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Call for Papers

Migration, Media and Intercultural Dialogue

Conference 25th and 26th November 2013 Barcelona, Spain

While migration often poses the question of cultural difference, diverse forms of media play a key role in enabling representation, thus forging modes of communication. Through a focus on the role of media, this conference will explore the extent to which the latter bridges cultural differences in contexts of migration and facilitates intercultural dialogue.

Key note speakers: Iain Chambers, Professor of Cultural and Postcolonial Studies, Oriental University of Naples, Italy
Kevin Robins, Professor of Sociology, City University, London, UK

Further abstracts are sought which focus on a range of issues, both theoretical and empirical, which relate to: cultural diversity and difference, how media can mobilize societies and cultures, and the role of media in triggering migration, and connecting migrants to their homelands. This is an interdisciplinary conference. Contributions are welcomed from anthropologists, cultural theorists, economists, linguists, political theorists, sociologists, and anyone examining relevant questions.

Two events will follow the conference in which participants are welcome to participate:
- Roundtable discussion with Immigrant Press Journalists in Barcelona, organized in collaboration with Casa Asia on November 25th 2013
- Training workshop on PhD research methods organized in collaboration with CIDOB on November 27th 2013

The conference will take place at the offices of UNU-GCM, located at:
Sant Manuel Pavilion, Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, c/ Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167, 08025-Barcelona, Spain.

Please note that there is no financial assistance available for travel or accommodation.

Submission information

Abstracts for papers should be of maximum 500 words, and sent along with a biographical note of maximum 150 words to: Tendayi Bloom, bloom@unu.edu.

Abstracts for panels should be of maximum 500 words. Prospective conveners should include a biographical note of maximum 150 words for each convener and should provide a list of questions the panel will address, with a short sentence about each panel member, where known. This should be sent to: Valeria Bello, vbello@unu.edu.

The deadline is 5pm CET Friday 18th October 2013 (response by 24th October).