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Section: ***Partecipazione e movimenti sociali***

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Workshop:

Migrants and dimensions of political participation

Convenors: *Alberta Giorgi* and *Stefania Marino*

Within the European countries, migrants have been for a long time not considered as potential citizens and were not expected to be politically active. While functional to the growth of the host countries' economies, they were denied access to political life. For this reason, the relationship between migration and political participation in the host countries has been a matter of increasing concern within the academic and political debates only in the last few decades.

Literature on migrants and political participation has engaged with a wide and multifaceted range of problems. Specific contributions are emerging for the study of particular aspects such as citizenship and migration, legal statuses of immigrants and their access to nationality, political participation, mobilization and representation of migrants within the European host countries. Within this literature, specific concern has been devoted to the interactions between religion and civic or political engagement, representation of labour rights, migration issue and political behaviour of both natives and migrants.

The workshop aims at collecting and discussing contributions exploring and explaining political participation of migrants. Precisely, proposal of papers are invited on the following topics:

- Forms of political participation of migrants: whether organized or unorganized, formal or informal, passive or active.
- Ways of interaction between well-established political movements and institutions and migrants as political actors
- Urban conflicts in immigrants citizenship pathways: which kind of conflicts develop around migration issues and what are their outcomes (whether they support paths of migrants' inclusion).
- Intervening variables on political participation of migrants, with specific focus on the possible relevance of cultural, political, and religious identities and their reciprocal interaction; political and discursive opportunity structure; labelling processes and effects on migrants political participation
- Outcomes of migrants' political participation on: migrants themselves, communities, political parties, social movements and society as large.

Papers proposals should be around 750 words. Researchers working in this field, including doctoral level students are invited to submit their research papers, possibly at an advanced stage of elaboration. Papers are expected to be relevant and pertinent to the workshops' themes, focused on empirical researches, and rigorously engaged with literature and methodology.

- Paper-proposals should be sent by May 15th 2010
- Acceptance will be communicated by May 28th 2010

- Papers have to be completed and circulated by September 2nd 2010
- Final program will be defined by September 7th 2010

Please send proposals to both the two convenors:

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