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**Panel: Going subnational: Immigration Responses and Immigrant Integration Policies of Sub-State Actors in Multi-Level States.**

Immigration and immigrant integration have increasingly become a salient political issue in numerous countries. States experiencing multi-levels politics and federations are no exception. Several factors, including increased decentralization and local autonomy, have supported an intensification of subnational policy-making in these policy sectors. As a result, independently-developed immigration selection programs and subnational immigrant integration policies are co-existing with national policies. So far, most of the research on this tendency has focused on the impact of sub-state nationalism and linguistic differences on discourses and policies surrounding immigration. As a result, regional immigration or immigrant integration policies of sub-states *without* national aspirations have far less been scrutinized than those of regions with nationalist aspirations. When it has been, analysis have tended to be country-specific and resistant to comparison.

This panel aims at exploring this productive research area: What are the responses of sub-state actors to immigration or immigrant integration in multi-level states, with and without nationalist mobilizations? What typologies can be used? What are the explanatory variables for sub-state immigration and immigrant integration policy convergence or divergence? What can be gained from comparing across countries and regions in this policy sector? The answers to these questions will likely engage in a finer definition and categorization of the sub-state responses to immigration and immigrant integration. This exercise should also stimulate theory-building in this growing and promising research area. This panel welcomes sub-state case studies from various world regions analyzing sub-state immigrant or immigrant integration responses and policies. Communications providing a strong empirical background as well as a comparison of regions with and without nationalist mobilizations are particularly welcomed.

*Submission Information*

The submission deadline for proposals is September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All proposals should be sent to [catherine.xhardez@sciencespo.fr](mailto:catherine.xhardez@sciencespo.fr) and [mireille.paquet@concordia.ca](mailto:mireille.paquet@concordia.ca)

The selected participants will be notified of their acceptance and invited to submit their abstract online on the IPSA website (after receiving a specific invitation from us).

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