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Preface

Gender relations are at the core of most social, economic and political experiences. Accordingly, they have been the object of policy initiatives at national, European and international level, and became a dedicated area of research decades ago. While some 'lipservice' paid to gender-correctness may still conflict with actual practices, it is clear that 'gender-blindness' is in decline: whether one likes 'quotas' or not, these are a recognised policy option and even negotiations on EU 'key posts' consider gender balance.

A puzzle frequently arising with regard to gender research (as well as other gender-related activities) is whether one should focus on gender-specific work, or mainstream gender issues in other areas of scholarship. But this is not necessarily an 'either-or' matter; both approaches can and should be pursued: the first to avoid 'diluting' the gender dimension and grasp gender specific dynamics: the second to avoid the 'ghetto' risk of gender being a matter for 'women' or for 'lesser' scholarship.

Activities carried out in the 6th and (beginning of) 7th Framework Research Programme in the field of Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities pursued both gender-specific research as well as mainstreaming of gender issues in research related to different fields such as global governance, democracy, or conflict resolution. This is also consistent with the approach developed under the Science in Society thematic programme concerning to the gender dimension of scientific inquiry and science policy. In this respect, a wide range of activities were undertaken in order to raise awareness about issues facing women in science as well as to promote better access for women to scientific studies and career.

We hope this short compendium will be a useful reference for anyone interested in gender research and also for those still sceptical about it.

Jean-Michel BAER

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Gender-focused projects

Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations

CAHRV

Contract nº CIT2-CT-2004-506348

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The Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violation (CAHRV) focused on interpersonal violence. Violence against women is recognized as a serious challenge to democracy and social cohesion; this needs to be extended to the victimisation of men, children, elders or socially vulnerable groups. The field of interpersonal violence typifies fragmentation in addressing human rights violations. Each type of violation has been seen as a distinct concern; theoretical and practical links between the different aspects of violence have been neglected. CAHRV aimed to account for and overcome fragmentation in research, policy and practice, linking and building on networks for women, children and men. It:

- Integrated parallel research discourses on violence;
- Unified a theoretical and empirical basis for policy;
- Surveyed a wide territory with a case study approach;
- Structured co-operation through sub-networks;
- identified further sites of excellence.

From a practical perspective, CAHRV aimed to:

- Built a research foundation for recognizing good practice;
- Made standards for services and interventions available on a European level;
- Contributed to policy-related data collection;
- Improved dissemination and co-operation with NGO's, agencies and governments.

CAHRV integrated research across gender and generational divisions, connecting these with aspects of citizenship and governance. There were four sub-networks:

- Identifying and profiling victimisation;
- The roots of interpersonal violence: gendered practices, social exclusion and violation;
- Addressing gender-based human rights violations;
- Protective environmental factors securing human rights.

Each sub-network had specific work packages that contributed to the action as a whole, using its specific topical focus as the example or demonstration case. CAHRV also examined when policies and interventions were effective and what context variables needed to be considered for transfer. Cross-cutting activities such as annual conferences and high-level expert groups and an interactive web-based communication system ensured a continuing dialogue between the sub-networks.

CAHRV worked to develop sustainable structures for cooperation and dialogue. Results included:

- An overview of European research on prevalence, health and human rights impact, a design for comparative re-analysis of data, and indicators for monitoring;
- A data base and a shared methodological framework for European level research on the roots of violent behaviour;
- Research synopses on the justice system as an arena for the protection of human rights, and on evaluation of interventions and measures and their potential for transfer;
- An interdisciplinary research map on the web of protective factors in work, families and social networks. Transnational partnerships, policy papers, conferences and publications articulated a distinctively European voice in the global discussion of human rights in everyday life.

Co-ordination Action on Human Rights Violations

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Needs for Female Immigrants and their Integration in Ageing Societies FEMAGE

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The overreaching objectives were to generate knowledge about obstacles and needs for opportunity enhancement for economic and social integration of women immigrants in a life-course perspective, identify requirements for integrative interaction between immigrants and national population in the host country, build this knowledge into a platform for the policy deliberations among key policy stakeholders, and elaborate recommendations on needs for immigrants and support policies and services for their integration in view of population ageing in Europe. The comprehensive method of approach encapsulated findings from a small scale targeted survey of immigrant women, it capitalised on the already gathered but unexplored data among nationals of 5 new and 3 old Member States regarding migration and integration of immigrants, and involved the key stakeholders in the policy deliberations in view to identify challenges to integration and expected needs for future immigration policies. The project addressed directly third-country national women residing in 8 EU countries. It recorded their experiences, needs, attitudes and expectations concerning immigration and integration policies and practices and viewpoints regarding their own old age. The researchers' role was that of brokers between female immigrants, national population and the key policy actors - including social partners and NGOs working with immigrant women. The expected benefits were at the level of elaboration of facilitative measures for economic and social integration of immigrant women, mobilization of a broad population base in the host countries in view to foster better understanding of the long-term needs for migrants and their integration in ageing societies, consultations of stakeholders, and mobilization of the critical mass of institutions and researchers from 9 Member States to gain new knowledge to improve integration processes and services in the framework of the Lisbon agenda and process.

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Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe: The Impact of the Contemporary **Women's Movements**

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The strategic goal is to construct a model of gendered citizenship that can serve as a tool of analysis for policy makers, legislators and social actors, as well as the academic community. FEMCIT's model is grounded in the contributions of women's movements in developing citizenship practices and policies. Building on these, it interconnects six dimensions of citizenship, in order to construct an integrated architecture for gender-fair citizenship. In line with the requirement of Research Area 7, Topic 7.1.2, it develops new perspectives on how different and changing notions and practices of citizenship relate to gender issues in Europe's multicultural context, and explores their implications for policies. In accordance with the objective of Research Area 7, it seeks to promote citizens¿ involvement and participation in European policy making, to understand perceptions and impacts of citizenship provisions in Europe and to identify factors that allow coexistence of multiple identities.

Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe: The Impact of the Contemporary Women's Movements

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Integration of female immigrants in labour market and society. Policy assessment and policy recommendations

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This study explored and analysed the impact of integration policies, national and EU, on the position of migrant women within EU countries in the last decade, and on this basis formulated recommendations for appropriate policies that foster their integration and produce greater social cohesion. The focus is on social integration processes understood as participation, access and belonging. A central assumption was that integration policies should attend to the agency of the persons involved. The analysis of the integration processes therefore focused not only on barriers for social integration and on their removal, but also on the migration strategies and life plans of the female migrants.

The project employed a four stage analysis: first, analyzing policies affecting the integration of female migrants; second, analyzing the migration flows as well as the demand for the labour of female migrants; third, analyzing integration processes in relation to female migrants; and fourth, analyzing processes relating to the implementation of social policies. The project employed also a combination of methods. Statistical quantitative methods were used to outline the character and forms of migration, employment and stay. However, a biographically based and agency-sensitive evaluation is at the core of the analysis. On the basis of this agency-sensitive biographical evaluation of policy, the project formulated recommendations for better policies both on the national and EU level aimed at the integration of female migrants in a socially cohesive manner. The analysis covered 11 national cases that comprised typical cases in relation to migration policy (highly regulated versus unregulated immigration), in relation to welfare systems (North versus South European countries) and in relation to Members' status in the EU (old versus new Member States).

Integration of female immigrants in labour market and society. Policy assessment and policy recommendations

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Gender, migration and intercultural interactions in the Mediterranean and South East Europe: an interdisciplinary perspective

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Ge.M.IC will study "Cultural Interactions in a European Perspective" through a tripartite conceptual and methodological approach, whose aim will be to identify links between migration, gender and intercultural interaction, as it is in the meeting place of these three dimensions that some of the most important cultural developments in Europe take place.

Ge.M.IC will approach these questions from a critical perspective emphasizing in particular the impact of migrant mobility and cultural diversity on gender relations in host, transit and sending societies.

Research will be of an interdisciplinary nature in accordance with the broad range of expertise of the researchers collaborating in the project.

The organization of work will reflect the inter-ethnic and interdisciplinary character of the consortium focusing both fieldwork and analysis on six thematic areas of study, rather than on national case studies: representations of national identity and the media, education, urban social spaces and movements, religion, violence, and the family.

Ge.M.IC will generate new and important insights in these thematic areas, taking advantage of the diverse areas of expertise of different researchers and their mutual commitment to studying gender and addressing issues of gender equality as a central aspect of research.

Gender, migration and intercultural interactions in the Mediterranean and South East Europe: an interdisciplinary perspective

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Enhancing evidence based policy-making in gender and migration

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GEMMA's specific objective is to improve access to synthesised EC-funded Gender and Migration (G&M) research results for policy-makers and civil society in five countries.

This objective responds to the need for national level strategy to promote working cultures between researchers, policy-makers and civil society organisations and the need to enhance the quantity and quality of synthesised research results for policy-makers and civil society.

The expected tasks of GEMMA concern:

- a) design a policy briefing sheet template that will be used to synthesise the research results from 20 projects funded by the 5th and 6th Framework Programmes regarding G&M;
- b) organise a policy dialogue and networking workshop in each country and produce the Policy-Making and Research National Action Plans;
- c) organise validation workshops for policy briefing sheet and national action plan finalisation;
- d) horizontal analysis of the policy briefing sheet in order to identify horizontal conclusions and recommendations for the European Union, researchers, policy-makers and civil society organisatins.

The policy briefings sheet will be disseminated to at least 20 civil society organisations in each of GEMMA's five Member States. A dialogue and networking workshop with civil society will be organised in the five partner countries. A validation workshop in the five partner countries will finalise the civil society and research national action plans.

The expected results are:

- a) five national strategies developed to enhance networking and communication between, on one side, researchers and, on the other side, policy-makers and civil society organisations in the field of G&M through policy-making / civil society and research national action plans;
- b) increased systematic dissemination and valorisation of synthesised European-funded research results and related policy recommendations in G&M to policy-makers and civil society organisations in five countries and national languages.

Enhancing evidence based policy-making in gender and migration GEMMA

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The use of racial anti-discrimination laws: gender and citizenship in a multicultural context

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The aim of the research is to evaluate the effectiveness of racial discrimination laws from the point of view of the target group and in a gender perspective.

The main hypothesis is that differences can exist between the uses made of the law by men and women. This is because they develop different representations of the legal system and experience different forms of discrimination.

The second hypothesis is that intersectional experience of discrimination based on race and gender is not recognized and treated properly in legal and institutional frameworks built around single types of discrimination because discriminations are seen as one-dimensional and as affecting all people - men and women - in the same way.

The evaluation is carried out through a study of case law and filed complaints, around 200 semi-directive qualitative interviews of foreign nationals and members of ethnic minorities and 70 interviews of stakeholders and social partners, including lawyers dealing with complaints.

The goal of the project is to improve our understanding of the phenomenon of double discrimination (race and gender) and to develop practical tools to allow administrations, NGOs and specialised bodies to better assess the effectiveness of policies and practices in the field of antidiscrimination when faced with cases of double discrimination.

The use of racial anti-discrimination laws: gender and citizenship in a multicultural context

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The project identified and analysed indicators of quality of life among the population aged 65+ to reveal gender gaps and their factors. It focused on changes due to renewal of cohorts. Consideration was taken of cohorts now old (broken into age groups, given the heterogeneity of conditions at older ages) and of those who will reach old age in the next 25 years (considering the situation of persons aged 40+ in 2005), for a prognosis of trends in gender differentials and an evaluation of actions likely to reduce these gaps. Quality of life is measured on health conditions, economic resources, family situation and social integration.

On each, objective indicators of living conditions were confronted with perceptions by the persons of their own situation. It was argued that the main factors of gender gaps in well being are to be found in the life course of individuals - in particular in the way they conciliated their professional career with their family life - and in the way they have experienced some more recent key events like retirement, widowhood, health deterioration or institutionalisation. Statistical analysis of individual-level data, based on event-history methods, is to show the impact of these factors. It was also argued that gender gaps in quality of life are shaped by the socio cultural context (welfare regimes, economic circumstances, normative climate). National and EU policies play here a major role. Cross-national multilevel analysis is to evidence these mechanisms. Use is made of existing data, in particular comparative surveys recently conducted in Europe giving simultaneously indications on the well being of interviewees and their life course. Contextual information is collected for cross-country analysis. A consortium of 9 teams carried out the project, all presently active in FELICIE, a FP5 research project. A large range of competencies was covered in social and medical sciences as well as a diversity of countries in the European space.

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Quality in Gender Equality Policies

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The European Union is a multilayered, multicultural democracy based on mutual respect for its diverse peoples and cultures, introducing goals that value diversity and inclusion while counteracting hierarchies, inequalities and exclusion. At the level of its Member States, uneven struggles often diverge from this and tend to exclude and polarize, whether the focus is on race, ethnicity, religion or sexuality. Gender issues are constitutive of current European polarizations in terms of ethnicity, sexuality and religion. Innovative perspectives to address these divergences and polarizations need avoid opposing minority rights and gender equality. Gender equality policies, as the most developed policies against inequality, provide the best entrance to developing inclusive gender+ equality policies. QUING will actively bring together and construct the knowledge needed for such inclusive gender+ equality policies, by conceptualizing how technocratic tendencies can be counteracted and how attention for intersectionality can be integrated. It will also assess the current content, quality and problems of gender+ equality policies and produce recommendations and standards for gender+ training so that policy making fits active gender equal citizenship in a multicultural Europe. QUING does this through 5 integrated activities. LARG and WHY will generate and bring together new concepts, knowledge and understanding on current practices across the whole of Europe on gender equality policies. FRAGEN will provide knowledge both on the origins of gender equality policies, and their current materialization. STRIQ will provide the necessary knowledge to address gender inequality in policy making without contributing to other inequalities. Finally, OPERA is an innovative contribution to provide standards, materials and training for gender+ equality. Together the 5 activities will contribute significantly to the quality of gender+ equality policies in the EU and its candidate countries.

Quality in Gender Equality Policies

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Values, Equality and Differences in Liberal Democracies. Debates about Female Muslim Headscarves in Europe

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VEIL focused on the debates, conflicts and regulations concerning head- and body coverings of Muslim women in the public sphere, particularly in public institutions such as schools, universities and the courts. As a highly visible symbol of religious difference and conflicting values the Muslim headscarf has been the subject of heated debates across Europe and subjected to legal regulations in some European countries. One of its assumptions was that in debates about the headscarf fundamental values and norms of liberal democracies were not only renegotiated but collective identities re-constructed within the European integration process. Moreover, the issue revealed the gendered nature of values and norms that widely prevailed in liberal democracies in Europe.

VEIL compared policy and media debates in eight European countries and the European Union. The aims of the project were: first, to map out and compare the fundamental values and political principles of the main actors in the headscarf debates and second, to explain the differences and similarities in the conflicting values as expressed in the policies on Muslim headscarves. The project suggested a gender-critical frame analysis of policy documents (e.g. court verdicts, laws, parliamentary debates, media articles) using a comparative perspective for encoding values and norms.

The project also incorporated a comparative analysis, which focused on citizenship regimes and immigration policies, on gender regimes and the relationship between the state and religious communities or institutions. The innovative potential of this interdisciplinary study of religious and cultural value systems consisted in its policy-oriented social science approach and its gender-sensitive analysis of identity-building processes.

Finally, the project drafted recommendations for national and European policymakers for dealing with cultural and religious diversity.

Values, Equality and Differences in Liberal Democracies. Debates about Female Muslim Headscarves in Europe

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Welfare and Values in Europe: Transitions related to Religion, Minorities and Gender

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This project aimed to generate new insight into the religious, minority and gendered values which influence social cohesion and social change in European society. Innovative in scope and methodology, this study captured a set of complex relations between religion, minorities and gender, because it is at the juncture of these three domains that some of the sharpest transitions in value systems are taking place in Europe. WAVE was predicated on the assumption that intangible concepts such as 'cultural identities' and 'values' are understood best through the ways in which they are expressed and developed in practice. It thus examined the interaction of diverse value systems through the prism of welfare. Who provides what to whom, and for what reasons, are critical markers of the values of a given community - as are who demands what and for what reasons.

WAVE entailed in-depth qualitative research in medium-sized towns in twelve European countries. By examining social interaction in the domain of provision of basic needs, WAVE aimed to: a. assess the impact of religion in societies across Europe as a bearer of values of solidarity and social cohesion, or as a source of tension and exclusion; b. to study the values expressed by minority groups and the extent to which minorities are perceived to challenge the values and cultural identities of the local majorities (and vice versa); and c. to examine whether there are particular elements of tension or cohesion embedded in values relating to gender and to the rights and needs associated with women and with men.

WAVE suggested best practices of tolerance and social cohesion through the systematic comparison of case studies covering a broad range of majority religions, minority situations, and gender regimes. The project incorporated close interaction with stakeholders in a process of informing citizens about EU objectives related to the research as well as transmitting their views on local policies to the EU.

Welfare and Values in Europe: Transitions related to Religion, Minorities and Gender

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Projects with	a substantio	al gender d	imension

Creating Links and Overviews for a New History Research Agenda for the Citizens of a Growing Europe

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The general objective is to stimulate the unused potential that exists in the research area of history and related humanistic disciplines to give guidance and to encourage cohesion, fighting prejudice and xenophobia in all its forms. The Network aims at achieving and disseminating a greater understanding of both the actual histories and the self-representations of the past which are current in Europe today, highlighting both diversities and connections and clarifying the context of their development.

CLIOHRES.net addresses the novel historical challenges, needs and research opportunities emerging from the context of a growing Europe. In the view of the partners, this is a vital area of endeavour for strengthening the foundations of a peaceful, productive European community of citizens. Basic and unquestioned attitudes about ourselves and others are rooted in the ways that the scientific community in each country defines its research agenda. Historians create and cultivate selective views of the national or local past, which in turn underpin pervasive ideas about identities and stereotypes: national, religious, gender, political, etc. National historiographies are still largely shaped by problems and preoccupations reflecting previous political and cultural contexts. CLIOHRES.net aims to create and promote a new structure and agenda for the community of historical research, redirecting its critical efforts along more fruitful lines. The consortium is uniquely placed to accomplish its ambitious goal. It has developed as a partnership over the past fifteen years; it includes all Member States, accession countries and as well as neighbouring and third countries; it possesses an unrivalled knowledge of national and local differences in the use and abuse of history.

The Network includes six thematic groups organised to conduct research in six interlocking areas, promoting cooperation and synergy between historians, geographers, philologists, art historians and other human scientists of different national background.

Expected results (expected scientific and policy outcomes):

- 1. Increase integration of the European historiographical communities on a new critical basis,
- 2. Involve related disciplinary fields;
- 3. Carry out 6 coordinated macro-research projects on aspects of the formation and self-representation of European peoples, new perspectives, methodologies and sources;
- 4. Carry out 6 coordinated transversal research projects (on 'citizenship', 'identity', 'gender', 'migration', 'discrimination', 'tolerance');
- 5. Promote the use of categories based on connection and plurality as well as those based on division and uniqueness:
- 6. Bring the results of the Network of Excellence to bear directly on educational and research policy;
- 7. Disseminate the results both within the academic community and to a broad public;
- 8. Create the premises for on-going development of the NoE and its activities after the funding period.

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The Network aims to mobilise and develop research expertise across Europe on economic change, quality of life and social cohesion. It intends to stimulate high quality comparative European research on social cohesion and its determinants; encourage the development of additional research centres; provide an infrastructure for training the rising generation of young researchers in the skills of comparative research; and facilitate access to the most recent results of research for the wider research community and for policy makers. The central focus of the research is on social cohesion and its dependence on social differentiation, assessing the relationships between the growing importance of knowledge in the economy, the different chances that individuals and social groups experience with respect to the quality of life, and social cohesion. Within this framework it wants to make a major contribution to advancing knowledge about how factors such as employment, income, education, housing and urban conditions, and life-styles inter-relate and effect personal well-being and psychological health. It explores how far differential life chances reinforce differences between social categories - such as gender, class and ethnicity - and the role of inter-generational inheritance processes in sustaining such differences over time. It intends to assess the implications of such social inequalities and social differentiation for social cohesion at the micro, meso and macro levels, including the effects of institutional differences and the scope for policy intervention. The Network aims to mobilise leading researchers across Europe in economics, political science, social policy and sociology. Drawing upon the organisational experience acquired in a pilotnetwork (CHANGEQUAL), it brings together the expertise of several successful previous EU networks, drawing on a rich array of data from national research programmes and a European Social Survey module it participated in constructing.

Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion

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Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation: The Role of the EU GARNET

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The overall aim of this project is to develop a multi-dimensional set of integrating activities that will contribute to the development of a European Research Area for Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation via the establishment of a multi-disciplinary, European network of scientific excellence consisting of scholarly researchers, analysts and practitioners with expertise in, and commitment to: research on key issues and themes in global and regional governance and especially those elements of the global regulatory framework that (to a greater or lesser extent) structure the contemporary world system; understanding, and enhancing, the European Union's role as an actor in the contemporary global governance system. The development, in a systematic manner, as opposed to the existing ad hoc relationships of many of the network partners, of coordinated relationships with researchers in other parts of Europe and the world. The objective is to constitute a network of interdisciplinary academic research centres that can pool their competencies to produce and disseminate high quality scholarly research and act as a think-tank (virtual and actual) for the European policy community.

Institutional and political crises in the governance of the world order under conditions of globalisation are strong. They have been exacerbated by the renewed salience of the security agenda since Sept 11, 2001. Thus there is a need for European analysts and practitioners undertaking scholarly and policy oriented research into the theory and practice of global regulation across the economic and security domains to come together in a coordinated and systemic process of dialogue. By challenging fragmentation in European research in this area GARNET aims to fill this role. It will develop a multi-dimensional, multi disciplinary community of researchers and practitioners with expertise in the key areas of global and regional governance focussing on those elements of the regulatory framework-such as trade, finance, security-that structure the modern world system. Four themes will guide GARNET'S activities: (1) the theory and practice of regionalism; (2) the key institutions of the regulatory framework necessary for collective action problem solving at global and regional levels; (3) key policy issues in global governance; notably those concerned with overcoming problems in the governance of trade, finance, security, environment, technology, development, disease and public health, social reproduction and gender inequality; (4) the role of the ED in the advancement of research and policy practice in themes (1)-(3). Unlike the scholarly community in the US for example, Europe speaks with a pluralist voice on issues of governance and regulation. GARNET aspires to harness and consolidate this pluralist vitality on a continent wide scale to build a stronger, more self-consciously European research community on global governance as a precursor to improving scholarly presentation and representation, with all the attendant downstream implications for policy making that such improvements in the communication and interaction of knowledge

The network will foster researcher integration through a series of workshops and conferences on the main research themes, mobility packages for research fellows at the junior and senior levels and a biannual PhD School. In addition, the network will produce a series of scholarly outputs, including working papers, journal articles, edited collections and monographs on the issues of global governance and European regionalism, as well as a database on regional integration indicators. Garnet will also contribute to the relevant policy debates through a series of specifically targeted seminars for the policy community and the publication of policy briefs. It will also encourage interaction among policy makers, the private sector, advocacy groups and academics through annual capacity building workshops.

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International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe IMISCOE

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International migration, into and within the ED, is a fundamental issue of politics and policy today. It is set to remain so for years to come, for reasons that lie both inside and outside Europe. This will have far-reaching consequences for the Member States and for the EU as a whole - how to manage demand- and supply-driven migration, how to integrate the resident immigrants, how to adapt institutional arrangements to preserve social cohesion? To provide comprehensive theoretical and empirical knowledge that can form a reliable basis for policy, 19 established research institutes in 10 European countries are now proposing a Network of Excellence in the domain of International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE). Based on their wideranging skills and experience in international comparative research, the institutes implemented an integrated, multidisciplinary, rigorously comparative research programme, with Europe as its central focus. They brought together some 300 selected, highly qualified researchers, whose ongoing research will be integrated into the programme. In addition, they jointly launched two new strategic lines of research. Integration within the Network produced common body of knowledge, effective specialisation and an innovative division of tasks, based on the latest insights and broad multidisciplinary expertise. Special strategies were devised to engage more researchers from Central and Eastern Europe and the southern part of the Mediterranean Basin in the research programme, eventually leading to full membership in the Consortium. IMISCOE also developed programmes to spread excellence in Europe. Drawing on its significant expertise, it designed and implemented training programmes to foster research of the highest standard both within the Network and extending to all parts of Europe. It also pursued a communication and dissemination strategy to make research findings readily available to politicians, policymakers and stakeholders, as well as to the public at large.

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe

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Micro-Level Analysis of Violent Conflict

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MICROCON proposes to significantly increase knowledge in the field of conflict analysis in Europe, through the construction of an innovative micro level, interdisciplinary approach. This approach will promote in-depth understanding of individual and group interactions leading to and resulting from violent mass conflicts. The project aims to uncover much-needed fundamentals for better informed domestic, regional and international conflict policy, which places individuals and groups at the centre of their interventions. In order to achieve these aims, MICROCON builds an integrated approach, which will lay the foundations for the development of a new European interdisciplinary research agenda in conflict analysis and policy. The project entails six specific goals:

- 1. To create and develop conceptual breakthroughs in the understanding of micro level processes that lead to and result from the full cycle of conflict
- 2. To compile and collect, and develop methods for the collection of, qualitative and quantitative data on violent conflict at the individual, household and group levels
- 3. To advance and develop appropriate theoretical and empirical methods for the analysis of violent mass conflict at the micro level
- 4. To build and disseminate a constructive narrative on micro level conflict processes for the use of European and international policymakers and practitioners, which will influence positively and constructively the design of effective and sustainable policy actions along the full conflict cycle
- 5. To train and facilitate the mobility of young researchers in Europe, as well as talented researchers in developing countries interested in pursuing advanced studies in Europe in cutting edge theoretical and applied interdisciplinary methods of conflict analysis
- 6. To manage and support a pan-European team of previously scattered researchers from various social science backgrounds to form a coherent project on a fundamental area of social science research and policy.

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To enhance the scientific value of research concerning the mediterranean area in the European Space and extend its impact to other countries, the "Network of Research Centres in Human Sciences on the Mediterranean Area" brings together reputed participants in Europe and in countries of the southern and eastern Mediterranean. The Network was a response to fight against the fragmentation of research and aimed at bringing together the whole of specialists and research teams actually spread in the pole of excellence. Ramses 2 had as objective to build a new research field involving in long term both Europe and its neighbours: mediterranean studies. The Network aimed at helping to understand why the mediterranean is a major zone of tension at world scale, and to what extent the European Union mediterranean partnership policy is an appropriate way of dealing with "the cradle of civilisation". In order to achieve these goals, the Network has:

- 1. Organised an integrated task force of thinking and expertise, to make the most discriminating use of the various disciplines in social and human sciences.
- 2. Improved state-of-the-art knowledge of social and human realities by detailing the different cultural traditions of the region.
- 3. Carried out a research programme which integrates disciplines and methods (history, sociology, law, sciences of religion, political science...); means: creation and application of research tools for use in common (library networks, websites, data bases, cartographies...); research capacity: circulation of researchers and graduate students, pooling of knowledge, publication in several languages.
- 4. Made new knowledge available for the use of policy makers, of emergent actors in civil society (agents of democratisation, of the emancipation of women, NGOs, entrepreneurs...), of political actors and institutions in charge of the construction of Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

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Reconstituting Democracy in Europe

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RECON seeks to clarify whether democracy is possible under conditions of pluralism, diversity and complex multilevel governance. This includes taking proper heed of the challenges to democracy at EU, national and regional/local levels. RECON spells out three different models for democratic reconstitution: (a) democracy can be reconstituted at the national level with a concomitant reframing of the EU as a functional regulatory regime; (b) democracy can be reconstituted through establishing the EU as a federal state based on a collective identity; and (c) democracy can be reconstituted through developing a post-national Union with an explicit cosmopolitan imprint. RECON assesses which approach to democratic reconstitution is most viable - in empirical and normative terms - through analyzing the EU's constitutionalisation process; the institutional complex at the EU, Member State, and regional/local levels; the role and status of gender within the enlarged Europe; the democratic quality and governing capacity of the Union within tax/fiscal and foreign/security policy; and the multilevel configuration of civil society/public sphere. It examines the effects of external transnationalisation on the EU and discerns democratic lessons from comparison with non-European complex multilevel entities. RECON enhances knowledge of the enlargement process: the transition and consolidation of democracy in the new Member States and of the overall challenges posed by globalization to established democracies. RECON identifies strategies through which democracy can be strengthened and participation of citizens increased, and provides a set of concrete policy recommendations in line with these. It suggests measures to rectify institutional and constitutional defects; to combat gendered and social inequality; and to rectify democratic deficits in different policy areas. It enhances the state of the art by developing and testing a theory of deliberative democratic supranationalism.

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Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe

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The paramount objective of RECWOWE is to create a new, tightly integrated and durable European research network capable of overcoming the fragmentation of existing research on questions of work and welfare. RECWOWE will integrate existing research activities on two levels. By adopting a common focus on the various tensions that characterize the relationships between work and welfare, it will firstly promote knowledge focused on both simultaneously. Secondly, by constructing a network of specialists from different research domains and disciplines, it will create a basis for joint activities. The ultimate aim is the constitution of a 'virtual institute' federating the research excellence necessary to identify and understand the multiple tensions between work and welfare, as well as strategies for managing or resolving them. RECWOWE will innovate in the field of labour market and social protection research in three related ways. The common focus on tensions will give rise to perspectives and questions for research that are currently lost in the 'void' between existing research domains and academic disciplines. The activity of the network will promote new institutional and individual collaborations, based on novel combinations of disciplinary and geographical expertise. Combining these new questions and collaborations, RECWOWE will ultimately be a source of innovative new research projects focused on the interface between work and welfare. RECWOWE will, finally, seek to effectively share the new knowledge that is built up through its activities. It will organize specific training actions for students and professionals. It will centralize and publicize existing and new sources of data on work and welfare, and disseminate analyses and findings through a dedicated structure. It will, finally, seek to generate a permanent two-way dialogue with political and social actors, so that its activities can most usefully inform the future choices of the European social model.

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Social quality and the changing relationships between work, care and welfare in Europe

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The research project explored the relationships between, at the macro level structural changes, labour market, demography and welfare and economic policies and at the micro level changes, in individual orientations to work and care. At the macro level it was concerned to measure the quality of society and at the micro level the quality of life and by articulating them assessing Social Quality in Europe. It proposed to go beyond the existing literature on individual attitudes and welfare regimes to integrate perspectives of gender and care into an analysis that encompasses Europe as a whole, including New Member States. In order to do so it developed an analytical framework that takes into account the orientation, actions, capabilities and satisfaction of actors with the work and care systems in constructing a work-life balance. The combining of objective and subjective, macro and micro perspectives can best be synthesised under the model of 'Social Quality'. The project looked at the different actors involved in balancing work and care: the household, individuals and the state. The work is based on the analysis of relevant indicators from existing sources but is supplemented by qualitative interviews from five countries. The project introduced methodological as well as theoretical innovations in the combination of policy analysis, qualitative and quantitative research to understand models of change and hence the development of different European Social Models. Finally, it contributed to key European issues, providing a better understanding of the impact of social policies on work and care, the effects of the competing demands of work and care on fertility decisions and the consequences of flexibility and working times on the organisation of work, care and welfare.

Social quality and the changing relationships between work, care and welfare in Europe

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Gender relations are at the core of most social, economic and political experiences. Accordingly, they have been the object of policy initiatives at national, European and international level, and became a dedicated area of research decades ago. Activities carried out in the 6th and (beginning of) 7th Framework Research Programme in the field of Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities pursued both gender-specific research as well as mainstreaming of gender issues in research related to different fields such as global governance, democracy, or conflict resolution. This is also consistent with the approach developed under the Science in Society thematic programme of the 7th Framework Research Programme concerning to the gender dimension of scientific inquiry and science policy. In this respect, a wide range of activities were undertaken in order to raise awareness about issues facing women in science as well as to promote better access for women to scientific studies and career. This short compendium is intended to be a useful reference for anyone interested in gender research and also for those still sceptical about it.



