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Paris, November 12-13, 2015

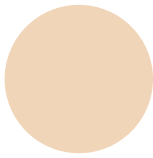
# New research challenges on intermarriage and mixedness in Europe and beyond



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## Thursday, Nov. 12th

### 9h-9h30: Conference opening

Conference room D035 – Ground Floor of the Maison de la Recherche (MdR)

Olivier Galland, Director of the GEMASS, Paris Sorbonne University, France.

Marco Oberti, Director of the Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po Paris, France.

Jean-Philippe Vallat, Deputy Director for Research, Studies, and Political - Union Nationale des Associations Familiales, Paris, France.

Charlotte Rosamond, National Coordinator at the Amoureux au Ban Public, Paris, France.

Beate Collet, GEMASS, Paris Sorbonne University and CIERA, France.

Anne Unterreiner, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po Paris, France.

### 9h30-11h: Session 1, "Symbolic boundaries in personal experiences", Conference room D035

Chair: Ann Morning, New York University, United States.

Discussant: Josiane Le Gall, Montréal University, Canada.

Jennifer Todd, "Power, social division and identity change: comparing trajectories of change amongst mixed (Protestant-Catholic) families in Northern Ireland, the Irish state and the Gard in France", School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Jelena Gaković & Asja Prohić, "Mixed marriages and their descendants in Bosnia and Herzegovina: living in the land of reduced identity", Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo & Université Paris-Sorbonne, France & Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Daphne Arbouz, "'There is something of me beyond where I am': mixed self-identification and Swedish (non)belonging", Linköping University, Sweden.

Julia H. Schroedter; Christof Van Mol & Suzana Koelet, "European identification and solidarity. Insights from European binational couples in Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland", University of Zurich, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, University of Antwerp; Free University of Brussels, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands.

### 11h-11h30: Coffee Break, MdR Entry Hall

### 11h30-13h: Session 2, "Family & mixedness", Conference room D035

Chair: Mirjana Morokvasic, Institut des sciences sociales du politique, Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense University, France.

Discussant: Julia Schroedter, Zurich University, Switzerland.

Chinyere Osuji, "'Ethno-racial Reflection': Comparing Black-White Couples and Multiracial Families in Brazil and the U.S.", Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, Camden, United States.

Michal Tannenbaum, "Mixed couples, mixed languages, mixed feelings: Israeli Arab men and European women", The Program for Multilingual Education, School of Education, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

Elaine Bauer, "Creolized family patterns among divorced mixed couples: Caribbean and White British families in London", School of Law and Social Sciences, London South Bank University, United Kingdom.



**13h-14h30: Lunch break**, MdR Entry Hall

**Poster Session**, MdR Entry Hall

Ya'arit Bokek-Cohen, "Couples of Jews who are forbidden to marry each other as mixed families", Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Yuching Julia Cheng, "Marital Boundary-Making: A Conceptual Framework for Immigrant Marriageability", Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY, United States.

Dora Papadopoulou, "Mixed Christian-Muslim everyday religious practices and festive family encounters in Greece", Social Policy Research Centre, Middlesex University London, United Kingdom.

Kasia Renae Cook, "Distant Cousins: German-Tongans living in New Zealand, the United States, and Germany", New Zealand, German and Pacific Studies, The University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Laura Odasso, "Border-network and orientalist discourses on intermarriages in Belgium, France and Italy", Group for Research on Ethnic Relations, Migration and Equality (GERME), Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.

Laure Sizaire & Maks Banens, "Romance on a global stage: relationship sequences between French men and Russian women", Centre Max Weber, University of Lyon, France.

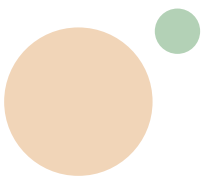
Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot, "Filipino and Thai women living "mixedness" in reconstituted families in Belgium", Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Families and Sexualities (CIRFASE), Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

Merlijn Karssen, Ineke van der Veen & Monique Volman, "The Diversity of Bi-ethnic Children: Differences in Educational Outcomes and Functioning", Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam, Kohnstamm Institute BV, the Netherlands.

Florence Lévy, "'I finally became a battered women at the age of 60!' The interplay of migration law and power relations in Chinese and French binational couple conflicts", EHESS, University of Neuchâtel, France & Switzerland.

Cléo Stérin, "Dealing with paperwork in daily life: the case of heterosexual transnational couples", Centre d'études féminines et études de genre, Paris 8 University, France.

Leen Sterckx, "The performance of equality: mixed couples strategies for 'normalizing' their Relationship", Netherlands Institute for Social Research, the Hague, the Netherlands.



**14h30-16h30: Session 3, "Intermarriage & partner choice",** Conference room D035

Chair: Ettore Recchi, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po Paris, France.

Discussant: Mirna Safi, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po Paris, France.

Claudia Masferrer, Céline Le Bourdais, Zoua Vang, "Marrying out and beyond: explaining national and immigrant boundaries among Latin American children immigrants in Canada", Centre Urbanisation Culture et Société, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique, Department of Sociology, McGill University, Montréal, Canada.

Amrei Maddox, "The Partner Choice of Adolescents of Immigrant Descent in Europe", University of Mannheim and Mannheim Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences (GESS), Germany.

Yu-Chin Tseng, "Moulding a Wanted Wife: Politicised and Gendered Citizenship Awarding of Chinese Marriage Immigrants in Taiwan", Department of Sociology, University of Essex, United Kingdom.

Elise Marsicano, "Racial discrimination and gender relations: patterns of union formation Amongst Sub-Saharan African migrants living in France", University of Strasbourg, France.

Nicole Léopoldie, "In Love with Love: Franco-American Marriage Patterns in the Late-Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth Centuries", University of Texas - Arlington / Paris Diderot University, United States & France.

**16h30-17h: Coffee Break,** MdR Entry Hall

**17h-18h30: Keynote speech,** Conference room D035

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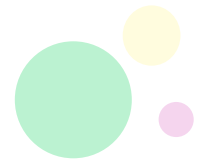
Elisabeth Beck-Gernsheim, "Intermarriage in the age of globalization: From intercultural differences to methodological challenges", Institute for Cosmopolitan Studies, Munich University, Germany.

Introduction: Christophe Duhamelle, Director of the CIERA

Discussant: Beate Collet, GEMASS, Paris Sorbonne University and CIERA, France.

**18h30-20h: Cocktail,** MdR Entry Hall

**Friday, Nov. 13th**



**9h-10h30: Session 4, "Mixedness & intermarriage, social representations"**, Conference room D040  
Chair: Gabrielle Varro, UMR Printemps, Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University, France.  
Discussant: Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels, Brussels School of International Studies / University of Kent at Brussels, Belgium.

Sylvie Fogiel-Bijaoui, "Sleeping with the enemy: Mixed marriages in the Israeli media", The College of Management Academic Studies, Rishon-Lezion, Israel.

Bridget Byrne, "Citizenship rights and transnational relationships: how defending the 'right to love' becomes a site of re-securing whiteness and heteronormativity", University of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Erica Chito Childs, "A Global Mix: Understanding Contemporary Attitudes Toward Intermarriage Globally", Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center, New York, United States.

Jean-Noël Sanchez, "Before meeting the special one: Self and other's representations of Filipina and Thai women on Dating sites", Spanish Studies, University of Strasbourg, France.

**10h30-11h: Coffee Break**, MdR Entry Hall

**11h-12h30: Keynote speech**, Conference room D040

Paul Spickard, "Not Passing--Shape Shifting: Reflections on Racial Plasticity", Department of History, University of California Santa Barbara, United States.

Discussant: Rebecca Chiyoko King-O'Riain, Department of Sociology, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland.

**12h30-14h: Lunch and Book Exhibit**, MdR Entry Hall

**14h-16h: Session 5, "State, public policies & mixedness"**, Conference room D040

Chair: Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University London, United Kingdom.

Discussant: Anne Unterreiner, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po Paris, France.

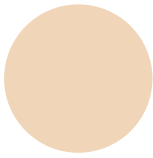
Anne Lavanchy, "Love & Mixed-couples, or How Civil Servants regulate the Nation in Swiss and Scottish Registry Offices", University of Applied Sciences, Geneva, Switzerland.

Rebecca Chiyoko King-O'Riain, "'Love Makes the World Go Around': Loving Practices and State Regulation of Mixed Couples and Their Children in Ireland", Department of Sociology, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland.

Catherine Therrien, "Challenges and Negotiation: Navigating symbolic and legislative boundaries of mixedness in Morocco", Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.

E.W. (Liesbeth) Rosen Jacobson, "Raising children of colonialism for a postcolonial future", Leiden University, the Netherlands.

Kyung-mi Kim, "The Legal and Administrative Category of 'Multicultural Family' and the Conditions of the Functioning of the Mixed Family in the South Korean Society", National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris, France.



**16h-16h30: Coffee break**, MdR Entry Hall

**16h30-18h: Session 6, Transnational partnering**, Conference room D040

Co-Chair & co-discussant: Miri Song, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent, United Kingdom & Dan Rodríguez-García, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

Altair Despres, "Beyond Sex and Money: thinking culture and social mobility in interracial intimacies", CESSP - Centre Européen de Sociologie et de Science politique, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France.

Claire Schiff & Ronan Hervouet, "Towards an understanding of the significance and experiences of transnational marriage in the life course of post-Soviet women settled in France", Centre Emile Durkheim, University of Bordeaux, France.

Marion Bottero, "Sexual and sentimental relationships in a globalized world. Analysis of the desire for the Other between Western expatriates and local people in Thailand and Malaysia", LESC, Paris Ouest Nanterre University, France.

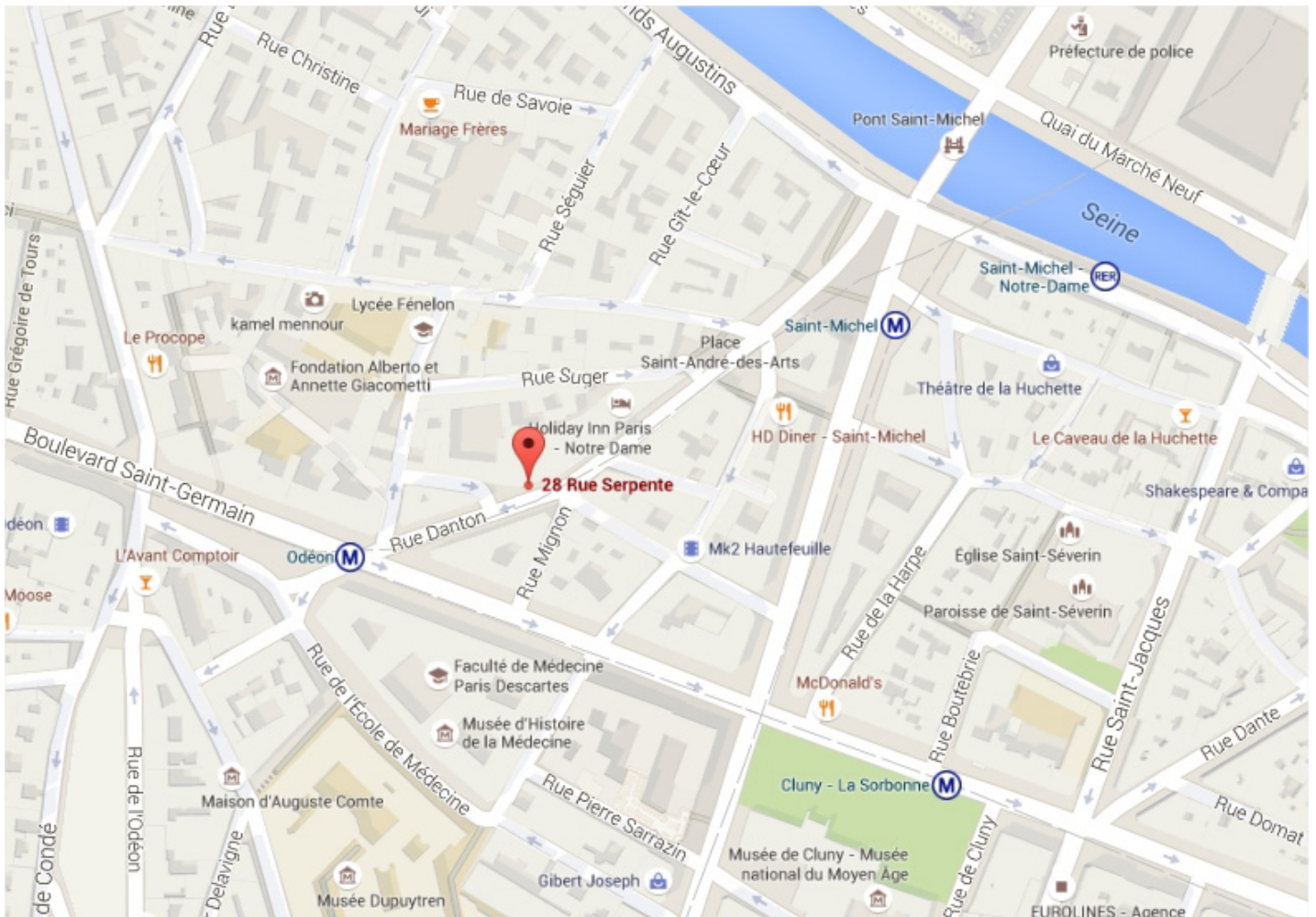
Angelica Pesarini, "Crossing Intimacies. Love at the Time of the Colonies", University of Lancaster, United Kingdom.

**18h-18h30: Conclusion**, Conference room D040









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## Saturday, Nov. 14th

In association with the academic Conference, an event (in French) will be organised by the "Amoureux au ban public", a French civil society organisation that defends the rights of French-Foreign couples. Several short films will be followed by a discussion with the participants.



All sessions will be located at the Maison de la Recherche. The entry hall and the Conference rooms are on the ground floor of the Maison de la Recherche – University Paris-Sorbonne – 28, rue Serpente – 75006 Paris.

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