

# INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

## Social organizations as a context for exploring young migrants social and labour integration

VENUE: Room 153

University of Deusto (Bilbao Campus)

PROGRAMME

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## MOTIVATION AND GOALS (1)

Integration is certainly one of the key goals of European policies concerning migration. It is a long term, open-ended process that requires a whole range of policy actions taken at different stages and by different stakeholders. Social and community organizations have gradually assumed an important role in delivering various services to the migrant population. In particular, these organizations put the emphasis on the concept of participation, which denotes democratic notions of access, agency and change, although it does not directly address interactions between social groups. This workshop will explore the role of social organizations as key agents involved in the process of migrant integration.

Our second thematic focus will be to consider the extent to which social organizations are seen to activate the process of integration of young migrants. It is well-known that the propensity to migrate is usually much higher among young people. The Population Division of DESA (2011) estimated that the global number of international migrants aged 15 to 24 was around 27 million, constituting about one eighth of the global migrant stock. This group is bound to play an increasingly prominent role during adulthood in the economic and social life of receiving countries, partly because of the growth in their numbers, and partly because of low rates of natural demographic increase in the non-immigrant populations. This seminar will focus not only on those migrants who have recently arrived to host countries but also on those who have already settled, and on the second generations.

## MOTIVATION AND GOALS (2)

Within this general framework of analysis, the University of Deusto is committed to develop a joint research and training program on public policies and processes related to migration and the integration of immigrants (INTEGRIM). The seminar intends to lead to new research initiatives and to open a forum of debate and analysis for those interested in the relation between migration and integration.

The main aim of the seminar is to provide an opportunity for discussion among the key stakeholders involved or having an interest in this topic: researchers, NGOs, PhD students and policy makers. We deeply believe that it will make a ground breaking contribution to academic knowledge on the process of integration of young migrants as a key factor for the future cohesion of European societies.

The proposed objectives of the seminar are the following:

- To identify the main research and intervention trends in the field and to foster the dissemination of knowledge.
- To promote interaction among actors and institutions in order to facilitate the creation of networks for future research.

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The seminar will be structured around the presentation of three keynote papers by invited speakers. After these presentations, the participants will be invited to take part in an open debate. In the evening, a limited period of time has been allocated for the presentation of short papers.

Scholars delivering a paper will be asked to provide their contribution in written format. The organizing committee has the intention of publishing some of those papers in the Year Book of Human Rights of the Human Rights Institute.

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## PARTICIPANTS

### Guest speakers:

- **Alessio Suriam**. University of Padova, Italy.
- **Paloma López Bermejo**. Confederate Secretary of Employment and Migration, Trade Union CC.OO., Spain.
- **Irene Pardo**. Bertelsmann Foundation, Barcelona.

The seminar will welcome the participation of professors, lecturers, researchers or PhD candidates from the host University, the IMISCOE Network or any other institution. The total number of participants will not exceed a maximum of 30 people.

## REGISTRATION

Participation in the seminar is open to professors, lecturers, policy makers, members of associations and social institutions and PhD candidates interested in the field of migrations and human rights. Registration is FREE of charge but compulsory. It covers the seminar lunch, but not any other travelling or accommodation expenses.

Please, send an e-mail to confirm your attendance.

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If you will need a signed certificate of attendance, please specify this in your e-mail. The seminar will be held in Spanish.

**9:00** General introduction to the seminar and of the keynote speakers: M<sup>a</sup> Esther Aretxabala and Concepción Maiztegui. University of Deusto

**9:15 - 10:30** Alessio Suriam.  
"Youth Migrant and Social Organizations: Opportunities and Challenges". University of Padua

**10.30 - 11:45** Paloma López Bermejo.  
"Analysis of employment promotion policies: view through Trade Union perspective". Confederate Secretary of Employment and Migration, Trade Union CC.OO

**11:45 - 12:15** Coffee Break

**12:15 - 13:30** Irene Pardo.  
"Youth Experiences of Integration". Bertelsmann Foundation

**13:30 - 14:00** Discussion

**14:30 - 16:00** Lunch

**16:00 - 19:00** Debate and Paper presentations

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