

Title: **Managing “difference” in East-European TF (double session workshop)**

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Papers are welcome that focus on East-European countries aiming to discuss the similarities and dissimilarities both between EU member states such as Romania, Hungary, the Baltic countries, Poland, Bulgaria as well as non-EU countries such as Serbia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine.

“Difference” within East-European TFs can be felt in multiple senses, but in our workshop we wish to address with priority the following issues: the members of families live in several countries, while family members who are abroad are often denigrated at home, and the family must confront these accusations; through migration, some family members become a minority in the target country and often the family also needs to confront discriminating discourses against them; the children born and raised partly in the target country confront problems in integrating into the educational system abroad or, if they come back home, encounter difficulties in adapting to the home country’s educational system; many children are born outside the country and already have a double citizenship, becoming special members of the families for whom alternative life projects can be drawn; through marriage with a „foreigner” (either in the target country or with an immigrant in the home country) bi-national or ethnically mixed couples are constituted that provoke new ways of accepting otherness, the children of these couples needing the development of new educational strategies in TFs.

The following topics are especially welcome, including connected ones:

1. Establishing the way in which discrimination at home as well as abroad influences TFs, and how it is managed by them;
2. Specific situations that children from TFs face: children gliding between two or more countries; children with double citizenship; children in transnationally mixed families – and the practices families unfold in these cases;
3. The practices of families that include ethnically mixed/bi-national transnational couples.

Special consideration will be given to applications that include visual data documentation (video recording in the field, online video recording of data and photo documentation).

Having access to funding to enable it, we intend to produce a multimedia exhibition within the project. Papers will be published in the workshop’s proceedings.