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The International Conference is organized within the frame of the Erasmus+ Project KA2 (2018-2020) *Families and Schools. The Involvement of Foreign Families in Schools* which aims at analyzing, designing and evaluating the involvement of immigrant-origin families in a network of 24 schools. The project implements a strategic partnership including 3 universities, 3 inspectorates, 3 primary schools in Spain (Catalonia), Italy (Lombardy), and Luxembourg.

Disadvantaged families – and immigrant-origin parents among them – perform a poor interaction with teachers and the whole school institution due to many social, cultural, linguistic and organizational barriers. The lack of parental involvement and of ‘educational alliances’ between teachers and parents produces negative effects on student learning. On the contrary, as the sociological research highlights, there is a positive association between parental involvement and students’ achievement. Participating in school life also leads foreign parents to be better integrated at a local level. How do the schools welcome immigrant-origin parents and encourage them to participate actively? What kind of strategies they enact to sort out from social distance, tensions, and relational difficulties with disadvantaged families? And which measures do they implement to increase the parental involvement among migrants?

The International Conference aims at: 1) debating about social challenges and the empowerment of migrant families; 2) presenting results from the first phase of the Erasmus+ project (the book *Families and Schools*); 3) sharing ideas and experiences on educational practices and success stories in foreign families’ school involvement.

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### *Challenges and Proposals*

Brescia, 22-23 November 2019

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

## International Conference Programme

Aula Magna “G. Tovini”  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
Via Trieste 17, Brescia

**Friday 22 November h. 9.30-12.30**

*Welcome speech*

MONICA AMADINI, on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty,  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (UCSC)

***Disadvantaged Families and Education***

Chair: MADDALENA COLOMBO, UCSC Brescia

Keynote Speakers:

*School Involvement and Educational Alliances*

CHANTAL TIÈCHE CHRISTINAT, HEP Lausanne and LASALE

*Children's Well-being at School: the Effects of the "Family Star" Project*

GIAMPAOLO BARBETTA, UCSC Milano

*The Empowerment of Migrant Families in Multicultural Schools*

CAROLINE OLIVER, University College of London

Lunch Buffet

**h. 14.00-18.00**

***Parental Involvement in Three Countries***

*Presentation of the book «Families and Schools» (M. Macia Bordalba, N. Llevot Calvet, 2019)*

*Introductory speech*

GIUSEPPE BONELLI, Director Ufficio Scolastico Territoriale  
Brescia

Chair: DEBORA MANTOVANI, Università di Bologna

***Roundtable - Italy***

MARIAGRAZIA SANTAGATI, UCSC Milano

BIANCA GHEZA, Ufficio Scolastico Territoriale Brescia

PAOLO BARABANTI, Istituto Comprensivo Adro

***Roundtable - Spain***

JORDI GARRETA BOCHACA, Universitat de Lleida

FRANCESCA BURRIEL MANZANARES, Inspección de  
Barcelona, Generalitat de Catalunya

MAITE LAFUENTE DE DIOS, Escola Rambleta del Clot de  
Barcelona

Coffee Break

***Roundtable - Luxembourg***

DÉBORA PONCELET, Université de Luxembourg

MARC BODSON, Direction de l'Enseignement fondamental

DANI MIRKES, Campus Ecole Fondamentale Niederkorn

**Saturday 23 November**

***Educational Practices and Successful Stories with Migrant Families***

**h. 9.00-11.00 Parallel Sessions**

***A. Inside School «Bonding Strategies»***

Chair: DEBORA MANTOVANI, Università di Bologna

DAVIDE AZZOLINI, Fondazione Bruno Kessler-IRVAPP, Trento  
*Improving Migrant Children's Education. Do we now what works?*  
SERGIO ANDRÉS CABELLO, JOAQUÍN GIRÓ MIRANDA, Un. La Rioja  
*Integration of Cultural Diversity in Spain: the Case of La Rioja and the Foreign Families in Compulsory Education*  
DEBORA PONCELET, MELANIE TINNES-VIGNE, SYLVIE KERGER,  
CHRISTOPHE DIERENDONCK, Université de Luxembourg  
*Getting Involved at Preschool Child's Schooling: the Influence of Parental Role Construction and Parents' Sense of Efficacy*  
DESPINA SAGHIN, Universitatea „Ștefan cel Mare” din Suceava  
*Family Emigration and Children left in Romania: Implications for School-Family Relationship*

***B. Outside School «Bridging Strategies»***

Chair: RITA BERTOZZI, Università di Modena e Reggio  
Emilia

OLGA BERNAD, Universitat de Lleida  
*The Involvement of Parents of Immigrant-origin in Schools: Factors and Challenges to address Teachers' Training*  
GIULIA MARIA CAVALETTO, Università di Padova e di Torino,  
ROBERTA RICUCCI, Università di Torino  
*"I'm going to talk to your teacher today". Speeches and Rhetoric on the Participation of Migrant Families in School Life*  
ÀNGELS TORRELLES MONTANUY, NURIA LLEVOT CALVET,  
Universitat de Lleida  
*Communication Channels School - Families of Foreign Origin*  
FRANCESCA TOSI, ROBERTO IMPICCIATORE, Università di Bologna  
*Transnational Families and Educational Outcomes: Evidence from Immigrant Children in Italy*

**h. 11.00 Poster Session and Coffee Break**

ELISABETTA CICCARELLI, CRISTINA ZANZOTTERA, Fondazione ISMU, *School and Immigrant Families: a Possible Encounter. A Guide for Teachers*  
CONCETTA CONDOLEO, Istituto Comprensivo Roncoferraro, *Diversity as a Resource. Interreligious Intercultural Lectures led by Students*  
ALESSANDRO BOZZETTI, DEBORA MANTOVANI, Università di Bologna, *Arts Together Integrating Migrant Children at Schools through Artistic Expression*  
FEDERICA TRIMARCHI, FONDAZIONE Mondinsieme, Reggio Emilia *Empowering families and students with migrant background*  
MICHELA PAGHERA, IVANA PINA, MARIA CRISTINA SLANZI, Lab'Impact Project team, Lonato del Garda  
*On the Side: The Local Net around the Immigrant Family*

**h. 12.00-13.00**

*Concluding Remarks*

JORDI GARRETA BOCHACA, Universitat de Lleida

DÉBORA PONCELET, Université de Luxembourg

MADDALENA COLOMBO, UCSC Brescia

Lunch Buffet

**h. 15.00-18.00**

***Citizenship at Play. Emergencies and Alliances***

*Presentation of the «CIRMiB MigraREport 2019» and the Book Series «Inside Migration»*

*Welcome speech*

MARIO TACCOLINI, Pro-Rector

Chair: MADDALENA COLOMBO, UCSC Brescia

*The European Frame: Emergencies and Alliances*

NICOLA MONTAGNA, Middlesex University London

*The Migrant Population in Brescia - 2019*

FRANCESCA POZZI, UCSC Brescia

*Unexpected Outcomes in Brescia Multicultural Schools*

MARIAGRAZIA SANTAGATI, UCSC Milano

*Citizenship and Generations. Challenges for Local Contexts*

RITA BERTOZZI, Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia