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ABSTRACT BOOK
14. MIGRATION & ETHNICITY

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In this session we invite participants to present papers related on migration and ethnicity. The topics of the session may include:

– Integration, Settlement, Segregation (immigrants/asylum seekers/refugees)
– Housing, Family life
– Health
– Employment
– Experience of crime
– Social Mobility

ABSTRACTS:

Being German in Greece
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In 2015 Germany and German politics concerning the European Union and the European currency were discussed furiously in Greece once again. Greek protesters burning the German national flag in front of the Greek House of Parliament and Greek newspapers publishing pictures of German chancellor Angela Merkel and German finance minister Wolfgang Schäuble depicted in Nazi uniform appear to indicate that the Greek-language discourse on Germany is overwhelmingly negative. The nationalistic discourse fueled by Greek populists suggests that being a German can be a stigma in Greece. This overt hostility towards Germany inspired my qualitative study on the self-expression of German immigrants who reside permanently in Greece. The research questions are: What self-awareness of being a German is employed by German immigrants in Greece when they view themselves and when they consider themselves in face-to-face encounters with Greeks? Do they employ/exhibit any techniques to control the impressions they produce in interactions with Greeks? How does the fact that German immigrants belong to one of the most powerful nations at present effect their consideration of the stigmatizing discourse on Germany? In my contribution to the conference I want to present first study results dealing with historical blame and acceptance of populist hostility.

War, migration and ethnicity: young immigrants with war experiences in institutional care.
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The purpose of the study is (1) to analyze narratives of youth that have experienced war, taken refuge in Sweden, and taken into custody and placed in institutions; (2) to analyze the organization of work cared for youth with war experiences in institutional care. Material of the study is gathered through interviews and conversations with youngsters in institutional care with war experience and through interviews and conversations with staff who work among youth with war experiences in institutional care. The theoretical perspective is determined from an ethno-methodological influenced interactionism. Special attention will be given to the social comparisons and stories about war, migration and ethnicity, which are expressed in the interviews.

Between rights and market. The mechanisms of economization of the reception of refugees in the countries of southern Europe.
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The increased number of refugees and asylum seekers is leading to the activation of new public policies (Wihtol de Wenden 2015), in collaboration with private companies in the countries of southern Europe (Mitrovic 2015). In recent years, many public policies connected with essential public services opened to the