tasked with producing a first draft of a "MUPA" (Mediterranean University Plan of Action). This plan of action aims to enhance and strengthen university cooperation and cultural dialogue within the Mediterranean region, by creating and exchanging best practices for international mobility, promoting the dissemination of scientific research and improving the overall quality of research and its popularization in and beyond the area in question.

The MUPA will create an institutional network through which the universities' rectors as well as representatives from all categories of university life (students, researchers, academic and administrative staff) can meet and discuss strengths and issues of international mobility, training, research, professionalism and exchange.

The recommendations of the last Rectors' Conference of the Union of the Mediterranean, organized in Barcelona by the Euromed Permanent University Forum (EPUF) and the results of the Rectors' Seminars organized each year by UNICA network will also be taken into account, in order to reflect on the demands for strategic change in university research, education and administration in Europe.

Moreover, a series of specific objectives will be defined in a shared road map in order to promote and implement common strategies and projects aiming to strengthen and give visibility to academic excellence, integration and co-operation between member universities throughout Europe and the Mediterranean region.

The project's overall objective are:

- to strengthen and structure the collaboration between universities in the fields of higher education, research, training, and high administration;
- to strengthen mobility and academic exchange at student, teaching and research levels, as well as among administrative staff;
- to centralize and disseminate essential information on European programmes, cooperation agreements, etc.

Seminars and Conferences: *2012 programme*

January 30th 2012 – Renewal of the Unesco Chair by the Academic Senate of “Sapienza” University of Rome.

February 28th 2012 – Seminar on “**The Demographic Issue in International Relations**”, opening address by **Prof. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** – International Doctoral School Sciences-Po, Paris

March 12th and 13th 2012 – “**Vie Entretiens autour de l’Identité Européenne**”, address by **prof. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** on “**L’acquis communautaire comme frontière de l’Europe**” – Centre Universitaire Méditerranéen, Mairie de Nice

March 19th 2012 – Course on “**Population and Development**” – Faculty of Economics, “Sapienza” University of Rome.
Presentation of the UNFPA 2012 annual report by **Cristina Scoppa** (AIDOS) and **Cristina Guidici** (“Sapienza” University of Rome) – Faculty of Economics, “Sapienza” University of Rome

March 26th and 27th 2012 – SSIIM, Unesco Chair – **Benedetta Cassani and Elena Ambrosetti** will take part at the “**DiverCity: Towards the Intercultural City**” workshop – Venice

March 28th 2012 – **Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo** will take part to the session on “**LaStrada**” – per Civita di Bagnoreggio in the framework of Salone dell’arte e del restauro, Ferrara

April 18th 2012 – Special Unesco Chair Session during the CUIA Days in Argentina – organized by **Benedetta Cassani**. Alicia Bernasconi (CEMLA), Ana Nora Feldman (INDEC) Adriana Martínez y Alicia Iglesias (Universidad de Lujan) e Laura Norton (CUIA) will take part to the event.

May 14th 2012 – International Seminar on “**The Governance of International Migrations**” – Sapienza University of Rome, opening address by **Catherine Wihtol de Wenden** and **Antoine Pecoud**. Presentation of the proceedings of the Unesco Chair Forum on “**Education and Research without Borders**”, Rome, 12-13 May 2011, edited by Federica Mazzarelli

June 14th 2012 – Meeting of the Unesco Chair Scientific Committee at the EAPS European Demographic Conference in Stockholm (13-16 June).

June 17th 2012 – Presentation of the Unesco Chair Statement on the Europe’s frontiers at the European Academy-on-line of Berlin.

June 22nd 2012 – Presentation of a poster on new transmediterranean migrations by Cristina Guidici et al. at the XLVI General Conference of the Italian Statistics Society – Faculty of Economics, “Sapienza” University of Rome

September 3rd and 4th 2012 – ESA International Seminar in Paris, directed by Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, with contributions from the Paris and Rome Unesco Chair Chapters.

Fall 2012, date and topic tbc – Seminar by Catherine Wihtol de Wenden – “Sapienza” University of Rome

Fall 2012, date and topic tbc – Seminar by prof. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo – CERI Sciences-Po, Paris

Research and Education Activities

Within the Curso de alta formación in “Integration and Sustainable Development” there will be a study day dedicated to “**Measures of Cohesion and Social Exclusion**”, organized by Benedetta Cassani (Cattedra UNESCO), Alicia Bernasconi (CEMLA), Ana Nora Feldman (INDEC) Adriana Martínez and Alicia Iglesias (Universidad de Lujan) and Laura Norton (CUIA).

Unesco Chair delegation will take part in the “**CUIA Days in Argentina**”, which will take place in Buenos Aires from April 12 to April 25 2012. On this occasion, the Unesco Chair will develop its network of international relations by setting up new strategic partnerships in the field of demography. During the meetings, proposals to further implement and promote joint initiatives and actions will be discussed, particularly with the **National University of Luján** and the **Centro de Estudios Migratorios Latinoamericanos (CEMLA)**. The Unesco Chair will also have the chance to meet Ana Nora Feldman (INDEC) to discuss a future collaborations with the aim of producing studies on multidimensional poverty measures in Argentina.

CUIA (Libertad 1173, 1º piano A)



Academic course on Population and Development, Sapienza, University of Rome. 5 march – 29 May 2012.

The course deals with the relationship between population issues and economic, social and political aspects of development. It introduces the theoretical frameworks to analyze population changes and assesses the consequences of population growth with a particular focus on the factors affecting the components of population change, including fertility and mortality decline, changing sex ratios, migration and ageing. Part of the course will refer to the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development. It will focus on the conference’s plan of action and its implementation as well as policy-making experiences in the health sector, family planning and migration. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo, Elena Ambrosetti, Cristina Guidici and Benedetta Cassani will provide tutorship and academic assistance for the students.

“At the Boarders of Europe” – European Days

Monday May 14 2012

The proceedings of the Unesco Forum “**Education and Research without borders**” will be presented during the European days “**At the Boarders of Europe**”, organized by the Unesco Chair in collaboration with EuroSapienza. Scheduled to give an address in the event are, amongst others: Stefano Baldi (Director of the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Catherine Wihtol de Wenden (Director of the CERI-CNRS) Centre of Sciences-Po, Paris), Antoine Pecoud (Unesco, Parigi).

3rd and 4th September 2012, Paris - MIDTERM CONFERENCE of the RESEARCH NETWORK 35 “Sociology of Migration”

Organiser: ESA Research Network 35 “Sociology of Migration” Local Organiser: Prof. Catherine de Wenden

Co-organiser: CERI CRS Paris, Centre d’études et de recherches internationales

After holding its first sessions during the 10th ESA Conference in Geneva, the Research Network 35 “Sociology of migration” (http://www.europeansociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2598&Itemid=181) is now announcing its first midterm conference to be held for 1,5 days in Paris at CERI. It is our aim to provide a platform for those who met already in Geneva in autumn 2011 to pursue our discussions and invite other scholars to join us in this endeavour. Thus we invite presentations tackling themes that have been already treated in Geneva but open this call for paper also to a broader range of topics within migration sociology.

