

**2018**

**ESA RN 34**  
MIDTERM CONFERENCE

**SOCIOLOGY**  
OF **RELIGION**

**RELIGIONS**  
**AND IDENTITIES**  
**IN THE EUROPEAN**  
**MIGRATION CRISIS**

**TURIN**

FROM 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST TO 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

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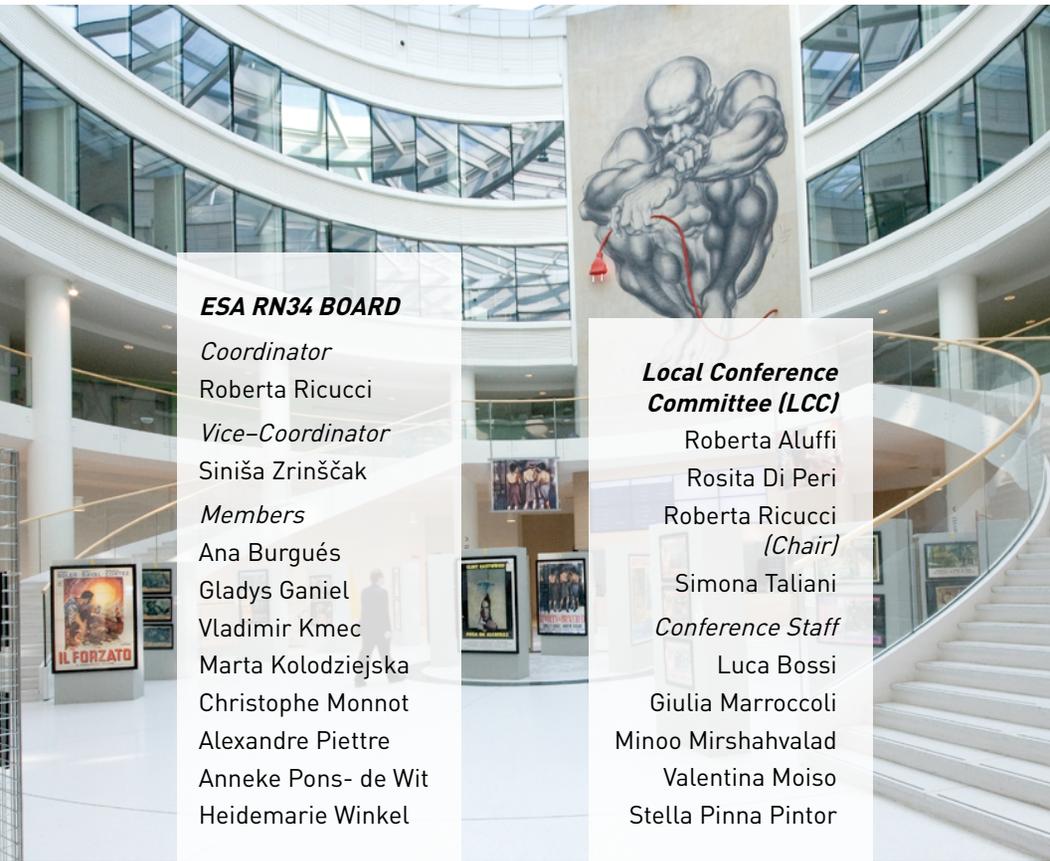
# Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis



Turin • August 29<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

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**Welcome by  
ESA RN34**

*Dear Colleagues and Friends,*

*We are looking forward to welcoming you at the University of Turin in August this year. The Mid-Term Conference of the ESA Sociology of Religion Research Network 34 is focusing on Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis. Religious affiliations, and cultural and social identities are part of the current discourses on diversities within the European context, both at international and national levels. This is not something new but the strong relationship between religious affiliations and migratory backgrounds is again at the forefront of the debate. Migration is a fact in our countries. This is visible in everyday life in many towns and cities, including the city hosting this conference, Turin, in which the majority of the population has an internal migration background and about 10% of residents is composed of non-Italian citizens. The visibility of cultural and religious diversities is vast: squares, buildings, shops, events, debates, habits and exhibitions emphasise the co-presence of new religious requests, organizations, personnel and practices, promoted by Catholics, Orthodoxies, Pentecostals, Muslims, Sikhs and other re-*

*ligious and spiritual communities connected with the various waves of migration. At the same time, migration and cultural and religious diversities are increasingly questioned and debated from different angles, from everyday life experiences to various ideological positions. The pivotal issue is that of integration (or clash?) among different cultural, religious and spiritual traditions, in an increasingly multicultural social context that, however, often fears the immigrant. The challenge is also to reveal latent processes beyond the pure “integration debate”. These challenges are central to the programme of this conference, along with other topics, which our scholarly community is trying to address. Various thematic lines, and various research findings are complemented by intra and inter-disciplinary approaches. With this, sociology of religion witnesses that social and scientific engagement is the only response to complex social processes. We do hope the conference will be a good opportunity to discuss studies, research findings and future projects in a friendly and stimulating environment.*

*Roberta Ricucci & Siniša Zrinščak*

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## **Welcome by the Local Committee**

*Dear Colleagues,*

*The Mid-term Conference is usually a unique opportunity for young and senior scholars to deliberate on each other's methodological concerns and research outcomes in a particular collaborative atmosphere. On behalf of the Local Committee, we are honoured to contribute to this bi-annual event. We are most pleased to host more than 150 participants motivated by the shared objective of contributing to map the research agenda on religious and migration studies. These contributions will certainly help the scientific development of the multiple ways of understanding how religion interplays in human mobility studies.*

*The main theme of the Conference will be devoted to exploring the multiple aspects of sociology of religion in the Mediterranean area. The main (but not exclusive) interest is to scrutinize how religions*

*matter in the relations between the current migratory flows and the various societal domains, and the importance of paying attention, at the city level, to discussing religious diversity management.*

*Through inaugural, semi-plenary, methodological and closure events, the conference should be an opportunity for creating synergies between the scholars who facilitate the development of research programs on religion(s) within and beyond the Mediterranean basin: indeed a particular effort has been made to open the conference to global, European and local debates, stressing the importance of developing a research-policy nexus on the conference themes.*

*It is our hope that this event will encourage scientific exchange and introduce new research ideas and collaboration opportunities.*

*Conference Local Committee*



<b>DAY 1</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>2018</b>	14:30 – 17:30	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Foyer – Graduation area</i>
	14:30 – 17:30	Workshop I "Managing the differences" - Researchers meet practitioners, social workers and migration operators <i>Room Sala Lauree BLU GRANDE</i>	
	14:30 – 17:30	Workshop II Borders, intercultural relations and religious identities <i>Room Sala Lauree ROSSA PICCOLA</i>	
	18:00 – 20:00	<b>Welcome cocktail</b>	<i>Campus L. Einaudi – D4 Foyer</i>

<b>DAY 2</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>2018</b>	08:30 – 19:30	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Foyer – Graduation area</i>
	09:00 – 10:30	Parallel Session 1A – Panel 1 . . . . .	<i>Room F1</i>
		Parallel Session 1B – Panel 2 . . . . .	<i>Room F2</i>
		Parallel Session 1C – Panel 3 . . . . .	<i>Room F3</i>
		Parallel Session 1D – Panel 4 . . . . .	<i>Room F4</i>
	10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>D4 Foyer</i>
	11:00 – 12:30	<b>Opening Plenary</b> <b>Institutional Welcome &amp; Keynote Lecture</b> <b>Religions and migrations – old and new</b>	<i>Room B1</i>
	13:30 – 15:00	<b>Semi - Plenary I</b> <b>Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations</b>	<i>Room Sala Lauree ROSSA GRANDE</i>
	15:00 – 16:30	Parallel Session 2A – Panel 5 . . . . .	<i>Room F1</i>
		Parallel Session 2B – Panel 6 . . . . .	<i>Room F2</i>
Parallel Session 2C – Panel 7 . . . . .		<i>Room F3</i>	
Parallel Session 2D – Panel 8 . . . . .		<i>Room F4</i>	
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>D4 Foyer</i>	
16:45 – 18:15	Parallel Session 3A – Panel 9 . . . . .	<i>Room F1</i>	
	Parallel Session 3B – Panel 10 . . . . .	<i>Room F2</i>	
	Parallel Session 3C – Panel 11 . . . . .	<i>Room F3</i>	
	Parallel Session 3D – Panel 12 . . . . .	<i>Room F4</i>	
18:30 – 19:30	<b>RN34 Business Meeting</b>	<i>Room Sala Lauree ROSSA PICCOLA</i>	

<b>DAY 3</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> August</b> <b>2018</b>	08:30 – 18:00	<i>Registration</i>	<i>Foyer – Graduation area</i>
	09:00 – 10:30	Parallel Session 4A – Panel 13 . . . . .	<i>Room F1</i>
		Parallel Session 4B – Panel 14 . . . . .	<i>Room F2</i>
		Parallel Session 4C – Panel 15 . . . . .	<i>Room F3</i>
		Parallel Session 4D – Panel 16 . . . . .	<i>Room F4</i>
	10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>D4 Foyer</i>
	10:45 – 12:15	Parallel Session 5A – Panel 17 . . . . .	<i>Room F2</i>
		Parallel Session 5B – Panel 18 . . . . .	<i>Room F3</i>
		Parallel Session 5C – Panel 19 . . . . .	<i>Room F4</i>
		Parallel Session 5D – Panel 20 . . . . .	<i>Room F5</i>
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Semi - Plenary II</b> <b>Roundtable on religions, migrations and rights</b>	<i>Room Sala Lauree BLU GRANDE</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	Parallel Session 6A – Panel 21 . . . . .	<i>Room F1</i>	
	Parallel Session 6B – Panel 22 . . . . .	<i>Room F2</i>	
	Parallel Session 6C – Panel 23 . . . . .	<i>Room F3</i>	
	Documentary Session: Migrations, ethnic relations and intercultural dialogue in Italy . . . . .	<i>Room F4</i>	
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	<i>D4 Foyer</i>	
16:30 – 17:45	<b>Closing Plenary</b> <b>Pathways to citizenship: the interaction between integration and religious issues</b>	<i>Room Sala Lauree BLU GRANDE</i>	
20:30	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	<i>Hotel NH Carlina</i>	

<b>DAY 4</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>2018</b>	10:00 – 12:00	City tour: The multi-faith city
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Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Workshop I

## Managing differences. Researchers meet professionals, social workers and migration operators

14:30 – 17:30

This event is designed as a moment of training for operators who work in reception services; an opportunity for workers of the public or private social sectors who have daily interaction with migrants, asylum seekers and/or holders of international protection. The workshop aims to address the topic of how culture, in general, and religion, in particular, intervene in relation with migrant communities.

**Where** Campus Luigi Einaudi – Room Sala Lauree Blu grande

Institutional Welcome will be brought by Renato Saccone, **Prefetto of Turin**.

Roberta Ricucci, **University of Turin and FIERI**, will introduce the following contributions:

*MSNA victims of trafficking and serious exploitation: vulnerability and responses of the multi-agency network*, by Enza Roberta Petrillo for **Save the Children**

*The role of religions within the Territorial Commissions in recognising international protection*, by Maurizio Veglio for **ASGI**

*Religion and reception in complex migratory contexts*, Nicolamaria Coppola for **EPOS**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Workshop II

## Documentary Session: Borders, intercultural relations and religious identities

14:30 - 17:30

### Workshop organized in Collaboration with MiSTo

Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers associated with what is usually termed the “Mediterranean Crisis” have prompted a profound social and political crisis in various European countries, contributing to anti-immigrant feelings. The issue of religious belonging is again at the forefront of the debate. Religion (which in public debate refers only to Islam) has become linked to wider interrelated issues, from welcoming to social rights, from international protection under the Declaration of Human Rights (Art. 18) to citizenship rights; from how states and local institutions manage and recognize religious needs to the issue of having guaranteed places of worship in every welcoming and reception center. From another perspective, migrants — especially those who are recently arrived — are trying to define their own safe insertion paths and to build their own ‘new life’, often having to face social conflict and discriminatory behaviour. There is also a positive aspect: stories of positive interactions, intercultural and inter-religious initiatives, aimed at stressing similarities between migrants and citizens in the religious and spiritual fields.

The session will offer a preamble to the conference topic: *Migrations and Religions. Differences analysis and a work-program of an observatory on religious persecutions*

**Discussing by Ugo Melchionda**, International Migration Outlook & Religions for Peace Europe

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Workshop II

## Documentary Session: Borders, intercultural relations and religious identities

14:30 - 17:30

### *Migrants' voices and images*

#### *- Destination de Dieu*

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### *Comments & discussion*

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August

## Welcome Cocktail

18:00 – 20:00

Campus L. Einaudi D4 – Foyer



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August

# Opening Plenary

11:00 – 12:30

*Welcome by Institutions*

**Emanuela C. Del Re**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Monica Cerutti**

Piedmont Region

**Paola Borgna**

Italian Sociological Association (AIS)

**Anna Elisabetta Galeotti**

MISTo Joint Research Unit Migration Studies Torino

## *Religions and migrations – old and new*

*Lecture by*

**Jim Beckford**

Warwick University

*Introduced by*

**Franco Garelli**

University of Turin

*Opening remarks*

**Roberta Ricucci**

ESA - RN34 Coordinator

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*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August**Opening Plenary*

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**Jim Beckford**

Warwick University

## **Religions and migrations – old and new**

Shortly after his re-election for the third time as Prime Minister of Hungary in May 2018, Viktor Orbán was reported in the New York Times as saying 'It's my personal conviction that migration leads in the end to the destruction of nations and states'. This is an extreme view but it is shared by a growing number of politicians and voters in many European countries. Moreover, the dangers that large-scale international migration allegedly represents to 'nations and states' are widely perceived to be associated with the religious diversity that it helps to generate. The aim of this presentation is to consider, in the first place, the important contributions that sociologists can make to explaining the complex intertwining of religions and migrations in history and in the present. Secondly, it will examine in detail some of migration's less well-known entanglements with religion in chaplaincies in public institutions, in the treatment of children and in the trafficking of vulnerable people. And the final part of the presentation will discuss some of the ethical and policy-related issues that arise in connection with the religious dimensions of international migration.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August

## Semi – Plenary I

13:30 – 15:00

*Visualizing research: migration,  
religion and social representations*

**Emanuela C. Del Re**

Cluster “Sociology of Religion”, AIS

**Alfredo Alietti**

University of Ferrara

**Dario Padovan**

University of Turin

**Vladimir Kmec**

University of Cambridge

*Chair:*

**Roberto Cipriani**

University of Rome 3

Friday 31<sup>th</sup> August

## Semi – Plenary II

13:00 – 14:30

*Roundtable on religions,  
migrations and rights*

**Maurizio Ambrosini**

University of Milan

**Angela Paparusso**

IRPPS-CNR

**Ferruccio Biolcati**

University of Milan

*Chair:*

**Roberta Aluffi**

University of Turin

## Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations

The conference “Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis” invites various disciplines to explore many facets of this theme. Through theoretical approaches and inter-generational perspectives, studies can offer useful reflections and analyses for stakeholders and policy-makers. Besides an almost exclusive attention to themes such as reception of asylum seekers and social dynamics, provoked by migratory flows in Italy and in the rest of Europe, the number of European citizens with migratory background is on the increase. The cultural origins and religious affiliations of these European citizens are redefined through their relationship with local contexts. Therefore, local administrations, teachers and social workers face renewed religious pluralism wherein the Islamic component is under observation. However, it does not represent the entire universe of religious pluralism. The semi-plenary **“Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations”** intends to discuss - through the demographic, juridical and sociological perspective - how the link between religion, identity and migration solicits reflections and research paths that go beyond the dichotomy between integration and isolation, between tensions and assimilation and temptations of exclusive ethnic identification, between local roots, ties with the countries of origin and prospects of return.

## Roundtable on religions, migrations and rights

Although analysis on the relationship between religion and migration is not new in human mobility studies, it has only recently been the focus of debate and analysis. An attention that is, at the same time, selective, often focused on one religion (Islam), on some symbols (the mosque and the veil), and on a few functions performed (religious or informative). Yet, there are many aspects to be noted regarding the religiosity of migrants, as well as legal issues and questions on the recognition of the right to profess one's religion. Or the role of associationism and places of worship: from their being a safe port in a storm of inclusion to an environment of solace for the soul of those who feel lost in facing the difficulties and fatigue in reconstructing their life path in a new context, where diversity (skin colour, somatic traits, accent) makes access to work, close neighbourhood relations and daily interactions truly strenuous.

In a European and Italian scenario in which religious affiliation and belief take on many different forms, migrants put religions and sacredness at the centre of the debate, demonstrating how these issues and the management of them are capable of provoking controversy and conflicts at local level: from the construction of places of worship to the training of religious ministers, from education to participation in public debate and to the visibility of different generations and of male and female protagonism.

Within the framework of international debate, the panelists will discuss the issues mentioned by different disciplinary perspectives.

Friday 31<sup>th</sup> August

# Closing Plenary

16:30 – 17:45

***Pathways to citizenship:  
the interaction between integration  
and religious issues***

*Panelists*

**Pieter Bevelander**  
Malmö University

**Jocelyne Cesari**  
Birmingham University and  
Georgetown University

*Chair*

**Siniša Zrinščak**  
University of Zagreb

*Friday 31<sup>th</sup> August**Closing Plenary***Pieter Bevelander**

Malmö University

## Citizenship and immigrant integration

Citizenship assumed as the legal relationship between the individual and the state, implicates that being a citizen, one has full rights as members in a particular community. Immigrants, that is, individuals who do not possess the host country citizenship by birth, are not full members of the polity. They do not enjoy the rights and entitlements that are associated exclusively with citizenship.

Along with globalization and increased international migration, debates on the meaning of citizenship have had a renaissance in the public and political spheres as well as in academia. Discussions on transnational and participatory citizenship and post-national forms of membership started in the 1980s and early 1990s have questioned the relevance of traditional conceptions and practices of citizenship. A hypothetical erosion of the distinction between citizens and non-citizens can be seen as either a devaluation of citizenship or as a process that is in line with a post-national age making state-centered citizenship outdated. However, the predominant trends in citizenship legislation over the last decades have shown that state-centric citizenship - and the rights and duties it involves - remains to be highly relevant. Citizenship policies have been changed to increase its importance for identity, loyalty and security issues. Immigrants are increasingly subjected to new naturalization policies, linguistic and civic tests, which aim at ensuring commitment to common values and practices and fostering integration. All these debates, issues and trends raise the question of whether ascension to and holding of a citizenship still matters.

*Friday 31<sup>th</sup> August**Closing Plenary***Jocelyne Cesari**

Birmingham University and Georgetown University

## The religiosity of migrants within national and transnational cultures

The presentation will address the ways in which religion intertwines with the integration of migrants and the possible roles of the countries of origin with a focus on Muslim groups.

Research testifies to the effects of the country of origin effect. First, religion is an important part of everyday public life in many societies of origin and thus migrants expect it to have a similar presence at destination. A strict division between private and public religiosity at destination in many Western societies is a novelty that influences integration, both positively and negatively. Second, migrants tend to differentiate between personal attachment to religion and belonging to a community, either religious or national. This is a challenge for sending countries where religion is part of the national identity.

On the other hand, perceptions within the receiving countries leading to discrimination rise another set issues: for example, due to growing Islamophobia, Muslims are perceived as being more difficult to integrate, even if existing evidence shows a much more complex picture. Also, in the common Western imagination, the idea of a Muslim is equated with Middle Easterners or North Africans, regardless of their actual denomination; interestingly enough, Muslims from Albania or Bosnia are not immediately perceived as Muslims.

Adding to the challenge of fluid identities, the influence of the country of origin is increasingly contested by transnational religious movements. Consequentially, the effect of religion on migrants cannot be analyzed only through the dyadic relations between sending and receiving countries; it must also be discussed in a broader space where different actors operate: state actors (from both sending and receiving countries), non-state actors from receiving and sending countries (religious leaders, intellectuals) and transnational actors.

Friday 31<sup>th</sup> August

Conference Dinner

## Conference Dinner



The Conference Dinner will take place in the NH Collection Torino Piazza Carlina, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of August at 8:30 pm.

The hotel sits in the very heart of Turin. It has a rich history, dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, once home to Antonio Gramsci, co-founder of the Communist Party of Italy.

On the hotel's top floor there are two spacious rooftop terraces, each with a panoramic view across the city.

Location Area: City Center  
15 Piazza Carlo Emanuele II

*The beautiful Po River is a short 5-minute stroll away and some of Turin's most popular attractions can be found just around the corner: less than 10 minutes from the Mole Antonelliana, home to the National Museum of Cinema, walking distance from the Royal Palace of Turin, Egyptian Museum, Teatro Carignano and Palazzo Madama.*

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September

## The CITY of DIVERSITIES: a multi-religious walk. Discovering Turin religious diversity through contemporary places of worship

As an historical destination of national and international migrations, Turin is the birthplace of a religious diversity rooted in the past of the city and in the stories of its inhabitants. Contemporary Turin is a plural and composite scenario: here the coexistence of cultures, religions and spiritualities testifies to the many forms of expression, belonging and participation of its citizens. Its neighborhoods represent the countless stories of migration, settlement and coexistence among people, families and communities from all around the world.

The neighborhood of San Salvario is emblematic: ideal ground for the public expression of religious plurality since its origins in the XIX century, it is nowadays a privileged scenario to understand the many souls of the city. The tour will explore the neighborhood and its history, visiting its places of worship.

Date: September 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am

Locations: ex Jewish ghetto, Waldensian temple, synagogue, Romanian Orthodox parish, Sunni mosque, Philippine Catholic chaplain.

Length: max 2 km - Disabled access available (ramps)



## Documentary Session: Migrations, ethnic relations and intercultural dialogue in Italy

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### Destination de Dieu

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#### Credits

*Direction, Photography, Editing* ANDREA GADALETA CALDAROLA

*With the participation of* RADIO GHETTO

*With the contribution of* COOPERATIVA CAMERA A SUD

### Displaced

#### Synopsis

A brief documentary about the situation of refugees on the border between Austria and Slovenia in October 2015, during a trip on the borders of Austria, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy financed by Poa Onlus to document the arrival of refugees in the camps. A huge crowd of children and elderly advances in silence, and despite the cold and difficulties does not lose hope in a better future.

Images of an exodus, resumed between two refugee camps, in Sentilj (Slovenia) and in Spielfeld (Austria), in October 2015, which leaves the viewer the opportunity to listen to their feelings in front

of images that summarize the drama of the humanitarian crisis that lives our century.

#### Credits

*A film by* MILAD TANGSHIR

*Produced by* POA ONLUS

*Music* A WINGED VICTORY FOR THE SULLEN

*Thanks to* FABIO CALZA, CRISTINA CONTINI, VICKEY BERGER

### Tom's story

#### Synopsis

The cultivation and subsequent producing and sale of tomatoes become the emblem and metaphor of the life of immigrants. Just as the tomato, the one who emigrates is forced to confront with a society that prefers to change it instead of accepting it. Tom will become part of the social fabric doing the only job he is capable of: being eaten, filling a stomach and grafting change.

#### Credits

*A Film by* YAMUNA ILLUZZI, ALESSANDRO SPECCHIO

*Script by* YAMUNA ILLUZZI, AMBROGIO PALMISANO, ALESSANDRO SPECCHIO

*Original Music* PLASTEELIN

*Thanks to* Yamuna e Alessandro want to thank RUBEN, IRMA AND "BALHAZAR" for their unconditional support

### Ghetto PSA

#### Synopsis

Jacob arrived in Italy alone from French Guinea when he was 11 years old. Today he is 27, and hip hop music is his whole world: it is his way to express dreams, hopes and frustrations, and to not feel part of the "ghetto" any longer. He lives on the outskirts of Turin, where, by day, together with other young migrants who are part of his band "Ghetto PSA", he writes songs and makes music. At night, he works as an educator in a centre for asylum seekers. This "double life" leads him to reflect on his own identity, as a young Italian who speaks three languages, but who does not forget who

he is and where he has come from. Project supported by MIBACT – Bando MigrArti.

### **Credits**

*With* JACOB BAMBA - *Directed by* ROSSELLA SCHILLACI  
*Produced by* ENRICA VIOLA - *DoP* SIMONE RIVOIRE  
*Sound design* GIOVANNI CORONA - *Editor* FULVIO MONTANO  
*Production Assistant* MATTIA PLAZIO  
*Color grading* GIANLUCA MAMINO - *Master* DCP - STEREO  
*Language* ITALIAN, FRENCH, ENGLISH, GUINEAN  
*Subtitles* ENGLISH, ITALIAN - *Duration* 15'  
*Production* IN COLLABORATION WITH AZUL FILM

## **Luck will Save me**

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### **Credits**

*Directed and filmed by* ALEXANDRA D'ONOFRIO  
*Editing* ANTONIO AUGUGLIARO  
*Post production and audio* TOMMASO BARBARO (REDRUM MURDER)  
*Original Music* DISSÒI LÒGOI  
*Realised with the contribution of* OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION

# ESA RN34 Mid-term Conference

## Programme

*“Religions and Identities in the European Migration Crisis”*

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 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST
 

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18:00 – 20:00	<b>Welcome Cocktail</b>	<i>Campus L. Einaudi - D4 - Foyer</i>

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8:30 – 19:30	Registration	<i>Foyer – Graduation area</i>
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**1. Categories and Boundaries – Fabrication Processes in Europe**
**Parallel Session 1A** *Room F1*

9:00 – 10:30	Conveners/Chair: Annette Schnabel, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf
<b>Panelists:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The social construction of religiousness: On the relationship between human rights violations and religious identity construction</i> Heiko Beyer, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf</li> <li>• <i>Who is the “we”? Construction of We-ness in European Constitutions Considering Religion</i> Annette Schnabel, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf</li> <li>• <i>Protecting vulnerable Children. Categorization of Young Migrants in Germany</i> Bettina Uelpenich, Heinrich-Heine University of Duesseldorf</li> <li>• <i>Border Discourses and Neo-Colonial Modernity. Arab Refugees in Germany</i> Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld</li> </ul>

**2. Religion and religiosity of migrants:  
what is the role of the social remittances?**
**Parallel Session 1B** *Room F2*

9:00 – 10:30	Conveners/Chair: Emanuela C. Del Re, Cluster “Sociology of Religion” AIS Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin
<b>Panelists:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Impact of religion affiliation on migrants social adaptation and their willing to remit: Libya as a case study</i> Mustafa Attir, University of Tripoli</li> <li>• <i>Remittances interrupted the condition of Uyghur refugees in Italy. A case study of two Uyghur asylum seekers in Rome</i> Francesca Rosati, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris and Leiden University</li> <li>• <i>Questioning cultural values on social upward mobility among second generations</i> Giulia Marroccoli, University of Turin</li> <li>• <i>The impact of changes in social-economic conditions in the countries of origin of migrants and refugees on migration fluxes and the role of social remittances</i> Nicolamaria Coppola, Sapienza University of Rome</li> </ul>

**3. Established Religion and Newcomers in Sustainability Transitions:  
Empirical Insights**
**Parallel Session 1C** *Room F3*

9:00 – 10:30	Conveners/Chair: Christophe Monnot, University of Strasbourg Jens Köhrsen, University of Basel Alexandre Grandjean, University of Lausanne
<b>Panelists:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Transformations towards Environmental Sustainability: The Potentials of Religion.</i> Jens Köhrsen, University of Basel</li> </ul>

- *Greening of the Church or Visibility of Green Actors within the Church?*  
Christophe Monnot, University of Strasbourg
- *The "moral order" of holistic farming and the «greening» of the Swiss vineyards: Technological and cosmological insights in contemporary winemaking*  
Alexandre Grandjean, University of Lausanne

#### 4. **Modes of Passing down Religion through Generations in Immigrant Communities**

##### Parallel Session 1D

Room F4

- 9:00 – 10:30 Conveners/Chair:  
Christel Gärtner and Linda Hennig, University of Münster
- Panelists:**
- *Passing down Islam in Guest Workers Families*  
Linda Hennig, University of Münster
  - *Religiousness and bi-cultural identity in second generation Muslims in Turin*  
Marco Rizzo, Angela Fedi, Anna Miglietta and Silvia Gattino, University of Turin
  - *Religious Change, Church Attendance and Cohort Replacement in Europe (1970-2015)*  
Ferruccio Biolcati, Francesco Molteni and Cristiano Vezzoni, University of Milan

##### 11:00 – 12:30 **Opening Plenary**

Room B1

#### **Religions and migrations – old and new**

##### 13:30 – 15:00 **Semi-Plenary I**

Room Sala Lauree ROSSA GRANDE

#### **Visualizing research: migration, religion and social representations**

#### 5. **Religion, integration and identity: Perceptions of "natives" and migrants in the light of quantitative research – Subsession I**

##### Parallel Session 2A

Room F1

- 15:00 – 16:30 Conveners/Chair:  
Olaf Müller, University of Münster  
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin
- Panelists:**
- *Germany Islam or Islamophobia in Europe as a Threat for a Democratic Political Culture? Empirical Evidence of a Rising Problem*  
Gert Pickel, Leipzig University
  - *Not in My Back Yard: Religious Belonging and Migration in Recent European Polls*  
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin and CRSR, Italy, University of Notre Dame, USA
  - *Attitudes towards Religious Minorities in Hungary*  
Gergely Rosta, Pázmány Péter Catholic University
  - *Comparing and Contrasting Attitudes and Local Contexts: Muslims and Islamophobia in Italy*  
Viviana Premazzi, United Campus of Malta
  - *Cultural Identity among Second Generation Children from Migrants Families*  
Eliyahu-Levi Doly and Ganz-Meishar Michal, Levinsky College of Education

#### 6. **Diverse metropolis: spatializing religious diversity in contemporary cities – Subsession I**

##### Parallel Session 2B

Room F2

- 15:00 – 16:30 Conveners/Chair:  
Anna Clot-Garrell, ISOR-UAB  
Antonio Montañés, University of St. Andrews  
Luca Bossi, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *The making of “urban spirituality” through the blurring of the spatial religious – secular divide*  
Irene Becci, University of Lausanne
  - *From Urban Geometry to Religious Urbanity*  
Mariachiara Giorda, Sapienza University of Rome
  - *Actor constellations in the urban governance of religious diversity*  
Julia Martínez-Ariño, University of Groningen

### 7. Anti-migrant discourses – Subsession I

#### Parallel Session 2C

Room F3

15:00 – 16:30 Chair:  
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb

- Panelists:**
- *Interplay between radical right and religious fundamentalism: Recent developments in Latvia*  
Anita Stasulane, Daugavpils University
  - *Anti-refugees attitudes of Polish Catholics and the teaching of the Catholic Church – the surprising paradox and its reasons*  
Rafal Cekiera, University of Silesia in Katowice
  - *The European Migration Crisis and Ontological Insecurity: “open-door policy” in the Federal Republic of Germany*  
Ljiljana Jovičić, University of Zagreb
  - *Radicalisation: Users’ Guide: A Case Study on Swedish Prevention Practices*  
Giulia Sostero, University of Paul Valéry Montpellier

### 8. Religious Leaders and Worship Prayers in Emigration – Subsession I

#### Parallel Session 2D

Room F4

15:00 – 16:30 Chair:  
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin and CRSR, Italy,  
University of Notre Dame, USA

- Panelists:**
- *The imam beyond the mosque: the art of not doing politics to make it*  
Alexandre Piettre, Université Lille 2/CNRS, University of Lausanne

- *The metamorphosis of immigrants: the role of religious leaders in the host society*  
Rossana Salerno, University of Rome Tre and University of Enna
- *Italian Shi’as and the question of mosque*  
Minoo Mirshavalad, University of Turin

### 9. Religion, integration and identity: Perceptions of “natives” and migrants in the light of quantitative research – Subsession II

#### Parallel Session 3A

Room F1

16:45 – 18:15 Conveners/Chair:  
Olaf Müller, University of Münster  
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *Religiosity and Integration among the Population of Turkish Immigrant Background in Germany*  
Sarah Demmrich, Olaf Müller and Detlef Pollack, University of Münster
  - *Attitudes towards Abortion among Muslim Migrants and Non-Muslim Natives in Western Europe*  
Sarah Carol, University of Cologne  
Nadja Milewski, University of Rostock
  - *Migration, Religion and Social Change: An Intergenerational Approach*  
Pietro Cingolani, University of Turin
  - *Measuring Integration, Discussing Islamophobia in a Recent Immigration Country*  
Simone C. Martino and Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin

### 10. Diverse metropolis: spatializing religious diversity in contemporary cities – Subsession II

#### Parallel Session 3B

Room F2

16:45 – 18:15 Conveners/Chair:  
Anna Clot-Garrell, ISOR-UAB  
Antonio Montañés, University of St. Andrews  
Luca Bossi, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *The city of Haifa as religious kaleidoscope*  
Roberto Cipriani, University of Rome Tre
  - *Religious diversity in urban spaces: a comparative study in Barcelona*  
Mar Grier and Anna Clot-Garrell, Autònoma University of Barcelona  
Antonio Montañés, University of St. Andrews
  - *Regulating religious diversity in public space. The case of Institute of Islamic cultures in Paris*  
Victor Albert Blanco, Paris 8, Saint Denis University
  - *Migrants' camps and religious matters: some considerations*  
Cristina Brovia, University of Turin

### 11. Anti-migrant discourses – Subsession II

#### Parallel Session 3C

Room F3

16:45 – 18:15 Chair:  
Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld

- Panelists:**
- *The last Bulwark of the Christian Occident? Religion and the new Right Wing Populism in Europe and the U.S.*  
Tobias Cremer, Cambridge University
  - *The European Migration Crises: Searching for the Roots of Xenophobia*  
Olga Iakimova, Ural Federal University
  - *Anti-migrant discourses*  
Stewart Kerr, Trinity College Dublin Irish School of Ecumenics
  - *Islamophobia in the heart of Budapest*  
Melinda Olcsváry, CultureJam

### 12. Religious Leaders and Worship Prayers in Emigration – Subsession II

#### Parallel Session 3D

Room F4

16:45 – 18:15 Chair:  
Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University

- Panelists:**
- *Mosques as symbols of cultural and religious plurality in contemporary Greek society*  
Venetia Evergeti, University of Surrey
  - *Migration in Greece, the Orthodox Church and the managing of religious pluralism*  
Niki Papageorgiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
  - *God's invisible hand: ethnic Christian Churches as vehicles of immigrants' integration*  
Maurizio Ambrosini, Paola Bonizzoni and Samuele Davide Molli, University of Milan

18:30 – 19:30 **RN34 Business Meeting** Room Sala Lauree ROSSA PICCOLA

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8:30 – 18:00 Registration

Foyer – Graduation area

### 13. Muslims on the mirror. Comparing and contrasting European countries after 2011 – Subsession I

#### Parallel Session 4A

Room F1

9:00 – 10:30 Conveners/Chair:  
Roberta Ricucci and Rosita Di Peri, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *“Brain Drain and Diaspora” in contemporary Middle East. The Arab-Islamic thought and the European “drawing power” in dialogue*  
Marco Demichelis, University of Navarra
  - *Muslims in Scotland: The Making of Community in a Post-9/11 World*  
Stefano Bonino, University of Trento
  - *Discourses of being Muslim in Hungary*  
Esra Sahin Aytar and Péter Bodor, University of ELTE
  - *Preachers or judges? Similarities and differences between the Muslim Brotherhood in Europe and Sayyid Qutb*  
Loris Botto, University of Turin

**14. Religion and Transnationalism****Parallel Session 4B**

Room F2

9:00 – 10:30 Chair:  
Olaf Müller, University of Münster

- Panelists:**
- *Tracing Religious Pluralism in Immigrant Congregations: The Case of Religiously Active Migrants in Ireland*  
Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University
  - *Religious Communities and Religious Identity: A Qualitative Study with Turkish Immigrants in Bielefeld*  
Kubra Gencal, Bielefeld University
  - *Eritrean Refugee Communities in Europe: Religion and Ethnicity as Markers of Identity Preservation*  
Abdulkader Saleh Mohammad, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Institute of African Affairs

**15. Managing Religious Pluralism in EU countries – Subsession I****Parallel Session 4C**

Room F3

9:00 – 10:30 Chair:  
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb

- Panelists:**
- *Religious pluralism, radicalisation and fundamentalism. A legal approach to the management of diversity*  
Rossella Bottoni, Catholic University of Milan  
Cristiana Cianitto, University of Milan
  - *Localized human rights and local secularism*  
Alberta Giorgi, University of Bergamo
  - *The role of religious groups and associations in integration processes. Possible form of cooperation with public powers*  
Maria Rosaria Piccinni, University of Bari
  - *Turin, a laboratory of interactions between Islamic communities and society*  
Brahim Baya, AIA – Alps Islamic Association

- *Minorities and the city. Urban governance, religious spatial strategies and the role of capitals in Turin*  
Luca Bossi, University of Turin

**16. Radicalism, jihad and foreign fighters****Parallel Session 4D**

Room F4

9:00 – 10:30 Chair:  
Anna Miglietta, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *Reading religious radicalization by Merton's strain theory*  
Stefania Tusini, University for Foreigners of Perugia
  - *Terrorism and Jihadism; clashing identities and de-radicalization in the European context*  
Kenneth Christie, Royal Roads University  
Marion Boulby, Trent University
  - *An Ecological Perspective for Exploring the Integration-Radicalization Nexus*  
Fabio Introini and Giulia Mezzetti, Catholic University of Milan

**17. Muslims on the mirror. Comparing and contrasting European countries after 2011 – Subsession II****Parallel Session 5A**

Room F2

10:45 – 12:15 Conveners/Chair:  
Roberta Ricucci and Rosita Di Peri, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *Protection of Minors and Religious Identities. Juridical problems of Islamic kafala in the context of citizenship rights*  
Germana Carobene, University of Naples Federico II
  - *Political Islam and quest for lost identity*  
Hossein Alizadeh, University of Tampere, Tampere Peace Research Institute
  - *Global perspectives on racism and racialization: an introduction*  
Dario Padovan, University of Turin  
Alfredo Alietti, University of Ferrara

**18. Religious values, norms and integration practices****Parallel Session 5B**

Room F3

10:45 – 12:15 Conveners/Chair:  
Roberta Ricucci and Valentina Moiso, University of Turin

- Panelists:**
- *Supporting ethno-religious identities and national integration. Migrant communities and their social services*  
Marc Breuer, Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine
  - *Identity formulation between Secular and Religious Laws? Syrian and Iraqi migrants between Middle East and Europe*  
Mudar Shakra, Uppsala University
  - *Becoming economic autonomy: a difficult path for (un)welcomed migrants*  
Monica Gallone, Independent Researcher
  - *Immigrants and refugees' economic socialization patterns: opportunities and difficulties in promoting financial inclusion*  
Emanuela Rinaldi, University of Udine

**19. Managing Religious Pluralism in EU countries  
– Subsession II****Parallel Session 5C**

Room F4

10:45 – 12:15 Chair:  
Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University

- Panelists:**
- *Sovereignty, National Identity, and Migration Policy*  
László Tóth-Matolcsi, University of Debrecen
  - *Islam and Prison in Italy*  
Silvia Mondino, University of Turin
  - *Assessing Successful Educational Actions (SEA)*  
Roger Campdepadros Cullèll, University of Girona  
Ana Burgués de Freitas, University of Barcelona
  - *Regional and local management of religious diversity: the case of Spain and the Observatory of Religious Pluralism*  
Eduardo J. Ruiz Vieytes, University of Deusto

**20. Identity, Religion and Ethnicity****Parallel Session 5D**

Room F5

10:45 – 12:15 Chair:  
Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld

- Panelists:**
- *I was a stranger and you welcomed me? Religious actors, integration and refugee rights in Croatia*  
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb  
Drago Župarić-Iljić, Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Zagreb
  - *Discrimination in the wedding venue business: religion or ethnicity?*  
Sarah Carol, Coco Kuipers, Milan Kaspers and Philipp Koesling, University of Cologne
  - *The Politics of Constructing Belonging in Interaction. Examples from Young Muslims Living in Zurich and Vienna*  
Cristoph Novak, University of Vienna and University of Geneva

13:00 – 14:30 **Semi-Plenary II**

Room Sala Lauree BLU GRANDE

**Roundtable on religions, migrations and human rights****21. Being Muslim and Children of Immigrants****Parallel Session 6A**

Room F1

14:30 – 16:00 Chair:  
Vladimir Kmec, Cambridge University

- Panelists:**
- *Muslim girls' social integration in European countries: Is it facilitated by sports and physical activities?*  
Stefano Martelli, University of Bologna
  - *Being Second Generation Muslim Students in Eastern Europe, in Hungary*  
Ilyas Aytar, Eötvös Lóránd University

- *Religiosity and Self-identification Processes among Visible and Non-visible Muslims. A study from Italy*  
Giulia Mezzetti, Catholic University of Milan
- *Changes in the Correlates of Religious Dietary Restrictions among the First- and Second-Generation Muslim Youth in France*  
Hiroshi Kojima, Waseda University

## 22. Public discourse and integration

### Parallel Session 6B

Room F2

14:30 – 16:00 Chair:  
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb

- Panelists:**
- *Intersections of Religion, Race, and Gender in the German Immigration debate*  
Petra Klug, Bremen University
  - *Religion and “the Other” in Italian online public discourses on European identity*  
Elizaveta Matveeva, Irkutsk State University
  - *Migration, European Identity and ‘conflict of rights’*  
Chara Karagiannopoulou, Panteion University
  - *European Migration Crisis Reflected in the Romanian Media: Playing on Nationalist Fears when Presenting Religious Identity of Migrants*  
Ana Raluca Bigu, The Center for Institutional Analysis and Development Eleutheria (CADI)

## 23. Religions and Asylum Seekers

### Parallel Session 6C

Room F3

14:30 – 16:00 Chair:  
Heidemarie Winkel, University of Bielefeld

- Panelists:**
- *Assessing Asylum Cases on Grounds of Religious Persecution*  
Alessandra Abis, Catholic University of Milan

- *Church asylum in Germany: offering semi-legal status and negotiating belief in the ‘migration crisis’*  
Magdalena Suerbaum, Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethnic Diversity  
Zeynep Yanasmayan, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
- *Religious pluralism at stake: the intersection between immigration, religion, and integration, and the new “challenges of hospitality” in European countries*  
Adelaide Madera, University of Messina

### Documentary Session:

Room F4

14:30 – 16:00 **Migrations, ethnic relations and intercultural dialogue in Italy**

Conveners/ Chair:  
Roberta Ricucci, University of Turin  
Viviana Premazzi, United Campus of Malta

16:30 – 17:45 **Closing Plenary**

Room Sala Lauree BLU GRANDE

***Pathways to citizenship: the interaction between integration and religious issues***

20:30 **Conference Dinner**  
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10:00 – 12:00 **City tour:  
The multi-faith city**



## Opening Plenary Biographies



### James A. Beckford

Fellow of the British Academy, he is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Warwick and a former President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. His main research interests are chaplaincies and relations between religion and the state. His publications include *Religion in Prison. Equal Rites in a Multi-Faith Society* (1998, with Sophie Gilliat), *Social Theory and Religion* (2003), *Muslims in Prison: Challenge and Change in Britain and France* (2005, with D. Joly and F. Khosrokhavar), *The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion* (2007, edited with N.J. Demerath III) and *Migration and Religion* (two edited volumes, 2015).



### Franco Garelli

He is former Full Professor of Sociology of Culture and Sociology of Religion at University of Turin, of which he has been as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Director of the Department of Culture, Politics and Society. He has carried out an intense program of studies and researches – organized at both national and international level – concerning two prevailing themes: the analysis of life styles and behavior models of the young in advanced modernity; and the study of the religious phenomenon in contemporary society, with particular attention to underline not only the changes that take place in the traditional religious confessions but also the new forms of religious expression and aggregation.

## Opening Plenary Biographies



### Monica Cerutti

She is Regional Minister of Piedmont, with responsibility for Equal Opportunities, Civil Rights, Right to Education, Youth Policies, Immigration, Decentralized Cooperation and Consumer Rights. Graduated in Information Sciences, she obtained a Master degree in Computer Science and Telecommunications at the Polytechnic. In 1994, she entered in politics. While involved in the creation of the Women's Ulivo Forum (left-wing-party) – of which was also a spokesperson – she developed an interest in female issues. In 2001, she was elected council member of Turin in the list of DS. She has been president of Emily Torino, the association that supports women's presence in public life as a fundamental value of democracy. She continued her activity as a council member of Turin until 2010 when was elected regional councilor for the first time. Since June 2014 she is Piedmont's regional minister.



### Emanuela C. Del Re

Currently Member of the Italian Parliament, Chamber of Deputies. From 2018 she is undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Sociologist, specialist in conflict studies, migrations, religions. Extensive researches on field with prestigious grants in the Balkans, Caucasus, Middle East (Iraq, Syria et al). Author of several publications: *Pursuing Stability and a Shared Development in Euro-Mediterranean Migrations* (2017) (with R. Larémont); *Women and Borders* (2018) (with S. Shekhawat). Author and Director of documentaries: *We, the last Christians of Iraq* (2015); *The Denied Yazidi Festival* (2013).

## Opening Plenary Biographies



### Paola Borgna

She is Full Professor of Sociology at the University of Turin, Italy, where she teaches Sociology and Sociology of Science. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology. Currently she is the vice president of Italian Sociological Association and ESA-RN27 co-coordinator. She is co-editor of "Quaderni di Sociologia". Main research area: action theory and social actor theory; sociology of the body; science, technology and society studies; public understanding of science.



### Anna Elisabetta Galeotti

She is Full Professor of Political Philosophy at the University of Eastern Piedmont, Vercelli. Her research interests range from toleration, multiculturalism, equal respect, to deception and self-deception in politics. Among her English publications: *Toleration as Recognition*, Cambridge University Press, 2002; *Self-Deception: Intentional Plan or Mental Event?* Humana Mente, 2012, *Liars or Self-Deceived. Reflection on Political Deception*, Political Studies, 2014, *Autonomy and Cultural Practices: The Risk of Double Standards*, European Journal of Political Theory, 2015.

## Semiplenaries Biographies



### Roberto Cipriani

He has a number of both theoretical and empirical studies to his credit. His main and most well-known sociological theory is "diffused religion" that is based on the processes of education, socialization and communication. Cipriani's theory is applicable equality to countries like Italy and to those contexts where a particular religion is dominant. He has conducted comparative empirical research on the relation between solidarity and community in Italy: Orune (Sardinia), Greece: Episkepsi (Corfu) and in Mexico: Nahuatzen (Michoacán). In addition, he has made research films on popular festive celebrations, especially on the Holy Week of Cerignola in Puglia ("Rossocontinuo") and in Spain ("Semana Santa en Sevilla"), on the patronal feast of a Mexican pueblo ("Las fiestas de San Luís Rey").

Cipriani was President of the Italian Sociology Association, President of the Sociology of Religion Research Committee within the International Sociological Association, and Editor-in-Chief of the journal of International Sociology. He has been President of the European Council of National Sociology Associations within the European Sociological Association.

President of the Italian Association of University Teachers, Cipriani has authored over seventy books and nine hundred publications translated in English, French, Russian, Spanish, German, Chinese, Portuguese and Basque.



### Roberta Aluffi

She is Associate Professor of Comparative Law at the Law department of the University of Turin. Her main research interests focus on family law in the Arab Countries, and the challenges faced by the European legal systems in dealing with Islamic normativity.

## Semiplenaries Biographies



### Dario Padovan

He is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Turin and is member of the Department of Culture, Politics and Society. He has been working on history of social sciences, environmental sociology, social metabolism, sustainable consumption, sociology of risk and environmental conflicts for a long time. He is coordinator of the UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development at the University of Torino. He is member of Editorial Committee of Theomai Journal (Buenos Aires), Chosmos & History (Melbourne, Australia). He is member of Esa RN 12 on "Environment and Sociology", and of RN 6 on "Sociology of Consumption". Recently is doing research on household metabolism, environmental accounting, urban metabolism regulation, circular economy, sociology of practices, energy, environmental conflicts, smart energy grids, socio-technical systems transition.



### Alfredo Alietti

Ph.D. in Sociology, he is professor of Urban Sociology at University of Ferrara. He is a member of Research Network of European Sociological Association N. 31 "Racism, Anti-Semitism and Ethnic Relations". He is co-coordinator of Laboratorio di Studi Urbani (Laboratory of Urban Studies) - Department of Humanistic Studies for promoting researches and training in urban and territorial issues. He is member of the international editorial committees of Theomai Journal, Society, Nature and Development Studies. He is member of research's group "Housing and Migration" of ISMU Foundation (Interventions and Studies on the Multietnicity). He has directed many empirical research programs on discrimination, racism, interethnic relations and anti-discrimination policies.

## Semiplenaries Biographies



### Vladimir Kmec

He is a research associate at the Von Hügel Institute at St Edmund's College and at the European Centre at the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge. As a scholar educated in sociology, politics, international relations, peace and conflict studies, anthropology, religious studies and theology, Vladimir researches various intersections of international affairs, social issues and religion, with focus on migration and religious identities in Ireland and Germany, ethnic and religious conflicts, and peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions.



### Emanuela C. Del Re

Sociologist, professor, specialist in conflict studies, migrations, religions, enabled Senior Lecturer. Jean Monnet professor at University of Sapienza of Rome (2007-2010). Coordinator of the Section Sociology of Religion of the Italian Sociological Association. Board Member of leading Scientific Associations and Journals. Founder of EPOS Intl. Negotiating Agency and creator of projects for the reconstruction of the Civil Society in conflict areas.



### Ferruccio Biolcati

He is Associate Professor of Sociology at the Department of social and political sciences of the University of Milan. He teaches courses of social research methodology and data analysis for undergraduate and graduate students. Ferruccio Biolcati serves as director of the Bachelor programme in Social sciences for globalization at the University of Milan. He has been visiting researcher at the University of Bremen, at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and at Gesis in Cologne.

## Semiplenaries Biographies



### Angela Paparusso

She is Research Fellow on "Statistical and Demographic Analysis of Migration and Integration Processes" at the Institute for Research on Population and Social Policies of the National Research Council (IRPPS-CNR). She holds a doctorate in Demography (2016) from the Doctoral School in Statistical Sciences of Sapienza University of Rome (title of the thesis: "Studying immigrant integration in Europe: civic rhetoric, citizenship policies and self-reported life satisfaction"). She graduated with honor in International Cooperation and Development, with a thesis on borders and migration in Europe that has been awarded by the Foundation "Roma Sapienza" for the "best master's degree in the discipline of Social Sciences". She was also educated at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock and the Autonomous University of Barcelona, where she obtained the "European Master in Demography" - degree of the European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD). In 2015, she has been visiting doctoral student at CERI SciencesPo. Her main research interests focus on migration and integration policies and processes at both the Italian and the European Union levels. She has developed quantitative and qualitative analyses on the effect of policies on migrants' integration.



### Maurizio Ambrosini

He is professor of Sociology of Migration at the University of Milan, and *chargé d'enseignement* at the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (France). He is also the editor of the journal "Mondi Migranti" and the Director of the Italian Summer School of Sociology of Migrations of Genoa. His handbook, *Sociologia delle migrazioni*, is adopted as the textbook in many Italian universities. In English he has published *Irregular Migration in Southern Europe* (Palgrave, 2018) and *Irregular Immigration and Invisible Welfare* (Palgrave, 2013), together with several articles in leading scientific journals.

## Closing Plenary Biographies



### Jocelyne Cesari

She holds the Chair of Religion and Politics at the University of Birmingham, UK and is Senior research fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center on Religion, Peace and World Affairs. Her work on religion, political violence and conflict resolution has garnered recognition and awards from numerous international organizations such as the Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, the Royal Society for Arts in the UK, or the European Academy of Religion (that she will preside in 2018). She is a Professorial Fellow at the Institute for Religion, Politics and Society at the Australian Catholic University. She teaches on contemporary Islam and politics at the Harvard Divinity School and directs the "Islam in the West" program.

Her most recent books are: *What is Political Islam?* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2018) *Islam, Gender and Democracy in a Comparative Perspective*, (Oxford University Press, 2017) *The Awakening of Muslim Democracy: Religion, Modernity and the State* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), and *Why the West Fears Islam: An Exploration of Islam in Western Liberal Democracies* (2013). Her book, *When Islam and Democracy Meet: Muslims in Europe and in the United States* (2006) is a reference in the study of European Islam and integration of Muslim minorities in secular democracies. She edited the 2015 Oxford *Handbook of European Islam*. She coordinates a major web resource on Islam in Europe: <http://www.euro-islam.info/>.



### Pieter Bevelander

He is professor of International Migration and Ethnic Relations at the Department of Global political studies and Director of MIM, Malmö Institute of Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University, Sweden. His main research field is international migration and different aspects of immigrant integration as well the reactions of natives towards immigrants and minorities. His latest research contains the socioeconomic and political impacts of citizenship ascension of immigrants and minorities and the labour market integration of refugees in host societies. He is currently Associated Editor of *International Migration Review* (IMR).

## Closing Plenary Biographies



### Siniša Zrinščak

Ph.D. in Sociology, he is Professor and Head of the Chair of Sociology at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, and has been since 2013 Professor of European and Comparative Social Policy at the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb. His main scientific interests include religious and social policy changes in post-communism, Church-State relations, European and comparative social policy, and gender. He served as President (2006-2014) and Vice-President (2001-2006) of the ISORECEA (International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern Europe Association), Vice-President of the International Sociological Association RC 22 (2006-2014), President (2005-2007)

and Vice-President (2007-2009, 2013-2014) of the Croatian Sociological Association, Editor-in-chief of the Croatian Journal of Social Policy (2002-2009), General Secretary of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (2013-2017), etc. Currently, he is vice-coordinator of the ESA RN34, member of the Scientific Committee of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), associate editor in the European Journal of Social Work, etc. He has been involved in several mainly international scientific projects, and has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and books.

His recent publications include: Giordan, G., Zrinščak, S. (2018) One pope, two churches: Refugees, human rights and religion in Croatia and Italy. *Social Compass*, 65(1):62-78; Zrinščak, S. (2017) *Religion, welfare and gender: the post-communist experience*. In: L. Molokotos-Liederman with A. Bäckström, G. Davie (eds.) *Religion and welfare in Europe. Gendered and minority perspectives*. Bristol, Chicago,

## Workshop Biographies



### Renato Saccone

Since 29 August 2016, he is Prefect of Turin. He served - in chronological order - in the offices of Florence, Rome-Ministry, Caserta, Massa and Carrara, again Florence, Milan, Monza and Siena. He has been head of Cabinet in the Prefectures of Massa and Carrara, Florence and Milan, where he served as vicarious prefect as well. In particular, he has handled emergencies and natural disasters, events such as the European Social Forum in Florence in 2002, programs for reception of Albanian, Kurdish, Somali, Eritrean refugees. He has been extraordinary administrator of the municipalities of Massa, Carrara, Montignoso and Cesate, president of the Electoral District Commissions of Florence and Milan; member of the Technical Secretariat of the "Milan Table"; established by D.P.C.M. on September 29, 2006; Deputy Commissioner for the nomadic emergency in Lombardy until December 2009.

Prefect since September 1, 2009, Saccone has been charged with the task of completing the offices of Monza and Brianza. He has supervised the aggregation of five Municipalities to the Province of MB and since March 25, 2011 has been appointed Prefect of Monza and Brianza. Moreover, Saccone was prefect of Siena from April 2, 2012 until his current position.



### Nicolamaria Coppola

He is Ph.D. candidate in Applied Social Sciences at La Sapienza University of Rome. He has worked on field in the Middle East, especially in Iraq, Jordan and Syria, both as research assistant of Prof. Del Re and as coordinator of projects of international cooperation

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### Maurizio Veglio

Since 2006, member of ASGI (Association of Juridical Studies on Migration), he is a lawyer specialized in immigration law. He is a lecturer at the International University College of Turin (since 2011) and collaborates with the Human Rights and Migration Law Clinic (HRMLC), thereby supervised the project "Betwixt and Between: Turin's CIE". This project investigates the conditions of foreign detainees within the Turin CPR: the establishment of the "Refugee Law clinic", which provides applicants for international protection with legal support. In addition, Veglio has launched an Observatory on Judicial Review of Migrants' Removal (Lexilium) on the activities of the Justice of Peace on the matter of immigration. He has authored several articles (in *EDAL*, *L'indice dei libri del mese*, *Persona e danno*, *Questione giustizia*, *AmeriQuests*, *Il quotidiano giuridico*, *Minorigiustizia*, *Diritto*, *Immigrazione e cittadinanza*) and, in 2014, co-authored *Lo straniero e il giudice civile*, published by UTET giuridica.



### Enza Roberta Petrillo

Human Trafficking Researcher for Save the Children, she coordinates the anti-trafficking interventions of Save the Children and edits the annual report on trafficking and the serious exploitation of minors in Europe and in Italy. She is member of the UNESCO Chair in Population, Migrations and Development at the Sapienza University of Rome. As researcher, she deals with policies and geopolitics of international migrations, and with the welcome policies' effects on vulnerable migrants. On the same topics, she collaborates with universities, international organizations, NGOs and think thank.

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### Ugo Melchionda

He is Researcher of international migration, board member of Religions for Peace-Europe and the Italian correspondent in OECD for realization of the annual International Migration Outlook. From March 2015 to April 2018, Melchionda was president of IDOS: the research centre that edits and publishes a yearly report called the Statistical Dossier on Immigration. From 2000 to 2014, he worked as project manager and specialist in economic migration at the Rome office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) when he directed international migration projects from Albania, Morocco, Moldova, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Egypt, Ghana, and Senegal to Italy. Previously he had carried out researches in Europe (Germany, France, Belgium and Great Britain), South America (Brazil, Uruguay) and Canada for FILEF (Italian Federation of Migrant Workers and Their Families); a non-profit organization that receives the requests of Italian emigrants.

## Local Committee Biographies



### Roberta Ricucci

Chair & ESA RN34 Coordinator

She is Associate Professor at the University of Turin, dept. of Culture, Politics and Society, where she teaches Sociology of Inter-ethnic Relations and Sociology of Islam. She is also senior Affiliate at the Center for the Study of Religion and Society of the University of Notre Dame (US), senior researcher and board member at FIERI - International and European Forum of Migration Research, and member of the international networks IMISCOE (international Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion). She has wide and varied experience of research on immigration issues, both at national and international levels, also as visiting research fellow in several prestigious Universities, as Princeton (US), Melbourne (Australia), McGill (Canada). Her recent research has generally been focused on the management of Islam in the diaspora countries, migration phenomena, immigrant children and their identity-building process and religiousness.



### Roberta Aluffi

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### Rosita Di Peri

She is Senior Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Turin, Department of Culture, Politics and Society. Her research interests are democracy and authoritarianism in Middle East with a focus on Lebanon and the relations between power and tourism in the Mediterranean region (with particular attention to Lebanon and Tunisia).



### Simona Taliani

Ph.D. in Anthropological Sciences, she is assistant professor at the University of Turin, where she teaches Anthropology of Childhood, she coordinates the Laboratory of Critical Anthropology of Migration and since 1996 she actively collaborates with the Frantz Fanon Center. Since 2009 she also practices as psychoanalytical psychotherapist, after four years of training at Laboratorio Freudiano (Milan/Paris). Her interest deal with immigrants' fetishes, ritual and debt, motherhood and dispossessed kinship; the transformation of the local health care system, witchcraft-substances and the social construction of children; mental health and traditional medicine. She has conducted field researches in Italy, Cameroon and Mozambique.

## Conference Staff Biographies



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### Luca Bossi

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### Giulia Marroccoli

She is Ph. D. student in Social and Political Change at the Turin and Florence Universities. She has worked in different research projects, mainly regarding Roma people and their housing trajectories, migrations flows, asylum seekers, and political refugees (with FIERI – International and European Forum of Research on Migration). Her Ph. D. project deals with middle-class migrants, investigating their paths of upward social mobility in a comparative study between Turin and Lyon.

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### **Mino Mirshahvalad**

She is Ph.D. student at the University of Turin. Her research monitors the impacts of Italian model of secularism on the religious practices of Twelver Shi'as who live in this country. Currently she is collaborating with the City of Bologna and Association Orlando on a project that promotes interreligious dialogue. Her current research interests concern different forms of secularism, historical evolution of Shi'a law and political Shi'ism.



### **Stella Pinna Pintor**

She works for the Department of Psychology at the University of Turin as a trainee and is collaborating with the Department of Culture, Politics and Society on different projects regarding integration of immigrants and asylum seekers. She studied Psychology of work and health in organizations, and her study and research interests include stereotypes and discrimination of immigrant workers, and the different strategies of diversity management applied by organizations in order to reduce these processes.

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