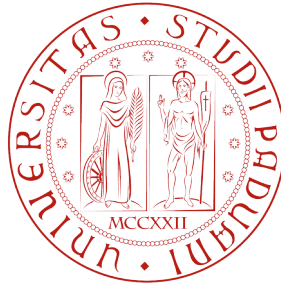


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Call for papers

Conference

Lands of Strangers?

Migrations, gender and citizenship intersections

in Ray Pahl's memory.

Orto Botanico – Aula Emiciclo

October 12-13, Padua

PRESENTATION

The Conference – *Lands of Strangers?* – starting from a variety of research on migration and on everyday urban life transculturation, would like to discuss the dynamics of differences-inequalities-citizenship, assuming an intersectionality approach.

On the horizon of multiplicity of differences, gender (that is not reducible to women neither to women-men dualism) and the racialized relationships emerge as fields of regulation and of symbolic power discourses on migrants, among migrants and on/among natives of different genders.

Inequalities too are articulated in the fields of cultural conflicts: between differences constructed by bio-politics and self-referred differences on the basis of supposed “original” myths.

The forms of substantive citizenship are segmented through civic stratification that re-design class hierarchies between migrants and “natives”, so much that the sense of their distinction is lost.

We are all “*strangers*” in multi-diversity societies: not necessarily foreigners or aliens, but all incorporated in relations that propose a certain degree of dissonance, of disclaimer anxiety, of co-presence to be verified. Let us observe ourselves in the city everyday life, where neither identity rhetoric nor the universalist cosmopolitanism, either the efforts for a communicative action solve the feeling of our legs give way.

At the same time, we experience several rootings, even if in many borderlands, where the boundaries crossover requests capacities of self representation and action as *outsider within*. In this women – migrant and native – are particularly expert. We feel exposed to the vulnerability of encounters and to the necessity to construct some forms of social tie that make possible mutual care and responsibility, not only in the small spaces of everyday life. The differences surplus make possible unexpected forms of encounter and partial recognition, little predictable and visible, often hardly narrable.

We ask ourselves if on these bases – and on the present time dramatic crisis – is possible to create multi-level social ties, open and not casual, to face the strengths of superimposed powers. Can women and men cultivate new typologies of sociability and friendship, utilizing their different experiences of strangeness in the living spaces where everyday practices are exposed to many disconnections?

The Conference is dedicated to Ray Pahl (1935-2011).

Who knew him has experienced how much the practice of friendship ideal, both at intellectual and personal level, had been part of his life style, characterized by kindness and lightness.

His seminal studies on the city, on informal economy, on the division of labour, on family strategies, and precisely on friendship, resound in the research of many of us. His work let us to learn and enjoy a gaze theoretical and methodological careful to structural and institutional aspects, to processes and to subjectivities and memories.

The Conference does not have the ambition to propose an interpretation of his intellectual biography. Merely it could be an occasion for sociologists, anthropologists, geographers and social psychologists to consider the reliability, the curiosity and the irony that had driven Ray Pahl’s work as a precious legacy to cultivate.

The conference is promoted by the research projects:

Conditions for recognition. Gender, Migrations, Social Spaces (the Research Project of Relevant National Interest PRIN 2009)

Translocational positionality and multi-layered citizenship in Europe: everyday life strategies of migrant families across borders (“Young researchers project 2010” University of Padua and CCIAA of Padua)

October 12, Friday

10.00-13.00

Chair: Laura BALBO (University of Padua)

Opening: Franca BIMBI (PRIN Coordinator, University of Padua)

Keynote Lecture: Ash AMIN (Cambridge University)

Keynote Lecture: Enzo MINGIONE (University of Milan-Bicocca)

13.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-17.00

Parallel sessions coordinated by:

1) Urban territories of multidiversities and social exclusion processes (Francesco POMPEO, University of Rome Three, and Michela FUSASCHI, University of Rome Three);

2) Inequalities and *agency* within the care work. Ethnographies of working class districts, urban spaces and social networks (Rossana TRIFILETTI, University of Florence, and Giovanna CAMPANI, University of Florence);

3) Expectations, behaviours and organizational cultures. the construction of citizenship in social and health local welfare systems (Mara TOGNETTI, University of Milan-Bicocca, and Paolo ROSSI, University of Milan-Bicocca).

October 13, Saturday

10.00-13.00

Chair: Laura BALBO (University of Padua)

Keynote Lecture: Eleonore KOFMAN (Middlesex University)

Keynote Lecture: Maurizio AMBROSINI (University of Milan)

13.00-15.00 Lunch

15.00-17.00

Parallel sessions coordinated by:

1) Family reunification and right to family unity. Local policies, administrative praxis, migrants' agency, ONG mediations in the crisis time (Giuliana CHIARETTI, University of Venice Ca' Foscari, and Fabio PEROCCO, University of Venice Ca' Foscari);

2) "Small spaces", home e homeland. Geographies of multi-sited citizenship (Franca BIMBI, University of Padua);

3) The new geographies of care within international migrations (Francesca Alice VIANELLO, University of Padua).

Please send an abstract (max. 500 words) to Francesca Alice Vianello (francescaalice.vianello@unipd.it) by **September 20 2012**. Authors will be communicated about acceptance of their papers on September 25 2012. The conference organizers cannot pay for travel expenses, however attendance is free of charge.