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The Department of Ethnocultural Policy and the Chair in International Cultural Studies at the Institute of Intercultural Studies at the Jagiellonian University

are pleased to invite you to the international conference entitled:
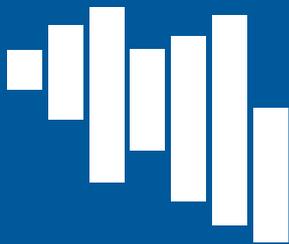
Multiculturalism - a social fact or a failed political project?

which will be held on May 22nd, 2017
in Villa Decius in Krakow

Idea

An issue of multiculturalism has become a part of the debate on 'liquid modernity', to use the term established by Zygmunt Bauman, and thus this social phenomenon has been and continues to be re-examined from the viewpoints of often opposing perspectives. Multiculturalism as an on going process has therefore its supporters and opponents, whose expressed views become incre asingly explicit. The experience of European countries related to ineffective control over the influx of asylum seekers from the Middle East - in conjunction with the lack of a clear vision on immigra tion policy in particular countries and the whole European Union - are causing a specific socio-po litical results. One of those is growing social unwillingness to support an open border policy be tween EU countries on the one hand and a compliance given to rise of right wing political parties on the other. Social attitudes that are open to diversity are pushed back by xenophobia motivated ethnic or even racial exclusion. This trend supports growing instability of the system, revealing movements contesting the pattern of competitive political process in European democracies.

At the bottom of this dynamic multicultural phenomenon we find the model of inter cultural relations that seems to be equally dynamic. This model should be managed by stable and approved legal regulations and ought to be derived from the mutual cultu ral openness. This theoretical assumption, however, is extremely difficult from the prac tical point of view even impossible to comprehend by the supporters of xenophobic views. The forthcoming months will show if xenophobic attitudes will prevail in Europe.

Problems for discussion

Themes that will be discussed and analyzed during the conference will be related to broadly understood issues of: .

1. Political aspects of multiculturalism
2. Nation state and multiculturalism
3. Multiculturalism at the local level
4. Multiculturalism- theoretical challenges
5. The positive aspects of multiculturalism
6. Crisis of „multi-culti" concept?
7. Migration and refuge
8. Media images of multiculturalism
9. Multiculturalism and hate speech
10. Multiculturalism in a creative space
11. Multiculturalism in action - the activities of NGOs

Special guest

The key note speech at the conference will be delivered by **prof. Wojciech Burszta** - cultural studies expert and cultural anthropologist.

Conference language

Conference panels will be conducted in Polish or English - depending on applications submitted and declared during the application process.

Conference calls

Submissions of abstracts (max. 1 standardized page including the title of speech, participant data: name, surname, university affiliation, degree / academic title, email address and phone number) should be sent to:

multiculturalism17@gmail.com.

Registration for the conference will be possible at:

http://www.konferencje-uj.pl/?lang=en&go2rej=1&kid=216

ogin into participants' portal is available at:

http://www.konferencje-uj.pl/?lang=en&go2logPanel=1&kid=216

Deadlines:

- March 8 - April 15 – registration

- April 15 - May 1 – providing information to successful candidates

- May 1 - May 15 – submission of payment for the conference.

Conference fee

The conference fee is 350 PLN, and it covers the following:

- conference materials

- lunch and coffee breaks

- publication of the book with speakers' contributions (after 2 positive peer-reviews)

Organizing committee

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