Ethnicity, Immigration, and the French Educational System

Convenors:  
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Venue: 98 rue de l’Université, Paris 7e  
Room Georges Lavau (Ground Floor)

Monday, December 10, 2012

12:00-13:30  Welcome lunch

13:30-14:00  Introductory session

Agness van Zanten (Sciences Po, France), Mathieu Ichou (Sciences Po, France),  
Paola Mattei (Oxford University, UK)  
Ethnicity, Immigration, and the French Educational System: What Do We Know?  
What Do We Need to Know?

14:00-16:00  Session 1  
French Integration Model in a Historical and Comparative Perspective

Chair: Paola Mattei (Oxford University)  
Discussant: Hugues Lagrange (Sciences Po)

Paul Sniderman (Stanford University, United States)  
The Strength of Liberal Democracy in an Era of Crisis: Support for Muslim Rights

Milena Doytcheva (Université Lille 3, CADIS-Ehess, France)  
Le “modèle français” face aux discriminations – The French Model of Integration  
Faced with Ethnic Discrimination (presentation given in French)

Réjane Sénac (Sciences Po, France)  
The Use of Diversity in Contemporary France: “Conditional Equality” in the Name of  
Social and National Cohesion - a New Republican Melting Pot?

Daniel Sabbagh (Sciences Po, France)  
Promoting “Diversity” in Selective Institutions of Higher Education in the United States and France
16:00-16:30 | Coffee break

16:30-18:30 | Session 2

**Academic Trajectories of Children of Immigrants in French Schools**

*Chair:* Mathieu Ichou *(Sciences Po)*

*Discussant:* Mirna Safi *(Sciences Po)*

**Richard Alba** *(City University of New York, United States)*  
*Schools and the Diversity Transition in France and Other Western Societies*

**Yaël Brinbaum** *(Centre d’études de l’emploi, INED, France)*  
*The School Careers of the Children of Immigrants in France and in the United States: from Educational Aspirations to Attainment*

**Héctor Cebolla Boado** *(Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain)*  
*Primary and secondary Effects in the Explanation of Immigrant Differentials in Educational Attainment in France*

**Ingrid Tucci** *(Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung, Germany)*, **Ariane Jossin** *(Centre Marc Bloch, Germany)*  
*Institutional Structuration of Educational Trajectories among Migrants’ Descendants in France and Germany*

20:00-22:00 | Dinner

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

09:00-09:30 | Breakfast

09:30-11:30 | Session 3

**Discrimination and Ethnic Relations in French Schools**

*Chair:* Agnès van Zanten *(Sciences Po)*

*Discussant:* Marco Oberti *(Sciences Po)*

**Séverine Chauvel** *(École Normale Supérieure, France)*  
*Approaches to Discrimination at School in the French Sociology of Education*

**Barbara Fouquet-Chauprade** *(Université de Genève, Switzerland)*  
*Ethnicité et ségrégation dans les collèges français. Essai de construction d’un objet sociologique – Ethnicity and Segregation in French Secondary Schools. An Attempt to Construct a Sociological Object (presentation given in French)*

**Claire Schiff** *(Université de Bordeaux 2, France)*  
*How Ethnicity Matters in a Formally Colour-Blind System: Peer-Group Relations and Discourses on Discrimination among Urban Vocational High-School Students*

**Françoise Lorcerie** *(Université d’Aix-Marseille, France)*  
*We Don’t Have Muslim Pupils Here. The Ambiguous Rejection of Race and Ethnicity in French Schools (presentation given in French)*

11:30-12:00 | Final discussion and closing of the workshop

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