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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