

Methodological considerations in cross-comparative studies in the field of inter-ethnic relations at the neighbourhood level in European urban spaces

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Abstract

In the light of the growth in multi-disciplinary and international cooperation and networking in the social sciences, this workshop aims to explore different methodologies adopted for cross-comparative studies on cultural interactions between individuals and groups of different ethnic backgrounds, in contexts where they meet on a daily basis. The relevance of cross-comparative studies is increasingly pertinent in Europe today, especially in the light of the lack of cross-comparative statistical material, the push toward harmonising immigration policy, the increasing heterogeneity of Europe's cities and the need of the commission to monitor the state of affairs across member states. The benefits of cross-national studies are many, and have provided an analytical framework for exploring and explaining social and cultural differences in their respective contexts and determining if common causes can be found across societies for similar social phenomena. Furthermore, such studies are also valuable in their consideration of the transferability of social policies across nations. This workshop aims to address all of the above points, considering both quantitative and qualitative methodologies to analyse inter-ethnic relations in different European cities. In addition to the participation of the Geitonies research team, other contributions involving methodological questions on cross-comparative analysis on this topic are also welcomed.