

Call for papers

Workshop

„Old and New Boundaries in Europe: National and Religious Identities“

Milan 27/28.11.2019

In recent years, the world's societies have undergone remarkable dynamics of simultaneously growing together and falling apart: the traffic of goods, services and labour between states and regions has increased. At the same time, the economic crises of 2008 and the dramatic increase of violent conflicts in several countries have tremendously changed the perceptions that people have of their living and working conditions. New economic disparities and new forms of social exclusion have led to new injustices and new or revived boundary markings. In particular, religious and national identities seem to be freshly activated through increased pluralisation and diversity. However, the mixture of both is yet not sufficiently understood by social researchers.

The research team of ONBound – a project funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) – therefore organises an international workshop in Milan (27/28.11.2019), aiming at investigating the relationships between national and religious identities and how they are embedded in different contexts.

Submitted papers might address (but need not be limited to) the following topics: national and religious identities, their interplay and their contexts, for example legal, economic or political contexts; the entanglement of national and religious identities with other kinds of social inclusion or exclusion; effects of national and religious identities on solidarity and the legitimisation of political institutions.

Participants will be given access to a unique compilation of data that is currently being integrated by the project. It combines a multitude of world-wide individual-level data from more than 20 comparative surveys, 47 different points in time, and more than 160 countries as well as contextual macro-data from many sources.

The workshop aims at introducing the data to a broader research community. It targets an audience of experts and young researchers from southern and northern EU-member states, in order to facilitate scientific exchange about the increasingly pressing question of how the various recent European crises affect old and new dynamics of boundary making through national and religious identities.

We invite original abstracts no longer than 400 words by 15/4/2019. The abstracts shall make use of the project-compiled data (an overview of the multi-level database is available at <https://www.onbound.international/DATAOverview.aspx>) and contain ideas about how the contribution would address the relationship between national and religious identities comparatively, both within Europe, or comparing European countries on an international level.

Accepted contributors will be granted access to the data shortly after acceptance of their abstracts.

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Please feel invited to send your abstracts to Prof. Dr. Annette Schnabel (Heinrich Heine University, Schnabel@hhu.de) and Prof. Ferruccio Biolcati Rinaldi (University of Milan, ferruccio.biolcati@unimi.it).

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