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Call for Posters and “Albert Memmi Prize”

Attitudinal change towards Jews and Muslims in France in a comparative perspective

This call for posters aims at selecting the best research of young scholars (PhD students and Post-Doc fellows) in the field of the evolution and reconfiguration of prejudice towards minorities, more particularly Jews, Arabs and Muslims in contemporary France.

France stands as a particularly interesting case study because it hosts both the largest Jewish community in Europe and the largest Muslim community. The electoral rise of the National Front since the mid 80s has polarised the political debate around the issues of immigration and national identity. The questioning of the compatibility between Islam and Western values since 9/11 has also dramatically changed the way political elites frame integration and multiculturalism and spurred a reconfiguration of prejudices in the French population. The international context- with the stalemate of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Arab revolutions, the terrorist attacks linked to Islamic networks- also feeds tensions between the host society and its minorities as well as between minorities. Anti-Semitic acts have been on the rise after the Merah massacre in Toulouse (March 2012) and anti-Arab racism is spreading (the shooting of Aigues Mortes, last August).

The organization committee of the International Conference “**Attitudinal change towards Jews and Muslims in France in a comparative perspective**”, hosted at *Centre d'études européennes* of Sciences Po, Paris, 18-20 April 2013, will welcome proposals of posters reflecting innovative research on issues such as inter-groups prejudice, influence of the international context on prejudice, on the way images of Jews and Muslims in the world are projected on those living in a specific country. It can be about France or in a comparative perspective including France, and from different disciplines (political science, sociology, urban studies, psychology, history). The Conference seeks to promote a dialogue between researchers working on Muslims and Islam on the one side, Judaism and anti-Semitism on the other. The selected posters will be exposed and discussed during the conference in a dedicated session.

Proposals should provide an abstract comprised between 1000 and 1200 words, describing the problematic, theoretical framework, data, method and main findings to be presented, and include a short bio of the author(s). Each abstract will be evaluated taking into account:

- relevance and pertinence for the workshop's themes;
- quality and clarity of the research question;
- empirical qualitative or quantitative base and methodology;
- original contribution to the theoretical debate and advancement of knowledge in the field.

Abstracts and posters should be in English.

The selection committee comprises Bruno Cousin, Camille Hamidi, Nonna Mayer, Patrick Simon, Vincent Tiberj and Tommaso Vitale. Abstracts should be submitted via e-mail to nonna.mayer@sciences-po.fr, vincent.tiberj@sciences-po.fr and tommaso.vitale@sciences-po.fr by April 1st, 2013 and the decision of the selection committee will be known by April 5. Posters will be exposed and discussed on April 19 at lunchtime, but can be posted on the wall the day before.

Saturday 20th at 15:30, the selection committee will select the best poster to be awarded with the “**Albert Memmi Prize for young scholars doing research on prejudice against minorities in France**”, with €1,000 granted by the *Association Française de Science Politique*, the POLINE (Politics of Inequalities) network and Open Society Foundations.

Poster guidelines:

A common format is around 1 meter high for 70 cm wide.

This format allows to have four columns.

How to make a good poster: please take a look at

http://www.kumc.edu/SAH/OTEd/jradel/Poster_Presentations/110.html

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