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Title: Cities of migration: towards a better understanding of the diversity of urban diversities in Europe

Speaker: Asya Pisarevskaya

Place: Campus de la Ciutadella, Room 40.008 (Roger de Lluria building)

Date: March 1, 2023 from 13h to 14.30

Abstract

This book, co-authored with Prof. Peter Scholten (EUR), develops a typology of cities by exploring how current levels of migration-related diversity and segregation relate to three groups of factors: international mobilities, inequalities and political-institutional aspects of governance. We use both quantitative and qualitative data from 16 cities in four European countries (France, Germany, Netherlands and Italy) to conduct an in-depth comparative study. Through a method of fuzzy-set Qualitative Comparative Analysis we demonstrate the shared contingencies of factors among the cities within each type and the crucial differences between the types of localities. We find that long migration history with diverse and varied types of migration flows, as well as strong economy are clearly linked to high level of migration-related diversity in cities. While strong residential segregation does not always come together with strong socio-economic inequalities between migrants and non-migrants. In most cities, socio-economic status of migrants is strikingly lower than that of the non-migrants but not all these cities are also highly segregated. We did not find clear relationship of types with political orientation or migration governance approaches of local governments. Contributing to the previous comparative studies of migration at the local level (Glick-Shiller and Çağlar, 2009; de Graauw & Vermeulen, 2016; van Breugel, 2020), we offer a more differentiated, holistic understanding of migration-related diversity configurations through the four conceptualised types: (1) non-diverse, poor cities, (2) segregated new-migration cities, (3) middle-class diversity cities, and (4) superdiverse divided cities.

Bio

Asya Pisarevskaya is an Assistant Professor in the group 'Dynamics of Migration and Diversity Policies' lead by Prof. dr. Peter Scholten. Currently she studies migration-related diversities and modes of governance in European cities. She is a lecturer and thesis supervisor in an international Master Programme "Governance of Migration and

Diversity". She is involved in Horizon project SprING 'Sustainable Practices for newly arrived migrants' (www.integrationpractices.eu), in which knowledge on integration policies and practices is made more accessible for practitioners. Besides, she is part of 'Rotterdam Inclusivity Project' that explores patterns of discrimination in the city of Rotterdam (www.inclusief010.nl)

In the past she was a project manager of the international Horizon 2020-funded project "CrossMigration" which created a global online library of migration research (www.migrationresearch.com). During this project she explored how migration studies have developed over time as a scientific field. Her wider research interests lie in the realm of comparative migration and diversity studies, integration policies and labour market participation of refugees. Dr. Pisarevskaya has obtained her PhD in Sociology and Methodology of Social Research at the University of Milan and the University of Turin (Italy). Her dissertation explored the role of policies in labour market integration of humanitarian migrants through a comparative study of seven European countries in the period of 1990-2008.

Note:

The speaker will be at UPF on that week, and she is open for meetings with Ph.D. candidates or students with similar interests.