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CALL FOR PAPERS:
**THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF INTEGRATION AND CIVIC
INTEGRATION POLICIES**

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Integration and civic integration policies are increasingly used by European countries in order to cope with the consequences of increasing migration. The monitoring and evaluation of those policies stands high on the EU and the OECD agenda since the early 2000s. For instance, the EU's 2004 Common Basic Principles for Immigrant Integration Policy stress the need to develop "clear goals, indicators and evaluation mechanisms" to adjust policy, assess policy progress and facilitate the exchange of information among countries. This emphasis has resulted so far in an enhanced exchange of information across countries for the developing of integration indicators, the production of compilations of policy measures and indicators by the EU, the OECD and the International Organization for Migration (European Commission. DG Home, 2011; Eurostat, 2011; IOM, 2010; Niessen & Huddleston, 2010; OECD, 2012a, 2012b), and statistical indicators and the production of national evaluations (Clausen, 2005; De Cuyper, Lamberts, & Pauwels, 2010; Significant, 2010).

In spite of that heightened attention there are, however, some gaps in the policy and scientific literature about the monitoring and evaluation of integration policies:

- The monitoring of integration is not a straightforward process: the collection of integration indicators often depends on national definitions of the concept and may be therefore be not comparable at an international level.
- On the on the other hand, the scientific literature has mainly focused on the *philosophy* behind integration policies (assimilationism, multiculturalism) rather than on the *effects* of the evaluation of those policies. There have been little comparisons of evaluations and policy results across countries (for an exception see Rinne, 2012).

This workshop aims at addressing those gaps by means of the following questions:

- **How is integration conceptualized and measured across local, regional, national and international settings?** How can the monitoring of integration policies be rendered more feasible, from a conceptual and methodological point of view?
- **How are integration policies evaluated across EU and OECD countries?** Which evaluation standards are used at the local, regional and national level? Which methodological tools are applied? How are the evaluations conducted? How is the cause-effect relationship addressed? Which obstacles and challenges are met when conducting evaluations?
- **What are the results of integration policies across EU and OECD countries?** Which policies are successful and which unsuccessful for the social, economic and cultural integration of immigrants?

We invite **papers from all disciplines** related to immigrant integration, dealing with the monitoring and evaluation of immigrant integration policies at the local, regional, national or international level. Comparative papers are also welcome.

Participants (up to 4) will be able to briefly present their paper, which will then be commented by a discussant. Remaining time will be destined to discussion with the audience and to explore the possibility of a joint publication. Abstracts of **max. 500 words** should be send together with a brief biographical note (the participant's name, affiliation and email address) before 25 June 2013, GMT time, to montserrat.gonzalezgaribay@kuleuven.be, peter.decuypere@kuleuven.be or joan.wets@kuleuven.be.

Important dates:

15 June 2013: Deadline for submission of abstracts

30 June 2013: Notification of acceptance decisions

15 August 2013: Deadline for paper submission