

Transnational seminar

FAMILIES IN MIDSTREAM

Culturally determined behaviours
that are criminally sanctioned
Attempts at an intercultural approach
in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain

PALERMO

17-18 September 2009

Palazzo Steri, Rettorato dell'Università, Piazza della Marina 61

Target participants

Coordinators and operators of public and private services, professionals who intervene with diversity families in the educational social, health, legal, associative, and cultural fields

Problems

1. In Europe, certain culturally determined behaviours (physical mutilations, honour codes, work by minors, forced marriages, physical segregation...) are criminally sanctioned or are strongly stigmatized because they violate personal integrity and individual freedom: what is the impact of current standards and intervention procedures on the persons and families involved?

2. In such cases of conflict between different cultural norms within families or between families and society, what is good for some is often not so for others: how do services reconcile the different concepts of "well-being" involved?

Can all the components of the family become involved in order to get through (ford) these particularly significant situations?

Objectives

1. Analyze the critical factors of an intercultural approach to the themes in question.
2. Exchange experience among professionals, operators of services, cultural mediators, family members.
3. Identify possible actions to improve policies for interventions with families encountering difficulties involving the aforementioned problems.

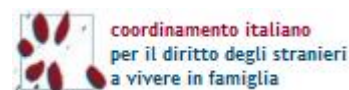
Method

1. The seminar will foster reciprocal learning among the participants, starting from practices that each has tested in various contexts.
2. Certain experts will summarize the results from the anthropological, psycho-sociological, and legal points of view.

Promoters

The seminar is organized in the context of the "Invisible Signs" project, financed by the Italian Government's Department of Rights and Equal Opportunity, carried out by Ucodep, Gea, Word in Progress, and Coordit in collaboration with the European Coordination for Foreigners' Right to Family Life and the Italian Society of Medicine and Migrations.

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PROGRAM

Working languages: Italian, French and English

FIRST PART Thursday, September 17: PROBLEM AREAS

09:00 Registration and reception of participants

09:30 Opening of the Seminar - Greetings - Presentation of activities

10:00 *Introductory communication*

Families in midstream. Accompanying the processes of identity changes of migrant families - Psychological reflections on strategic planning of social intervention
*Comm. **Gioacchino Lavanco**, University of Palermo*

10:30 *The Project*

"Invisible Signs" - Research and training in various Italian contexts on the topic of female genital mutilations

*Comm. Project scientific committee: **Maria Castiglioni, Mara Mabilia, , Edgar Serrano**, University of Padova*

(11:30 Break)

11:50 *Transnational Roundtable*

Critical elements in the approach in Europe to female genital mutilations and other culturally determined behaviours that are legally and socially sanctioned. In-depth interdisciplinary examination: legal psychological, and social aspects – *Comm.*

Omar Abdulkadir, medical doctor, Director of the Regional Centre for prevention and treatment of FGM, Tuscany – Florence

Haoua Lamine, Jurist from the Association Femmes de la Terre, Paris

Olivier Ralet, philosopher and ethno-therapist, Brussels

Elvira Mendez, General Director of the Association "Salud y Familia », Barcelone

Arif Ünal, Director of the Health-Centre for migrant women, Cologne

Discussion

(13:30 Meal)

SECOND PART Thursday, September 17: EXPERIENCES

15:00 *Group work*

Exchange of experiences with an intercultural approach to cultural conflicts faced by families seeking a new balance of identities: challenge for services and support professions.

Workshop on experiences in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain: psycho-pedagogical, socio-medical and legal .- Presentation of initiatives, strategic planning, instruments

18:00 End of group work

(18:30 Guided visit of Palermo - Dinner and socialising)

THIRD PART Friday, September 18: PROPOSALS

09:00 *Plenary Session*

Positive strategies for supporting families and helping services to act on the families' behalf

Communication of the work group results - Identification of positive strategies for social intervention - Indications and recommendations for social policies

Discussion

(11:00 Break)

11:30 Summary and conclusions - Comments and analysis of the crucial points by the experts

12:30 Closing remarks

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Logistic Information

Seminary's venue: Rettorato dell'Università, Palazzo Steri, Piazza della Marina 61 (700 meters from the Palermo Central Station)

From Punta Raisi Airport to Palermo Central Station (35 km)

A train runs between the airport and Palermo Central Station. Take the stairs to the left of the arrivals area; tickets (5.50 euros) are sold at the arrival station. Last departure from the airport at 22:05. Journey time: approximately 55 minutes.

A bus (Prestia & Comandè Company) also leaves for Palermo Central Station every 30 minutes, last departure at 24:00; the stop is 50 meters down the footpath on the right, when coming from the arrivals floor. Tickets (5.50 Euros) are sold on the bus. Journey time: approximately 50 minutes.

By taxi (ask for the journey price to Palermo downtown).

Hotels and B&B around Palazzo Steri, Piazza della Marina

HOTEL LETIZIA, 3 stars, via Bottai 30, +39091 589110,
www.hotelletizia.com; booking@hotelletizia.com
Single-bed room: 85 Euros; double-bed room: 100 Euros, per night , per room, breakfast included.

HOTEL ALESSANDRA, 2 stars, via Divisi 99, +39091 6165180
www.hotel-alessandra.it; prenotazioni@hotel-alessandra.it
Single-bed room: 40 Euros; double-bed room: 55 Euros.

HARMONY B&B, Via Lungarini 48 - +39 0916177944; +39 3389355281;
www.harmonyhotel.it
Single-bed room: 50 euros, double-bed room : 70 euros, triple bedroom: 84 euros, 2 four-bed rooms: 100 euros (per day, breakfast included).

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Profession:
Preferred languages between IT, FR, EN:
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