

**Does Culture Matter for Integration?  
Empirical Patterns and Regulation of Difference**

8th Annual Conference on Migration and Diversity

**Program**

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

- 16:00 Arrival at WZB / Berlin Social Science Center
- 16:30 – 16:40 **Opening statement by Ruud Koopmans**
- 16:40 – 18:00 **2<sup>nd</sup> WZB Annual Address on Migration and Diversity by Richard Alba**  
Discussant: John Mollenkopf

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

- From 9:00 Registration
- 9:45 – 10:00 Welcoming remarks
- 10.00 – 11:20 **Panel 1: Cultural antecedents and consequences of migration**  
Chair: Tamara Bogatzki
- Andrey Tibajev:**  
Social values as a pull factor for migration  
Discussant: Cynthia Feliciano
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Cultural loss among children of U.S. immigrants: From adolescence to middle adulthood  
Discussant: Andrey Tibajev
- 11:20 – 11:40 *Coffee break*

11:40 – 13:00

**Panel 2: Acculturation**

Chair: Tommaso Virgili

**Karen Phalet:**

Acculturation and national belonging: Perspectives from Muslim minority youth in Europe

Discussant: Christian Welzel

**Christian Welzel:**

Migrant acculturation to tolerance: Insights from the frontier of human emancipation

Discussant: Karen Phalet

13:00 – 14:30

*Lunch break*

14:30 – 16:30

**Panel 3: Discrimination and intergroup relations**

Chair: Gülay Türkmen

**Claudia Diehl:**

Perceived discrimination among recent immigrants: The role of physical visibility and education

Discussant: David Bartram

**Korinna Olivia Lindemann:**

Minority policies and outgroup hostility: Evidence from face veil bans

Discussant: Claudia Diehl

**David Bartram:**

Do immigrant integration policies influence subjective wellbeing among non-immigrants?

Discussant: Korinna Olivia Lindemann

16:30 – 17:00

*Coffee break*

17:00 – 18:20

**Panel 4: Gender, assimilation, value conflict**

Chair: Irene Pañeda Fernández

**Marc Helbling:**

Gender and gestures of respect: Open versus closed conflicts of values between Muslims and non-Muslims

Discussant: Eman Abdelhadi

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Marked: Why women leave Muslim communities while men stay

Discussant: Marc Helbling

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 11:20

**Panel 5: Cultural diversity and groupness**

Chair: AKM Skarpelis

**Jonas Wiedner:**

Ethno-religious minority infrastructures in Germany

Discussant: Lucas Drouhot

**Lucas Drouhot:**

Integration or fragmentation? Cultural diversity and friendship networks among European adolescents

Discussant: Jonas Wiedner

11:20 – 11:40

*Coffee break*

11:40 – 13:00

**Panel 6: Integration policies at the local level**

Chair: Johanna Hase

**Maria Schiller:**

Urban immigrant regimes: conceptualizing local actor coalitions in the governance of migration-based diversity

Discussant: Meta van der Linden

**Meta van der Linden:**

Is policy effective for refugee integration? A quasi-experiment in Rotterdam

Discussant: Maria Schiller

13:00 – 14:15

*Lunch break*

14:15 – 15:35

**Panel 7: Muslim diversities in Europe**

Chair: Eylem Kanol

**Lena Dreier:**

Integrating Islam through education? Students' perspective on Islamic theology in Germany

Discussant: Paul Statham

**Paul Statham:**

Sociological imagination deficits in survey research on people who are Muslims: why lumping “Muslims” into a single group and overfocusing on “religiosity” falls short

Discussant: Lena Dreier

15:35 – 16:00

*Coffee break*



16:00– 17:45

**Panel discussion: Integration and values—learning from practice**

Moderator: Ines Michalowski

**Katarina Niewiedzial**, Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Integration and Migration

**Ahmad Mansour**, Writer, social worker and founder of MIND prevention GmbH

**Vít Novotný**, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre for European Studies

17:45 – 18:00

**Closing statement by Ruud Koopmans**

## Keynote speaker and panel discussants

**Richard Alba** is distinguished professor emeritus of Sociology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). His teaching and research focus on race, ethnicity and migration in the United States and in Western Europe. He is the author of numerous articles and books including *Italian Americans: Into the Twilight of Ethnicity* (1985), *Ethnic Identity: The Transformation of White America* (1990), *Remaking the American Mainstream: Assimilation and Contemporary Immigration* (2003, co-authored with Victor Nee), *Blurring the Color Line: The New Chance for a More Integrated America* (2009), *The Children of Immigrants at School* (2013, co-edited with Jennifer Holdaway), *Strangers No More* (2015, co-authored with Nancy Foner), and most recently *The Great Demographic Illusion: Majority, Minority, and the Expanding American Mainstream* (2020). Alba has been elected President of the Eastern Sociological Society (1997–98) and Vice President of the American Sociological Association (2000–01). He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2017 and to the National Academy of Sciences in 2020.

**Katarina Niewiedzial** is the Commissioner for Integration and Migration of the Berlin Senate, and has previously been Commissioner for Integration of the Berlin district Pankow (2014–2019). Katarina Niewiedzial implements the policies of the Berlin Senate in cooperation with other departments and local civil society actors, with a particular emphasis on people with a migration history. Her three main goals are the struggle against racism and prejudice, a participatory approach to integration policy, and making public administration an attractive employer for everyone. A political scientist by education, Katarina Niewiedzial has previously worked in the civil society sector, for instance as CEO of the Berlin-based think tank *Das Progressive Zentrum* (“The progressive center”).

**Ahmad Mansour** is the founder and CEO of *MIND prevention*, which aims to strengthen democracy and integration by preventing Islamist extremism and antisemitism. *MIND prevention* aims to foster critical thinking and targets a variety of actors, from refugees to social workers, teachers, and security personnel. A frequent commentator in leading German newspapers, Mansour is also the author of two books: *Generation Allah: Warum wir im Kampf gegen religiösen Extremismus umdenken müssen* (2015) and *Klartext zur Integration – Gegen falsche Toleranz und Panikmache* (2018). As one of the most prominent critics of Islamism in Germany, he plays a leading role in several initiatives for reforming Islam, such as the *Muslimisches Forum Deutschland e.V.* and the *Initiative Säkularer Islam*. Mansour holds a Master of Clinical Psychology from Humboldt University Berlin.

**Vít Novotný** is senior research officer at the Martens Center, the liberal-conservative European People’s Party’s (EPP) official think tank. Novotný’s areas of expertise include migration, asylum, migrant integration, and religion in the European context. He is the editor of two multi-country volumes on European policy, *Opening the Door? Immigration and Integration in the European Union* (2012) and *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe* (2013), and has authored numerous journal articles and reports. He holds MA degrees from Charles University in Prague, the Central European University in Budapest, the California State University in East Bay, and a PhD in Government from the University of Strathclyde, UK.