

## PRE-CONFERENCE PHD WORKSHOP

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# ***INEQUALITIES OF INTEGRATION, INTEGRATION OF INEQUALITIES?***

EU-level and national policy responses to the crises in Europe have deepened inequalities across the Union. Crisis-management in Europe has seen the introduction of an austerity policy regime with exploding unemployment, especially amongst the youth, and wage reductions as some of the consequences. Austerity has made opportunities for social mobility look bleaker than ever. The implementation of austerity has also called political autonomy and democratic decision-making into question, not least in 'rescued' crisis countries.

Scholarship discusses the interface of integration and inequalities widely from two different angles: a) the unequal patterns of European integration processes themselves, and b) the extent to and dynamics by which specific forms of integration have informed or institutionalised existing inequalities.

The workshop addresses the following questions:

- How well are existing conceptualizations of European integration suited to examine the interface of integration and inequalities?
- How well can dynamics and interdependencies between integration policies and socio-economic and political (re-)distributions be captured?
- Which conceptual and methodological approaches seem most useful to study these interfaces?

Please submit to [regine.paul@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:regine.paul@uni-bielefeld.de) an application (max 750 words) with abstract, research question, methodological approach, data, challenges you face in researching inequality & integration, and key queries for faculty and peers. Funding may be available on competitive and needs bases.

**Deadline: 1st of February, 2015**

The one-day workshop offers a space for doctoral researchers to:

- 1) reflect on the questions above in close intellectual exchange with others,
- 2) receive individual feedback and advice from senior scholars on their research design, and
- 3) obtain an overview of how established European integration scholars address the interfaces between integration and inequality in their work.

The workshop will feature intense student workshop sessions in which participants will receive individual feedback on their own conceptual research design by the sessions' facilitators. They will be combined with an introductory lecture in the morning and a roundtable of senior scholars to round off the day.

#### • Speakers and Faculty •

**Workshop Faculty:** Claes Belfrage (Liverpool University), Caroline De la Porte (Roskilde University), Regine Paul (Bielefeld University), Aidan Regan (UCD) and Holly Snaith (Copenhagen University).

**Roundtable Speakers:** Alan Cafruny (Hamilton College), Ben Rosamond (Copenhagen University), Cedric Durand (University of Paris-XIII) and Jonathan Hopkin (LSE)

#### • How to apply •

We invite **application letters of no more than 750 words to be sent by 1 February 2015**. These should include information on your affiliation and degree programme, your specific area of research, main research question, key concepts used, methodological approach and data (to be) used. You should also specify key queries, puzzles and challenges you face in relation to 'inequalities and integration' within your research which you would like to receive feedback on from more senior scholars during the workshop.

Abstracts should be sent to **Regine Paul** ([regine.paul@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:regine.paul@uni-bielefeld.de)). We will select 20 suitable participants by the end of February 2015 and inform successful candidates asap.

#### • Funding •

The workshop is kindly co-sponsored by the CES and EHESS so that no extra registration fee will be incurred. Thanks to CES funds, we can offer partial travel cost reimbursements on a competitive and needs base. As we cannot offer full travel subsidies to participants, we would, however, encourage everyone to check funding support with their own institutions early on. The CES further runs a lottery of EU integration travel grants for doctoral students who work *outside* Europe and who are being accepted to present a paper in the main conference. The grant includes a conference registration fee waiver for the CES conference (check CES webpage). We would therefore recommend all applicants from outside Europe who have submitted papers to the [main conference](#) to indicate your wish to be included in the grant lottery.

We lastly draw your attention to our network's PhD paper prize 2014 (call published on our webpage) and our jiscmail list ([eigpemail@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:eigpemail@jiscmail.ac.uk)) via which all network-related news is being circulated.

**We look forward to receiving your applications.**

- Claes Belfrage, Cédric Durand and Regine Paul (organising team) -