



Migration and Families in Europe: National and Local Perspectives at a Time of Euroscepticism

A conference organised by the Centre on Dynamics of Ethnicity (CoDE) at The University of Manchester



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Excited of already heading to [#Manchester](#) for [#MigFamEUR](#) to be part of "Session 2 Lightning Talks" [@EthnicityUK buff.ly/2kwIC9L](#)



Rob Dolan

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[.@MMP_migration](#) analyst [@meganpassey](#) presenting and live tweeting from migration conference in Manchester today - tune in! [#MigFamEUR](#)

Caring from abroad: Educational services supporting long distance parenting between Italy and Romania - Marta Bertagnolli (University of Bologna)

Do family relations predict interethnic partnerships? The role of cohesion, affection and diversity in family - Olga Gruenwald (University of Cologne)

Mixing methods for mixed migration: reconciling the information needs of humanitarian actors and policy makers - Megan Passey (IMPACT Initiatives)

Curious of how family relations predict interethnic partnerships? I'm thrilled to present my research findings at [#MigFamEUR](#) today pic.twitter.com/lpOE7FL0Aw

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Welcome from Jackie Carter #MigFamEur pic.twitter.com/L8vW9jldLQ

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@JackieCarter - We are privileged to work on a campus with such a history of social change
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@HelgaValk Using the life course approach to study families of migrant origin in the FaMiLife project #MigFamEUR

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@HelgaValk Are changes in relationships ascribed to migration actually reflective of dynamics in country of origin? #MigFamEUR

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We need to get better at linking quantitative & qualitative data sources in migration research! Great keynote by H van de Valk #MigFamEUR pic.twitter.com/EOSiX0PHcL

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@HelgaValk Is transnational family life always temporary? Do migrant families always want to reunify quickly (or at all)? #MigFamEur



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@HelgaValk Use of retrospective longitudinal data to study transnational family life #MigFamEUR



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@HelgaValk now discussing union dissolution and residential mobility among Dutch and non-Western women #MigFamEUR



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@HelgaValk We need more dynamic studies that take the life course approach to study migration #MigFamEUR

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@HelgaValk: We need better assessment of changes over generations and cohorts
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@HelgaValk : We must assess protective and risk factors by comparing different origins and destinations #MigFamEUR

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@HelgaValk : To do this, we need comparable datasets! #MigFamEUR

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Great keynote! Dynamic research is especially missing for studies of interethnic partnerships
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Insightful talk on research gaps in family migration by Helga De Valk drawing on familifeproject.com at #MigFamEUR

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Session 1: Methods and Challenges in Researching Family Migration, chaired by @NissaFinney #MigFamEUR

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1st paper: Participatory theatre and walking methods for transformative social research with migrant families - Erene Kaptani OU [#MigFamEUR](#)

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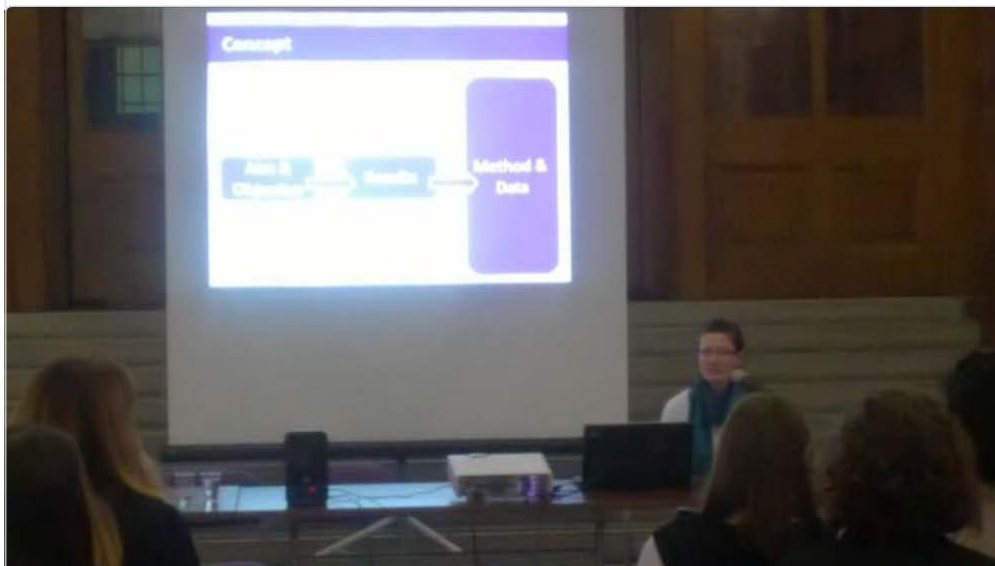
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Erene Kaptani discusses using playback theatre to research migrant families' experiences [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Tina Hannemann discussing the challenges of a six country comparison [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Tina Hannemann: 4 challenges - a) data sources; b) definitions, measures, design; c) sample sizes; d) confidentiality and access
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Today [@meganpassey](#) [@REACH_info](#) is speaking at
[#MigFamEUR](#) on mixing methods for mixed [#migration](#) - we are proud to be part of [@MMP_migration](#)

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3rd paper: Reflections on researching the settlement of EU Accession migrant families in the UK by [@LymKitty](#)
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[@LymKitty](#) : The majority of EU Accession migrants are in families, mostly young families [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Reflections on the magnitude, spread and speed of the migration of EU (A8) nationals to the UK [#MigFamEUR](#)

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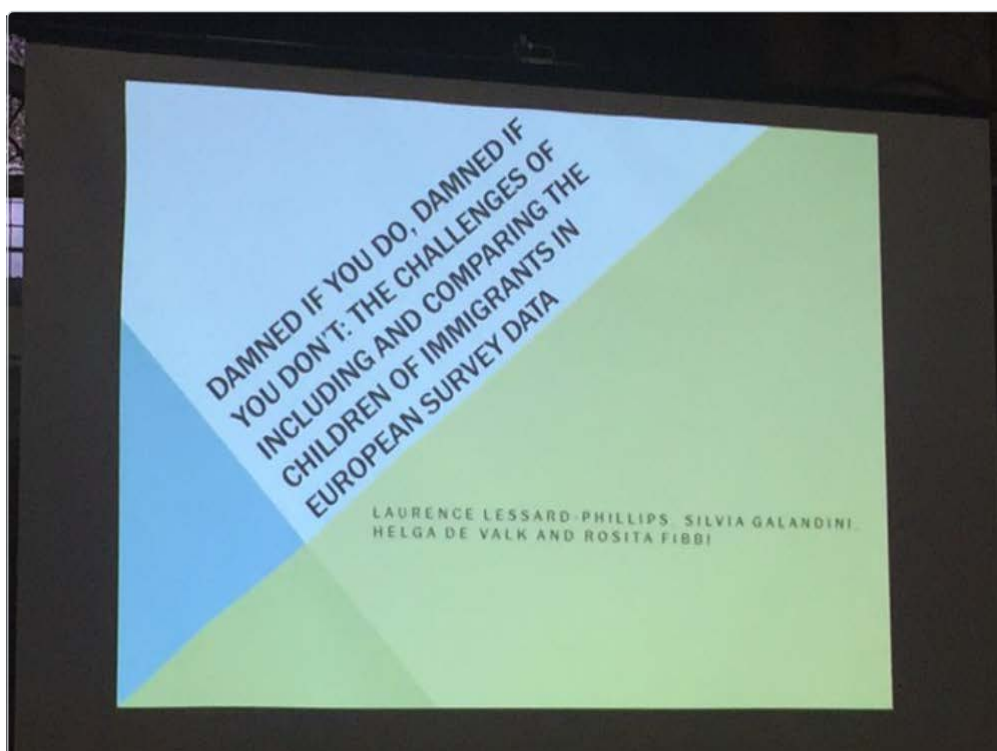
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4th paper: The challenges of including and comparing the children of immigrants in European survey data [#MigFamEUR](#)

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 FollowAuthors: Laurence Lessard-Phillips (presenter),
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Laurence Lessard Phillips discusses challenges of researching the children of migrants in European data [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Laurence Lessard-Phillips: How do we determine the level of analysis? Geographies & groups; models of comparison; scale [#MigFamEUR](#)

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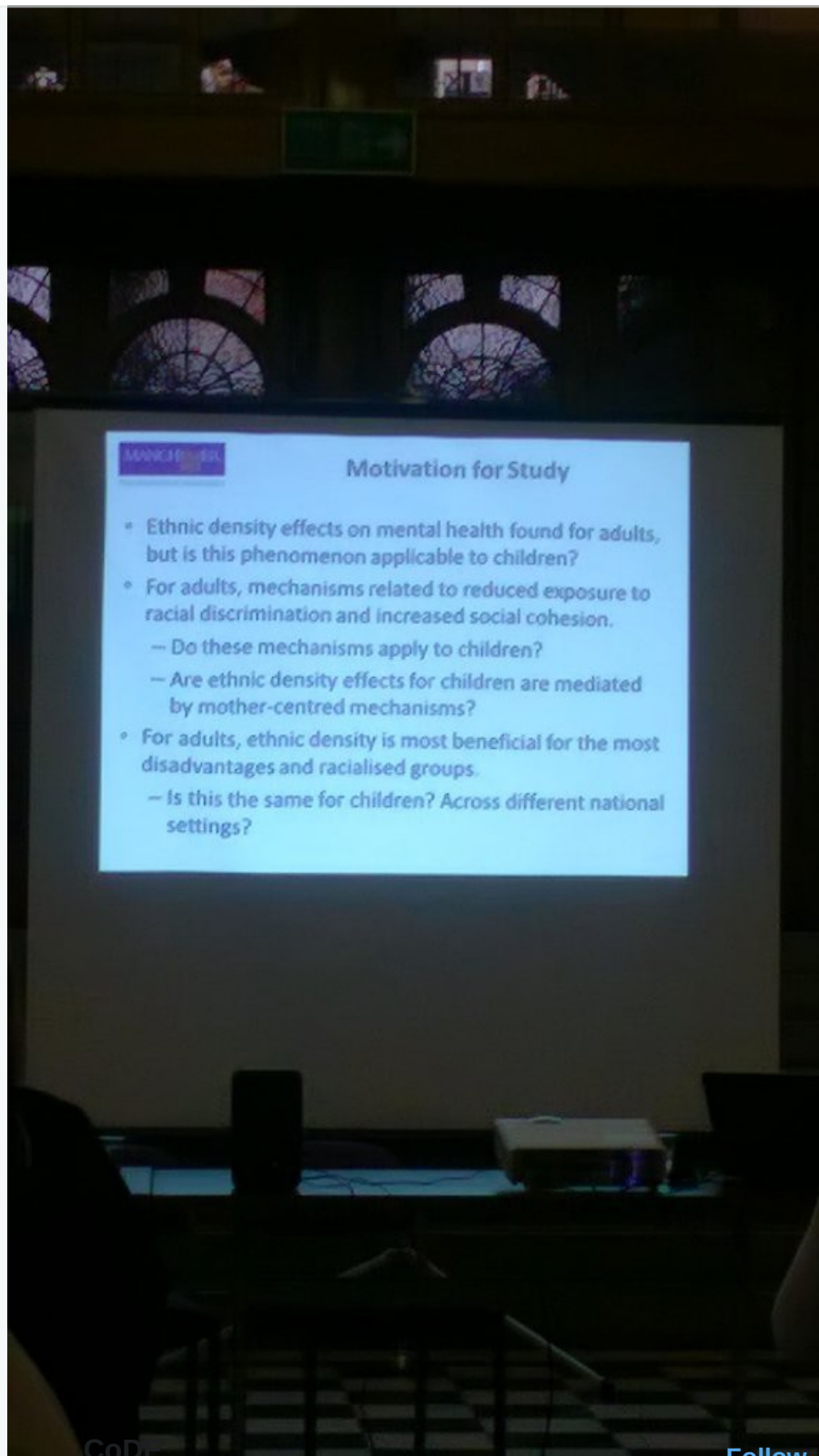
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Final paper: Challenges in researching the health of ethnic minority children: a focus on neighbourhood effects

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Research challenge #1: how do we manage the time lag in data availability when conducting policy-relevant research today?

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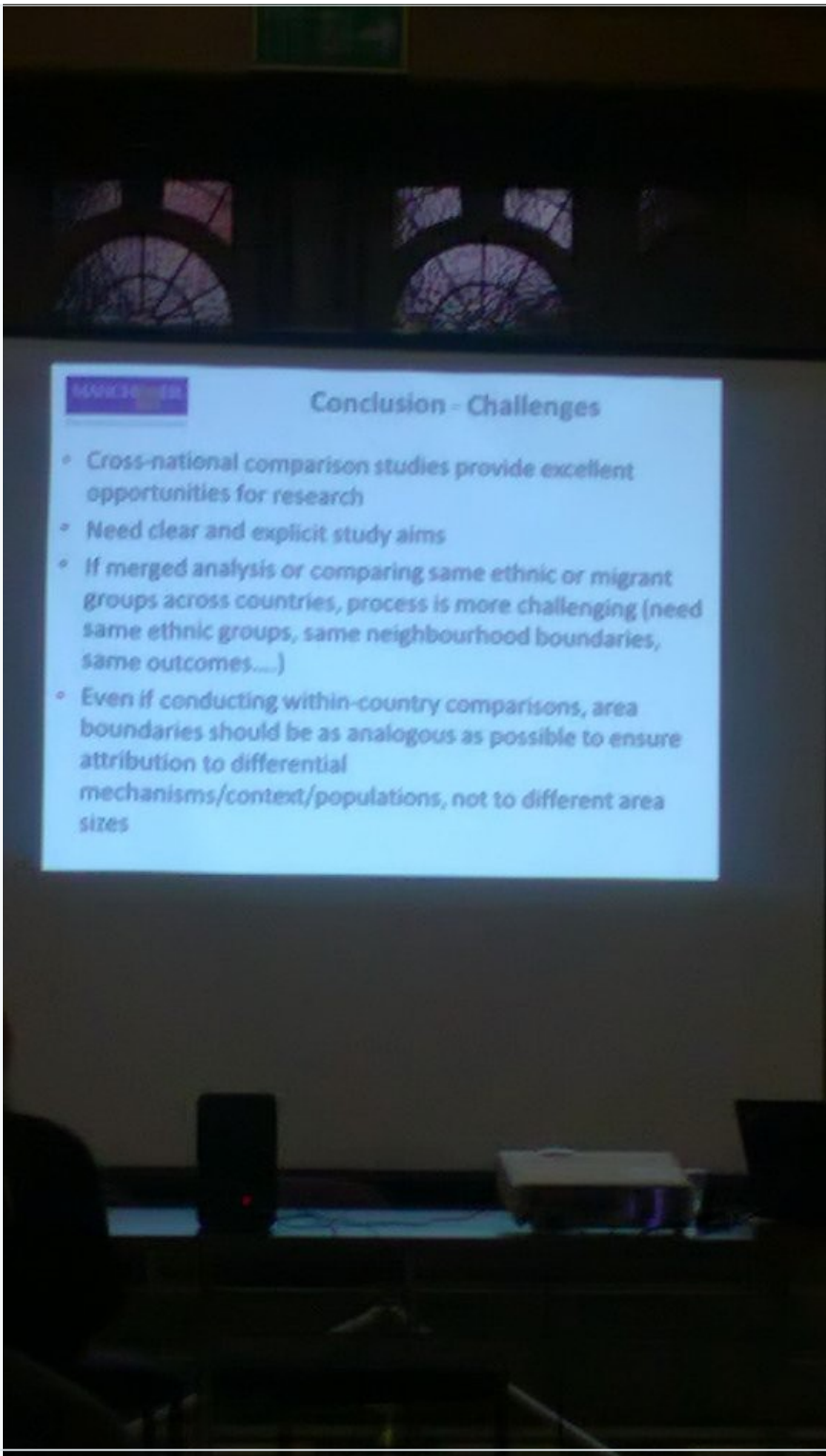
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Conclusion - Challenges

- Cross-national comparison studies provide excellent opportunities for research
- Need clear and explicit study aims
- If merged analysis or comparing same ethnic or migrant groups across countries, process is more challenging (need same ethnic groups, same neighbourhood boundaries, same outcomes....)
- Even if conducting within-country comparisons, area boundaries should be as analogous as possible to ensure attribution to differential mechanisms/context/populations, not to different area sizes

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Very good session on Methodological challenges just finishing at [#MigFamEur](#) the room we are in is also impressive

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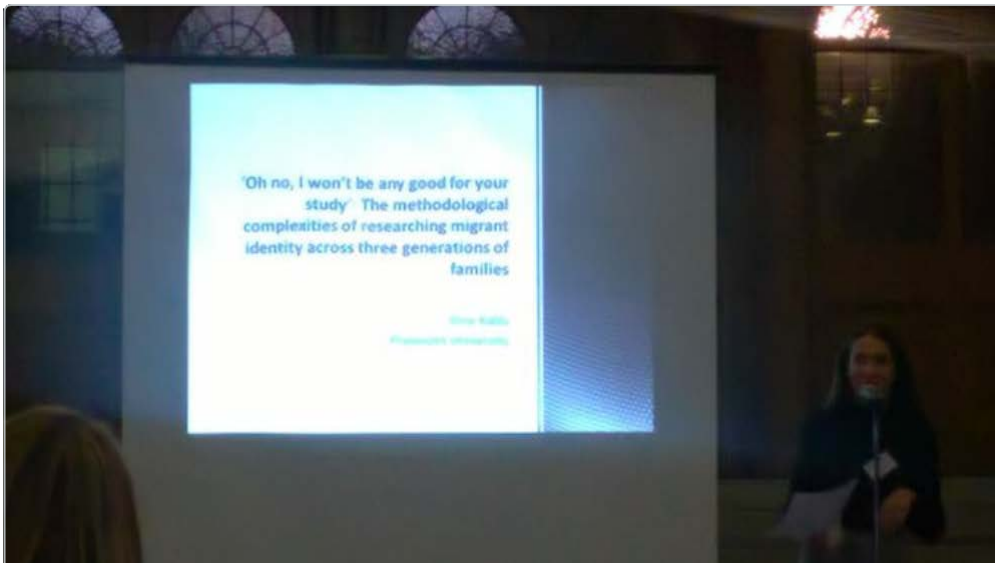
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Lightning talks! Gina Kallis speaks first #MigFamEur

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Hoayda Darkal discusses insider/outsider positionality - as an Arab female migrant who is a doctoral researcher [#MigFamEUR](#)

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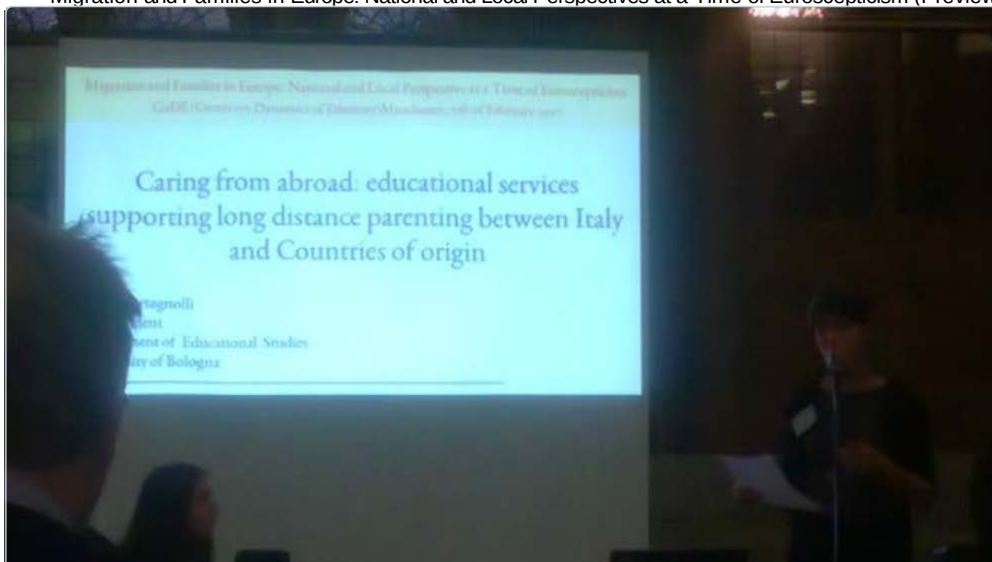
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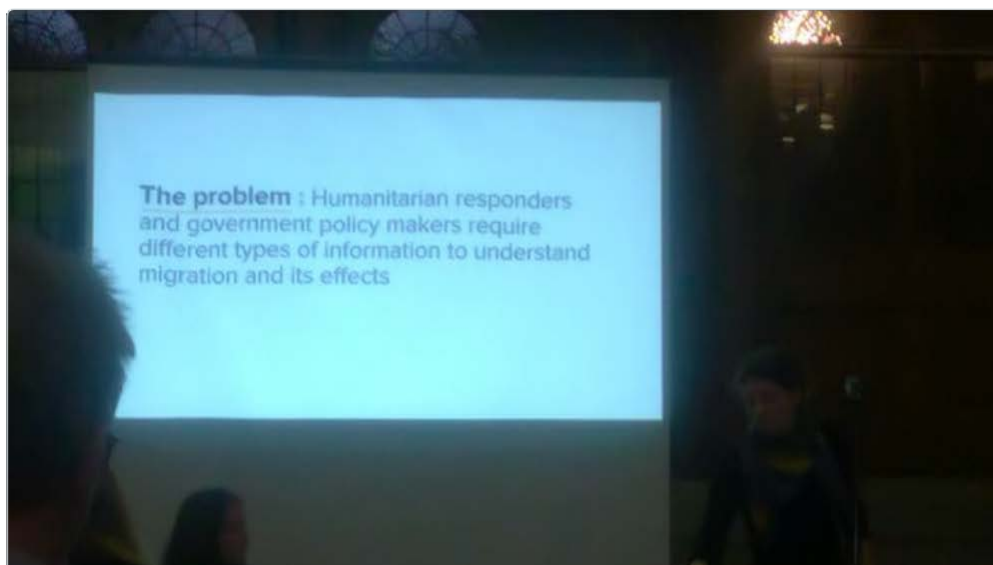
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Talk 6: Olga Gruenwald on whether family relations predict interethnic partnerships [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Talk 7: Giulia Pozzebon on Italian education services dealing with the daughters of migrant families [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Final talk: Aleksandra Jolkina on Marriages of convenience & EU free movement law [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Third panel session with [@NissaFinney](#), [@SueLukes](#), Jon Simmons, and Betty De Hart. Chaired by Saskia Bonjour. [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Panel discussion time at [#MigFamEUR](#) : articulate why we want to know what we want to know - and be aware of the potential for bias

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[@SueLukes](#) : How are we defining communities? [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Now onto the panel [#MigFamEUR](#) Betty, Nissa, Sue and John.

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[@NissaFinney](#) : What knowledge do we want to create, and why? [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Nissa Finney - we need to make clearer the epistemology position for our research [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Wondering whether QCA (Qualitative Comparative Analysis) has been applied to migration studies. Anyone know? [#MigFamEUR](#)

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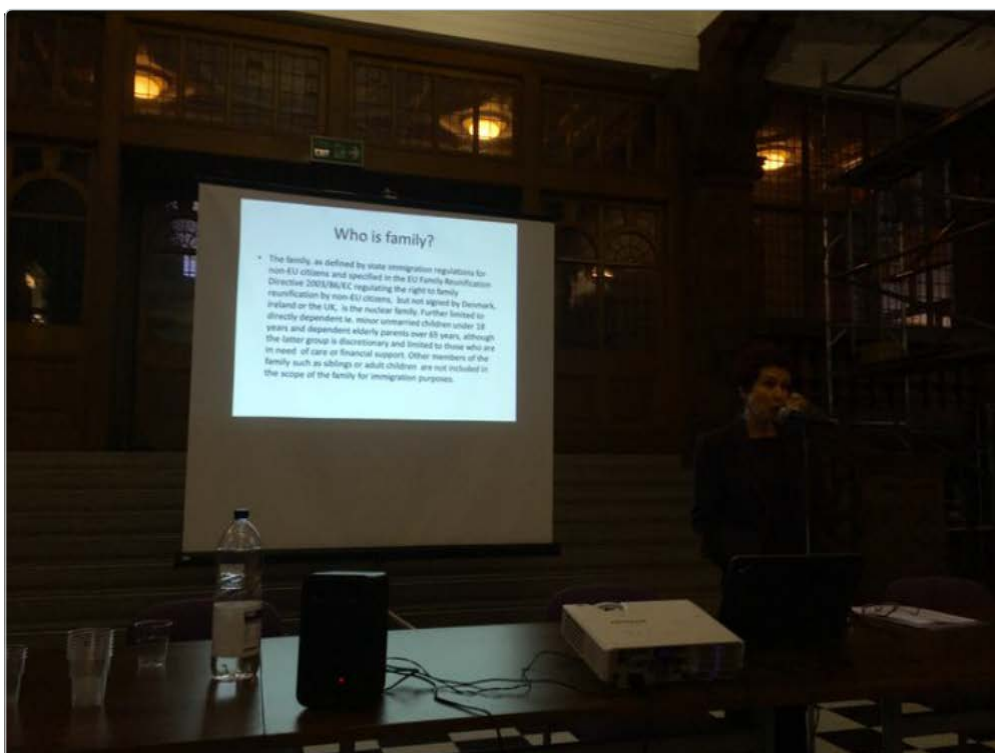
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Eleonore Kofman talking about restrictions of family members to Europe [#MigFamEUR](#)

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"For family reunification, distinction between refugee, subsidiary protection & humanitarian status is crucial"

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Great start of Day 2 #MigFamEUR with fantastic keynote talk by Eleonore Kofman!

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Betty de Hart next talking about mixed-status families

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Betty de Hart talking about methodological issues in relation to mixed-status families [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Next Irina Kuznetsova talking about necropolitics and its impact on migrant families in Russia [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Is family migration a mark of successful integration or the cause & result of failed integration?

Saskia Bonjour [#MigFamEUR](#)

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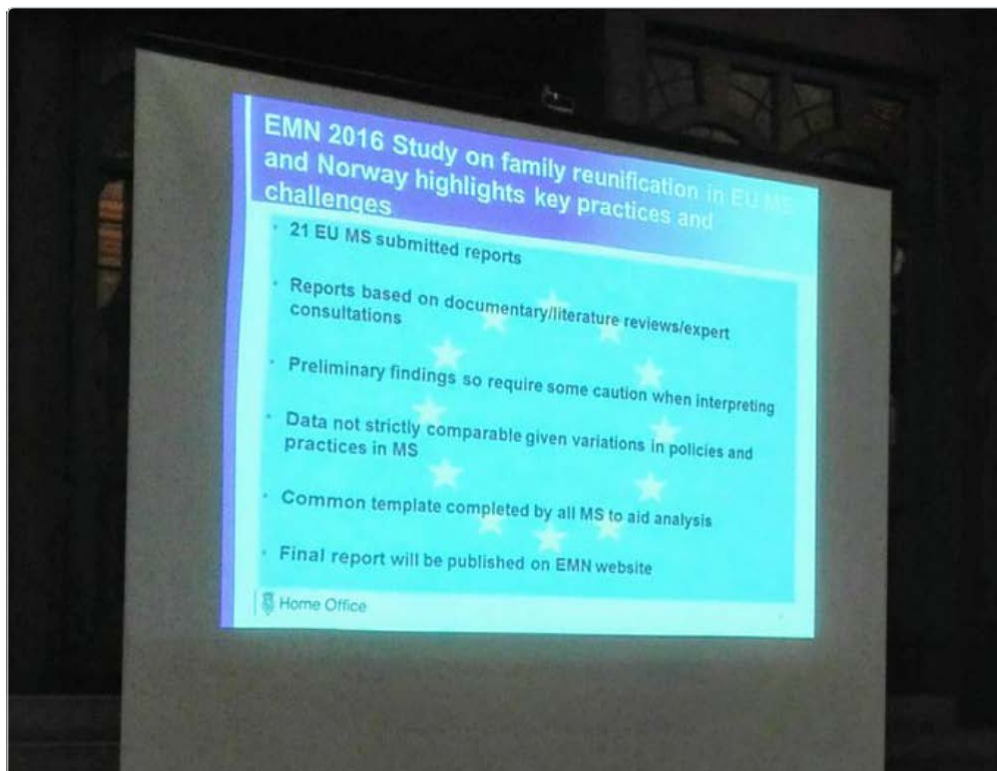
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How to support integration?

In Scandinavia evidence shows family reunification improves refugees' labour force participation [#MigFamEUR](#)

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EMN/HO study on family reunion. Couldn't resist to take photo of Home Office & EU logos on same slide [#MigFamEUR](#)

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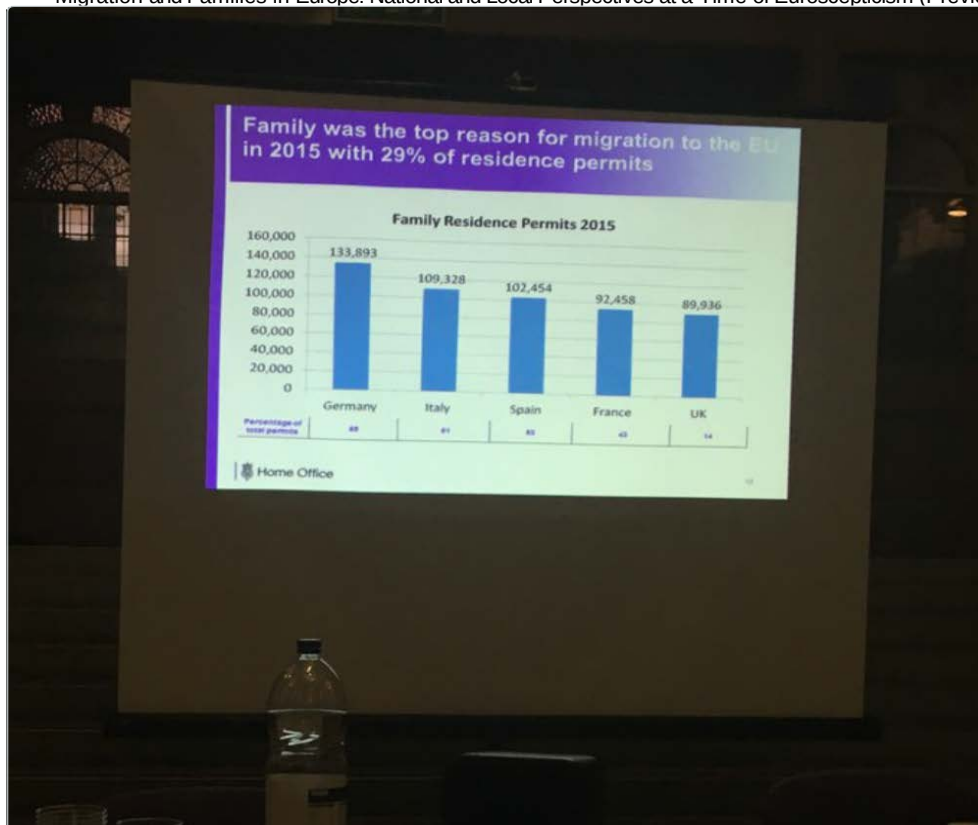
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Session 2: The making and unmaking of families - undocumented migrants, refugees and asylum seekers starting now [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Next research by the Home Office EMN on family reunification in the EU [#MigFamEUR](#)

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@Jonny_Darling @GeographyUOM talking about the UK asylum dispersal system and the ways it affects asylum seeking families #MigFamEUR

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Next Maurice Wren @refugeecouncil talking about refugee family reunion #MigFamEUR

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Important insights into policy opportunities & advocacy by Maurice Wren from [@refugeecouncil](#) @ [#MigFamEUR](#) conference

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"If you deprive refugees of legal channels for family reunion, they will look to irregular means"

M Wren [@refugeecouncil](#) [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Brilliant session, papers exploring issues and agency from fragmented asylum systems right through to intergenerational memory [#MigFamEUR](#) twitter.com/EthnicityUK/st...

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Alice Bloch [@MCRSociology](#) talking about refugee parents silences as strategies to protect children of traumatic experiences [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Last presentation of session 2:Deporting Daddy by Melanie Griffiths [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Session 3: Migrant Children just started. First speaker Louise Ryan talking about migrant children sociality and networks

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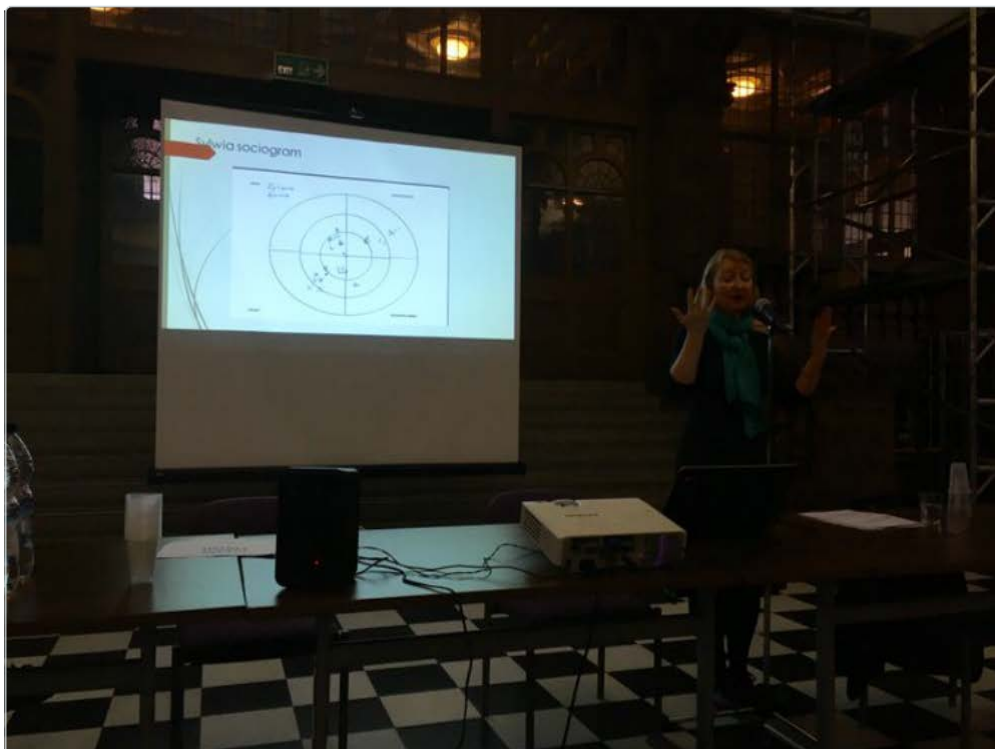
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Louise Ryan: Migrants with children build new ties but need to be careful not to conflate social networks with social capital

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Louise Ryan on using visual data to map embedding in place

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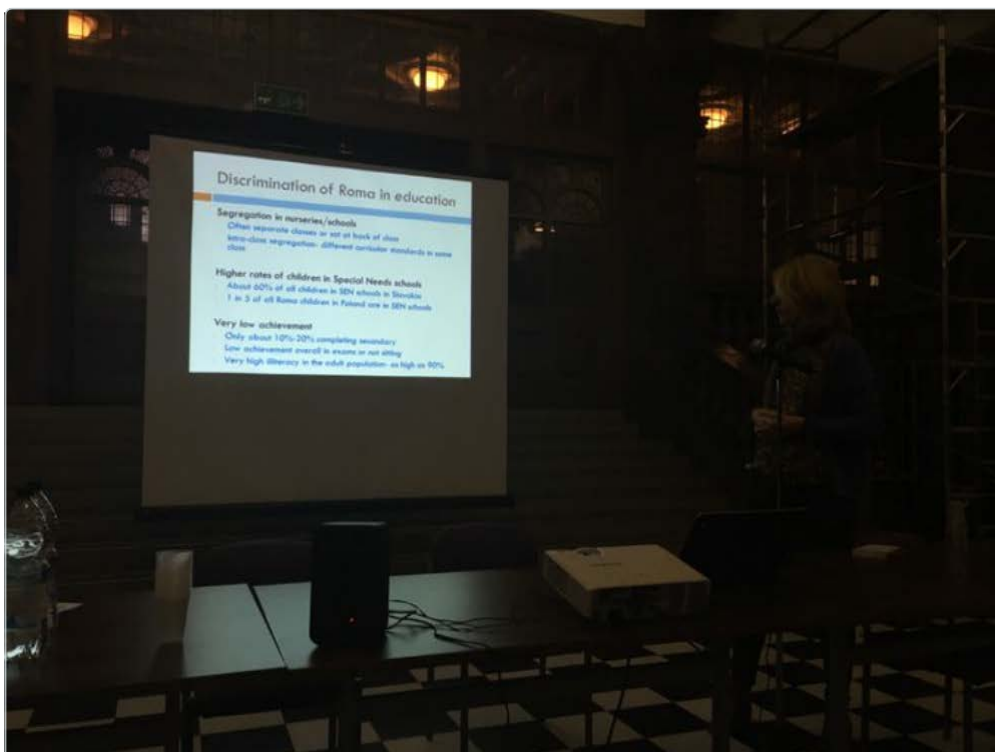


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Daniela Sime talking now about the education experiences of Roma children [#discrimination](#) [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Daniella Sime: linguistic segregation leading to further marginalisation of Roma families [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Daniela Sime: We need new ways of approaching intersections of marginalisation [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Daniela Sime identifies the need to shift the focus from ethnicity in research of Roma as a primary marker to adopting diversity

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[@nandosigona](#) [@IRiS_Birmingham](#) talking about unaccompanied asylum seeking minors in the EU [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Fascinating paper from [@nandosigona](#) on crisis as a floating signifier in the context of forced migration [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Great talk by [@nandosigona](#) on the politics of who we count, when we do it & what we call them in the 'European refugee crisis' [#MigFamEUR](#)

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Last session of the [#MigFamEUR](#) Conf 'Ageing and Migration' starting now!

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Chris Phillipson [@MICRA_Ageing](#): Need new generation of community studies to capture diverse styles of ageing
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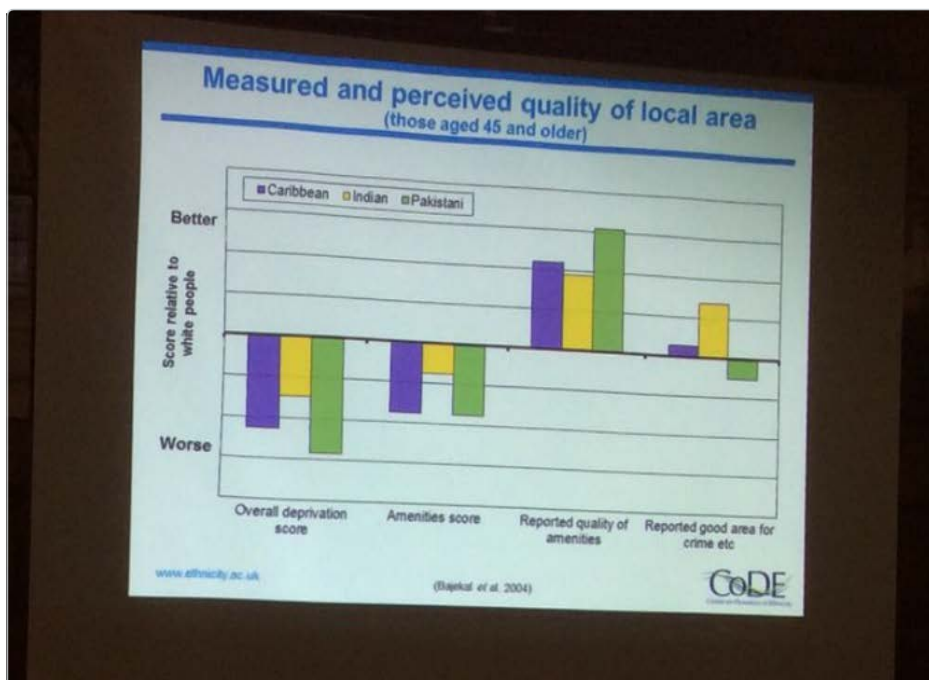
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@JamesNazroo talking about the contrast between measured and perceived quality of local area among ethnic minority groups

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A very enjoyable and informative two days of discussion at the University of Manchester. Big thank you to the organisers

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Thanks [@EthnicityUK](#) for enjoyable conference & the chance to discuss asylum seeking families & dispersal [#MigFamEUR](#)

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