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International Conference **Open Schools for a Diverse Society.** **Challenges and Proposals**

22/23 November 2019

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore,
Aula Magna, Via Trieste 17 - Brescia (ITALY)

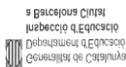
The International Conference **Open Schools for a Diverse Society** is organized within the frame of the Erasmus+ Project KA2 (2018-2020), “**Parental Involvement of Foreign Families in Schools**”, aimed at analyzing, designing and evaluating the involvement of immigrant-origin families in a network of 24 schools in three European countries. The project is implemented through a strategic partnership including 3 universities, 3 inspectorates, 3 primary schools of Spain (Catalonia), Italy (Lombardy), and Luxembourg.

On the one hand, sociological research highlights the positive association between parental involvement and students’ achievement; on the other hand, the lack of parental involvement produces negative effects on student learning. Immigrant-origin parents – like other the disadvantaged families – interact less with school than natives and face many social, cultural, linguistic, organizational barriers to participating in school life. These difficulties worsen in multicultural schools of contemporary European societies, in which teachers and parents are affected by radical transformations that have undermined their respective roles, functions and authority, with an increase of relational conflicts and tensions, and of contradictions between behaviours, social orientations, and institutional frameworks.

In this perspective, the International Conference aims at:

- 1) debating about school involvement of disadvantaged families, social challenges and the empowerment of migrant families (Plenary Session 1);
- 2) presenting results from the first phase of the Erasmus+ project, collected in a book concerning how migrant families are involved in their children education in each national and local context (Plenary Session 2);
- 3) sharing ideas and experiences on educational practices and success stories in foreign families’ school involvement (Parallel sessions).

Project website: <http://familyandschool.eu/>



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Call for papers for Parallel Sessions

“Educational practices and success stories in foreign families’ school involvement”

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9.30-12.30

The Call for papers addresses researchers and scholars, practitioners, school leaders, teachers, parents, representatives of families/teachers associations. Contributions should deal with the different dimensions of foreign families’ parental involvement, such as:

- welcoming and integration of newly-arrived migrants
- information about the educational system
- family participation in school activities
- school/parents communication
- parental support at home

The papers will be presented and discussed in two panels coordinated by experts.

- 1) **PANEL 1 - Inside school bonding strategies** (i.e. second language teaching; guidance to support school choice; plurilingualism; intercultural mediation; participation to school bodies, etc.)
- 2) **PANEL 2 - Outside school bridging strategies** (i.e. second language for parents; extra-school activities; help with homework; maintenance of mother tongue; participation of immigrant students and parents as leaders to community activities, etc.)

Research findings, in-field experiences, projects, impact assessments, theoretical reflections, practices’ narratives, and videos are welcomed. Presentations should last maximum 15 minutes and could be done in one of the following languages: Italian, French, Spanish, English.

The proposals must be written in English and sent by **the 20th of September 2019** to cirmib-bs@unicatt.it.

The proposal shall include:

- Title
- Author (s) and main affiliation
- Email address
- Preference for PANEL 1 (Inside school) or PANEL 2 (Outside school)
- Abstract (maximum 200 words) and at least 3 key words

The Scientific Committee of the Conference will select 10 papers (respecting an equal distribution among the considered countries). You will be notified about acceptance/refusal **by the 2nd of October 2019**.

We will look forward to meeting you in Brescia.

Best Regards,

The Scientific Committee

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