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- Workshop –
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## **Managing migration in a multilevel context: Local diversity policies challenges in times of crisis**

### **Standing Committee The Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policies**

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Policy and academic debates both in Europe and North America are experiencing a rising interest for local and regional-level migration and integration policies, besides the already extensive attention to national-level and European and other supranational policy developments. We are going from a state-centric framework to a multi-level framework. As a complement to this multi-level approach, two trends have to be pointed out: increasing consideration of the ‘local turn’ especially as far as integration policies are concerned, that in Europe is indicated by the active promotion of municipal networks and research programs creating a strong EU-municipal relationship; the crucial relevance, especially in federalist or quasi-federalist systems, of regional and/or state levels in the concrete management and definition of admission policies.

Cities and regions are becoming more and more an active agent drawing their own key-questions/answer to challenges related to immigration flows management, immigrants employment and reception, accommodation of cultural diversity. This latter issue appears of a particular relevance: how religious diversity, language diversity and diversity in disadvantaged neighborhoods are worked out at a local level in the context of the today economic crisis is one of the questions this workshop intends to explicitly address. On the other end, supranational levels of government such as in the first place the EU, assume an increasing prominence in the framing of immigration and integration policies through the selection of “best practices” and



their diffusion among member states. These two apparently opposite trends, involving a shifting down (to local governments) and up (to supranational authorities) of responsibilities on migration policy, clearly underly the current phase of economic crisis. More research is needed in order to find out how multilevel governance incoherencies in terms of relations between different levels of government (vertical dimension) and of relations between different policy actors (horizontal dimension) affect policymaking processes in this particularly difficult context.

The aim of this workshop is to provide an original contribution to the theorizing of the relationships between local, regional, national and supranational policies from a multi-level governance perspective taking into account the context of the economic crisis and considering both immigration and immigrant integration policies. The workshop invites conceptual as well as empirical contributions that focus on the dynamics of interaction between different levels of government and governance in the making of migration policies. Particularly welcomed is original research from PhD students addressing multilevel governance relations at a local, national and/or EU level.

Paper proposals can be sent to [fieri@fieri.it](mailto:fieri@fieri.it), before June 15<sup>th</sup>. Proposals should include an abstract of 300-400 words and a short biography of the author (and co-authors) of 150 words. The authors of the selected abstracts will be invited to submit their paper.

In case of acceptance of the paper, **presenters must register for the conference** (see details on the Conference website: <http://www.imiscoeconferences.org>). The Standing Committee on “The Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policy” will provide some support to accepted papers’ presenters, covering part of their accommodation and/or travel costs.

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