



10TH ROUNDTABLE AGAINST DISCRIMINATIONS

MIGRANTS AND ROMA IN GREEK SCHOOLS: A RELEVANT DISCUSSION AT A TIME OF CRISIS?

ANTIGONE - *Information and Documentation Centre on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence*
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PROGRAMME

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Why now? Why should we consider examining the issue of Migrants and Roma in Greek schools precisely at this time of crisis that creates obstacles to the access to education for more and more individuals and groups all over the country?

The great influx of immigrants and co ethnic returnees in Greece since 1990 has provoked a plethora of different reactions, debates and policies regarding their integration within the national educational system. At the same time, throughout the last two years, the severe economic crisis that seems irreversible has also had a great impact on the way public education functions (pending cuts and unprecedented shortages).

Which have been since 1990s the policies towards the integration and incorporation of vulnerable groups, migrants and Roma, in the field of education? How have state and non state actors acted towards this direction and how have their efforts been affected under present circumstances? How the country's social cohesion is perceived in relation with migrants' and Roma children? How social cohesion is interpreted today, when economic and social insecurity hinders both citizens and residents of the country?

European Project **ACCEPT PLURALISM** (European University Institute) funded by the 7th Framework Programme and NGO **ANTIGONE** (Information and Documentation Centre on racism, ecology, peace and non violence) call both researchers and people directly engaged in education to discuss and comment on those issues.

Introduction:

Nassos Theodoridis | ANTIGONE

Anna Triandafyllidou | ACCEPT PLURALISM Project Coordinator

17.30 - 19.15

Tolerance and Acceptance of children from migrant families in Greek schools

Intercultural Education in contemporary multicultural Greek society

Chair: Nektaria Palaiologou | Assistant Professor, University of Western Macedonia

First hand experiences from the 132nd Athens Primary School: actions against xenophobia and reactions

Stella Protonotariou & Petros Haravitsidis | 132nd Primary School, Athens

Migrants and education beyond school procedures

Vaso Nikolaou | Teacher, Member of the Pedagogical Groups for Interventions in Primary Education & of the association "Back Row Benches"

Migrants and education: daily short cuts from a school in Athens

Kostas Therianos | Director of 19th Secondary School, Athens

19.15 - 19.45

Coffee break

19.45 - 21.30

Roma Children in Greek Schools

Roma Children and Education: realities and potentials

Chair: Thaleia Dragona | Professor of Social Psychology, University of Athens

What is the meaning of a rights discourse when confronting Roma children's school problems?

Mirto Laimou | Social Worker

Schools of exclusion in Greece: visible or invisible realities?

Panagiotis Dimitras | Greek Helsinki Monitor

Equal School for Unequal Children: the example of Thessaloniki

Angelos Hatzinikolaou | Teacher and School Counsellor