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## **Migration, Ethnicisation and the Challenge of Diversity: The “Others” in Europe and Beyond**

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In contemporary Europe, the social tensions and political passions produced by immigration are increasingly linked to issues of belonging and identity. The representation of the foreigner is no longer solely defined by his or her place on the labour market or in the social hierarchy. In light of its enlargement and due to immigration flows, European societies are increasingly questioning their cultural and « ethnic identity ». As a consequence, boundaries between ‘insiders’ and ‘outsiders’ are being redefined. The "others" in Europe are no longer merely those who do not have state citizenship of one of the member states of the Union. In the new European migration context, "otherness" increasingly refers to ethno-cultural minority groups, regardless of their EU citizenship status.

This conference aims to address the construction of identity classifications underlying new forms of inclusion and exclusion that are to be found in contemporary Europe, and beyond. Its scope covers practices of categorization and of resistance, both by majority and minority groups. Anthropologists, social psychologists, sociologists, political scientists and law scholars will meet to discuss the categorization of identity groups through legal and social norms, public policies, institutional practices, social interactions and representations, as well as actors’ mobilizations.