

International Conference
„European atomization or integration? Transborder aspects of
(mutli)pedagogy”
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Scientific Objectives of the Conference

Cultural differences have become distinctive in our contemporary everyday life, whether perceived from individual, social and state perspective, or from over-national or European angle. Hence, they significantly intersperse many areas of our life, orienting towards its efficient management. Therefore, it is worthwhile to draw scientific attention to the quality of manifested cultural differences within transborder sphere shaped by atomization and integration on the other hand, also within the framework of EU. Such perspective, oriented at communities functioning in the borderland areas, enable not only to pinpoint phenomena favouring cultural coexistence or mechanisms generating conflicts, but also the recognition of good practices within overcoming cultural differences, including adaptation in a culturally diverse society. Therefore, the scientific discourse will embrace the following:

- 1) chances of cooperation within communities of diverse cultural traditions,
- 2) conflict origins within cultural diversity,
- 3) new areas of social activity facilitating support and protection of cultural diversity,
- 4) transborder aspects of social issues,
- 5) protection and legal (European or Polish) procedures concerning foreigners,
- 6) axiology of the cultural borderland.

We also wish to make these issues a premise for a new interpretation of the disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary objectives of pedagogy.

Proposed range of the conference sub-themes

The Organizers invite to participate in discussion panels within the following 6 sub-theme sections:

Section 1: Migration and integration EU policies with its theoretical and practical implications

Section 1 tackles current situation in the EU related to migration and integration, with emphasis on the situation of migrants in the EU countries, perceived from the perspective of state and international policies, including social and cultural status of the migrants and their educational or/and professional opportunities acknowledging social, cultural and economic potential of a given country. The discussions shall also consider a wider, international perspective, allowing to explore the integration activities within given country, and EU at large. Hence, the focus of the discussions is also on innovative ideas for integration policy and constructive criticisms towards the existing legal and organizational solutions. We find disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary orientation as essential for the conceptualisation of the research area within this range.

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Section 2: Islam in Europe. Overcoming xenophobia with knowledge in the era of liquid multiculturalism and cultural racism

The first goal of Section 2 is to investigate the phenomenon of the centuries-old presence of Islam in Europe and intense (also bilateral) contacts between Muslim civilization and the Western world. One of the most significant aspects requiring conceptualization and analysis concerns the phenomenon of denying the “Islamic other” from the European *oikumene*. Hence, the emphasis will be on the presentation of the 14-centuries old Muslim civilization, including creative contribution of women and men of different cultures and religions that lived in given countries and empires of the Islamic worlds, or inhabiting the meeting points of cultures and civilizations. The second objective concerns the proposal of the principles of cooperation between various subjects within transnational structures (i.e. local, regional and global ones) in the circumstances of a risk society (Ulrich Beck), as reflected in the degradation of natural environment, mass migration, international organized crime and terrorism, financial crises, work precarisation, ghettoisation, racialising minorities, etc. Such cooperation should take place taking into account the potential process of rethinking traditional, modern idea of citizenship as the source of political subjectivity by (among others) references to the issues of “decolonisation” and “deorientalisation” of the citizenship (Engin Isin). Considering crucial part of the conference, the main results of the panel should provide foundation (or consolidation ground) for contacts between Polish and foreign scientific centres dealing with the issue of relation between the idea of global and transnational justice and the phenomena of cultural fundamentalism as well as “symbolic” exclusion (e.g. physical or system violence with Muslim and Islam as its structural and functional “victims” related to as a “strange” religion, tradition and lifestyle). Such objective of the scholars meeting will play essential part in works concentrated on publishing the study basing mostly on the session outcomes, as well as on further works embracing international comparative research on the social and potential vectors of the changes within processes of “exclusivism facing cosmopolitanism” in Europe that is subject to more and more palpable social, institutional, system and identity crisis.

Section 3: Transborder developmental paths of multicultural societies

The issues discussed within Section 3 concentrate on the analysis of the research and good practices results related to development activation of multicultural societies in transborder areas. Hence, the analyses will tackle social, political, cultural, economic and education cooperation in the cultural borderlands as well as obstacles to integration and threat of marginalization to minorities. Moreover, new activity patterns designed for culturally diverse communities within transborder aspects will be also in the focus of attention.

Section 4: Multicultural challenges for the public officers activities

Migration and the issues of social integration generate problems that concurrently provide a source of challenges for the state and international institutions. Hence, it is worthy of the attention in order to analyse theoretical, legal and methodical actions or procedures worked out while dealing with representatives of cultural minorities. The sub-theme of Section 4 is addressed to the researchers of public administration objectives and widely perceived services of the judicial system operating in culturally diverse societies. The already-existing solutions in this regard will be subject to scientific and practical exploration in order to establish the area of reflections over this, what has been already worked out and implemented, or what is still missing.

Section 5: Executive of remand and deprivation of liberty towards foreigners

The topic of Section 5 is addressed to participants dealing with the issues of penitentiary policies, particularly regarding prison services. Hence the Conference provides an opportunity for theoretical and practical discussions tackling challenges generated within social and demographical changes occurring across Europe. New expectations towards procedures and pragmatism of dealing with foreigners within Polish penal institutions refer to qualitatively new tasks accomplished at various levels of comprehension and cooperation. Apart from procedures and legal regulations, understanding of the specificity of diverse culture, tradition and socialisation is essential. Knowledge and exchange of experiences among prison service staff is of paramount importance for the quality of work with culturally diverse prisoners. Nonetheless, it also constitutes a protection against complaints concerning infringement of legal regulations, guaranteed within international resolutions.

Section 6: Interculturalism as a potential of contemporary regional and transborder education

In 1992 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe issued a Recommendation expressing an urgent need to carry out educational activities within the framework of education for freedom of thought and conscience. In such regard it is undoubtedly essential for the intercultural education to indicate and analyse educational initiatives addressed to children, teenagers and adults undertaken in multicultural societies, at regional and transborder level, as by promoting education for freedom of thought and conscience they serve the objective of shaping cultural identities concurrently protecting it from marginalization. At the same time, we wish to undertake the axiological discourse locating education for freedom of thought and conscience in a multicultural realm.

The Conference Participants

Due to multidimensional character of the discussions the Conference is addressed to the representatives of various disciplines within social sciences that explore multicultural social realities. The formula of the Sessions is also open to all those who represent practical activities in this regard, shaping and implementing the ethics of consideration for multicultural values on various social planes. International character of the Conference encourages all Participants from aboard, as the scientific potential of the discussion and analyses reach beyond state borders, as far as the idea of multicultural pedagogy does.

Timetable

1. The Application Form will be available from **20 March 2014**, active from the home page of the Institute of Pedagogy of the University of Wrocław (**www.pedagogika.uni.wroc.pl**) nauka / konferencje
2. The Applications will be accepted via emails on the basis of the Application Form. Each application accepted by the Conference Office will be confirmed via email. The deadline for applications is **30 June 2014**.

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3. The Conference Fee is 550 PLN (Or 130 €) deadline **30 August 2014**.

Please make the payment to the account number below indicating name and surname of the participant with the note: **Międzynarodowa Konferencja Wielokulturowa**.

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4. The **list of abstracts** will be published online by **30 September 2014**.
5. Information concerning acceptance of the papers, the section themes, conference organizational details and accommodation proposals will be sent to the Conference

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participants in the second announcement. The third conference announcement will provide with editorial publishing requirements for the papers.

6. The deadline for the articles sent via email is **31 December 2014**. Receipt will be confirmed via email by the Conference Secretaries. The monograph including articles positively reviewed by the review committee will be published in 2015.

7. The Conference Fee includes:

- 1) conference materials for the participants;
- 2) coffee break snacks;
- 3) two lunches and official dinner;
- 4) book review and publishing fees;
- 5) a copy of the book.