Immigration and the subsequent integration of newcomers is one of the foremost challenges for Europe’s increasingly heterogeneous cities. The integration of the second generation - the children born of immigrant parentage in the country of migration - is crucial to this process, for they constitute a growing share of metropolitan youth today.

The TIES project studies the topic of integration, be it economic, social, educational, or in terms of identity. Since little internationally comparable statistical material has been gathered on the second generation, the main objective was to create the first systematic and rigorous European dataset of more than 10,000 respondents in fifteen European cities - relevant not only for a better general understanding, but also for the development of policies at all levels of government.

TIES is an international survey on the descendants of immigrants from Turkey, Ex-Yugoslavia, and Morocco in fifteen European cities in eight countries. But TIES is also the common roof for a number of related activities around research and training, transfer of knowledge, communication, and policy recommendations.

Since October 2006, the TIES project has involved twelve PhD students and two Post-docs within the framework of an EC-financed Research Training Network with the aim to produce well-trained young specialists in the field of migration and integration and publications using the dataset. They all developed their own research project within the TIES themes and will be presenting the result of three years work during the two days of the Final Conference.

PLENARY SESSION: Integration, between structure and culture

Wednesday, May 26th

16:30 Welcoming address by Patrick Simon, Coordinator of the TIES RTN
Welcoming address by Rinus Penninx, Coordinator of the IMISCOE Network

The plenary session will attempt to critically assess the often (ab)used distinction between structural and socio-cultural integration and to investigate the possibilities for transcending this dualist conceptualization of the process. By focusing on socio-cultural characteristic of immigrants (or local residents) social scientists often miss the structural conditions affecting those characteristics. On the other hand, focusing mainly on structural conditions affecting social integration, they often do not see how culture is deeply embedded in the heart of the structural arrangements of any society. Invited speakers participating on the plenary session will address these issues and try to offer their view on how to deal with this conceptual problem existing in the heart of the integration research.

17:00-18:15 Discussion among the key note speakers
Bernhard Nauck
Ruud Koopmans

19:15 – 21:00 Cocktail
Thursday, May 27th

9:00 - 10:30 - 1st session: Social relationships
Doreen Huschek, Christelle Hamel, Helga de Valk and Nadja Milewski: Union formation of Turkish second generation
Zana Vahti: Peer group and its role in the integration of second-generation Albanian teenagers
Snezana Stojčić and Dušan Ugrina: Determinants of ethnic composition of friendships among children of SSYU guest workers
Fenella Fleischmann: Integration and religion among the second generation in Europe

10:30 – 10h45 - Break

10:45 - 12:15 - Discussion
Invited speaker: Bernhard Nauck
Invited TIES guest: Russell King
Moderation: Liesbeth Heering

12:15 - 13:30 - Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 - 2nd session: Citizenship, Belonging, Return
Raquel Matias and Constanza Vera-Larrucea: Citizenship: between symbolic inclusion and substantial rights
Gerli Nimmerfeldt and Jennie Schulze: The Language of Belonging among Second-Generation Russians in Estonia
Tineke Fokkema: ‘Return’ migration intentions of second generation Moroccans and Turks across European cities

15:00 – 15:15 - Break

15:15 - 16:45 - Discussion
Invited speaker: Ruud Koopmans
Invited TIES guest: Jens Schneider
Moderation: Rosita Fibbi

19:00  Dinner for registered participants

Friday, May 28th

9:00 - 10:30 - 1st session: Education
Gülseli Baysu & Helga de Valk: School trajectories of Turkish second-generation and the majority group members in various European cities
Philipp Schnell & Maurice Crul: Family, Community and Networks of Social relations. Examining their significant role for educational outcomes of Turkish descendants across three European cities
Elif Keskiner: Transition Patterns among second generation Turks in Amsterdam and Strasbourg

10:30 – 10:45 - Break

10:45 - 12:15 – Discussion
Invited speaker: Hector Cebolla Boado
Invited TIES guest: Marie Mac Andrew
Moderation: Rosa Apparicio

12:15-13:30– Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 - 2nd session: Labor Market
Arne Saeys: Imagining diversity: second-generation filmmakers in European world cities
Laurence Lessard-Phillips: Labor market in 15 cities

15:00 – 15:15 – Break

15:15 - 16:45 - Discussion
Invited speaker: Jeffrey G. Reitz
Invited TIES guest: Patrick Simon
Moderation: Karen Phalet

16:45 – 18:00 - Round up Discussion
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