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Migration, Mixing and Ethnic Integration

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Session description

In Britain and other European countries, recent years have seen a shift in ethnic integration policy from multiculturalism to community cohesion. With this shift has come a renewed emphasis on place and residential mixing. This session explores two themes of these debates. The first theme is patterns of settlement of immigrants and their subsequent migrations that are changing sub-national ethnic geographies. What factors and processes influence these patterns of settlement and migrations? Do they differ between ethnic/migrant groups? What are their implications for ethnic integration, residentially and otherwise? The second theme of the session is the meaning of ethnic residential mixing. Is residential mixing associated with greater integration in other spheres? What are the causal connections between the residential composition of areas and structural and social integration in these locales and beyond?

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Particular topics of the session may include:

- Settlement and secondary migration of recent immigrants (e.g. EU Accession immigrants, dispersed asylum seekers/refugees)
- Internal migration patterns of ethnic groups: reinforcing or reducing residential segregation?
- Housing and migration experiences of immigrant/ethnic groups
- Differences in migration experiences for immigrant/ethnic groups for different life stage, social classes, family contexts
- Motivations for migration and characteristics of migrants
- Mapping and monitoring migration of minority groups
- The significance of ethnic residential mixing for health, employment, experience of crime, relationships, social mobility.

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