

The Immigration Lab

Immigration & Interculturalism in European & U.S. Cities



Thursday, June 23, 2022

11 am to 1 pm

Discovery Hall, T07 Hall of Science, American University, Washington DC, and over Zoom

There is a growing recognition that cities are agents of migration governance in Europe and the U.S. Most cities are becoming active in building narratives and practices on how to manage diversity. Barcelona has been one of the leading cities in Europe advancing and implementing an intercultural policy paradigm, even before the 2008 Intercultural cities program of the Council of Europe, which currently coordinates a network of over 150 cities to better welcome immigrants. There is also a new trend in Europe, led by Catalonia, to engage regions in this intercultural philosophy.

We will discuss the intercultural policy paradigm from a conceptual and policy point of view at the city and regional scale, compare how U.S. cities and States manage diversity, which normative perspectives they follow, and how interculturalism can be a common ground of dialogue between Europe and U.S. cities.

AGENDA

Open remarks by Iisidre Sala, Delegate Government of Catalonia to the U.S.

Panel1:

[Ricard Zapata-Barrero](#) Professor, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, and director of GRITIM-UPF. Currently ARC Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Graduate Center, CUNY. One of the leading representatives of the intercultural policy paradigm in Europe, partner of the Hera Plusrispace project, and advisory member of project EU-Belong.

Xavier Alonso, Senior Policy Officer at the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union, who will introduce the project [EU-Belong](#).

Ernesto Castañeda, Director of the [Immigration Lab](#), and Associate Professor of Sociology will discuss how interculturalism is not an explicit policy in most U.S. cities, but it is often the lived experience of many.

Panel moderated by Associate Dean Núria Vilanova, College of Arts and Sciences, American University.

This panel will be followed by short research presentations about immigration dynamics in U.S. cities by Daniel Jenks, Melvin Saravia, Isabella Goris, Karissa Stanio, Josh Dietz, Carina Cione, Bashir Mobasher, and SteVon Felton, members of the Immigration Lab moderated by AU alumna, NTN24 journalist, and former Managing Director at Telemundo Maria Luisa Rossel.

Lunch will be provided. Register in advance to attend this meeting in person or via Zoom: <http://tinyurl.com/registerinterculturalism>

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