

**Universitas 21 Early Career Researcher Workshop:
Interculturality and Multiculturalism: the challenges for changing societies**

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 4-6th October, 2017

Synopsis

There are at least two major social contexts that bring about challenges regarding interculturality and multiculturalism in changing societies: human migration and intergroup relations involving indigenous - non-indigenous communities. These major social issues will be the key topics to address in the 2017 U21 Early Career Researcher (ECR) workshop.

First, there is no doubt that human migration has become one of the most visible and relevant social issues in recent decades (approximately 3.2% of the world's population, are defined as immigrants, that is, living in a country other than where they were born). Such massive migration flows inevitably bring members of different groups into contact with one another and such encounters will often require groups – both the migrant groups and those in the receiving society - to overcome several challenges. Immigrants will often need to learn about a new culture, probably develop a new social identity and, in some cases, face discrimination in social environments that are not always welcoming. Majority members, on the other hand, are often confronted by groups with different cultural backgrounds and practices, which they may perceive as threatening to their social identities and way of living.

A rather different but complementary social context involves indigenous - non-indigenous communities. As well documented, the relationship between ethnic groups has been hierarchically organized: dominant groups enjoy a disproportionate share of social goods in comparison to indigenous groups. There are historical-situational factors that have shaped the way in which indigenous and non-indigenous group members relate to each other. Nowadays, a major challenge that modern diverse societies face regarding indigenous communities is the need of integrating them into the society while maintaining their cultural values and salient traditions. That is why the focus of attention of social sciences has now turned to understand how perceptions (stereotypes and prejudice) and behaviours (discrimination in several forms) might shape the intergroup relations of indigenous - non-indigenous communities.

The ECR workshop will address the concepts of interculturality and multiculturalism in changing societies by stimulating discussion among participants and distinguished keynote speakers as well as academics that have developed research on these issues from diverse disciplines such as Philosophy, Social Psychology, Economy, History and Anthropology. In addition, there will be the opportunity for participants to learn about specific methodological tools involving quantitative and qualitative approaches.

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Location: Campus Casa Central, Room TBA

Tuesday October 3rd

Welcome event for delegates already in Santiago, Chile.

Wednesday October 4th

The first day of the ECR workshop will focus on understanding socio-psychological, historical, and economic factors associated to interculturality and multiculturalism. In addition, several workshops addressing methodological views will be offered to participants involving quantitative and qualitative approaches.

Morning sessions: Seminars and panel discussion related to Migration.

Seminars from leading local and international researchers. The topics will be centered in Multiculturalism: opportunities and challenges; well-being of cultural and ethnic minorities; inter-ethnic conflict between established groups and newcomers; social psychological processes in the context of multiculturalism, drawing on data from both new immigrants and indigenous people; challenges and opportunities for the migrants and for the destination countries; economic impact of migrants in the labor market; experiences of immigrants; racial discrimination, transnational connections, vertical and horizontal relationships.

Afternoon session

Community Building Activity, Pechakuchas, Workshop activities on analytical skills: Analytic Intentionality, Multilevel - Hierarchical Analyses, and Longitudinal Trajectory Analyses.

Thursday October 5th

The main focus of the second day will be on understanding the role of anthropological and philosophical aspects regarding interculturality and multiculturalism in changing societies.

Morning Session: Seminars and panel discussion related to Indigenous Communities.

The topics for this second day will be: changes in commitment and attachment to indigenous identity; minority cultural integration; policy implications; history of Mapuche communities; concepts of multiculturalism, identity, integration, assimilation and autonomy.

Afternoon Session

Poster session, Pechakuchas, 'Deep Dive' Activity (Themes for the 'Deep Dive' group discussions will be determined based on participant's research interests).

Friday October 6th

Morning Session

Joint Research Project Workshop activity

Afternoon Session

Cultural activity