

Workshop of the BelMix Research Team

SITUATED MIXEDNESS

*Understanding intimate diversity
in contemporary Belgium*

31 May
2022

09:00 - 17:30
Brussels Time

Onsite at ULB
and online via  **zoom**

Invited Scholars

Francesco CERCHIARO

Maité MASKENS

Marion MAUDET

Laura ODASSO

Registration required
before 25 May 2022
URL: shorturl.at/pxEHY

 **Room Doucy** (Room 123 - 12th floor, Building S)
Campus Solbosch, Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
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Program

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MORNING SESSION (09:00-12:00)

09:00 **Registration and welcome drinks**

09:40 **Presentation of Situated Mixedness project**

Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot,

Ph.D, F.R.S.-FNRS Research Associate / Senior Lecturer, LAMC, ULB (Belgium)

10:00 **Session 1: the Belgian context of mixedness**

Chair: **Lucas Monteil**

Minimum income, intersecting discriminations in Belgian marriage migration policies: A contentious perspective

Laura Odasso

Ph.D, Researcher at the Chaire Migrations et Sociétés, Collège de France & Collaborative Institute on Migrations (France)

10:40 *Religious spiritualisation or religious loss?: the case-study of Christian-Muslim families in Belgium*

Francesco Cerchiaro

Ph.D, FWO Senior Fellow, Center for Sociological Research, KU Leuven (Belgium)

11:20 *Bureaucratic couples' interviews as ordeals of desirability: insights from Brussels*

Maité Maskens

Ph.D, Associate Professor, LAMC, ULB (Belgium)

12:00 **Lunch break (Room Rokkan - S12.234)**

AFTERNOON SESSION (13:30-17:30)

13:30 **Session 2: Belgian-Asian conjugal mixedness at the macro level**

Chair and discussant: **Marion Maudet**

Ph.D, Senior Lecturer, Centre Max Weber (France)

Main socio-demographic characteristics of the population of Belgian-Asian couples in Belgium: Insights from public statistics data

Lucas Monteil

Ph.D, Post-doctoral Researcher, LAMC, ULB

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14:10 *Points of convergence of Belgian-Asian couples: perspectives of social actors*

Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot

in collaboration with **Mimy Keomanichanh** and **Aaron Raphael Ponce**

14:50 **Coffee break**

15:00 **Session 3: Some case studies of mixedness**

Chair: **Asuncion Fresnoza-Flot**

Understanding Laotian-Belgian marriages: the influence of Belgium-Laos socio-national contexts and beyond

Mimy Keomanichanh

PhD Researcher, LAMC, ULB (Belgium)

Discussant: **Francesco Cerchiaro**

15:40 *Intimate mixedness in times of Covid-19: the effect of legal restrictions on mobility on transnational relationships in the Belgian context*

Jenthe Blockx

Master Student, University of Antwerp (Belgium)

Discussant: **Maité Maskens**

16:20 *Re-Working the Self, Negotiating with Others: Coping Mechanisms of Chinese Gay Migrants in the Context of Superdiverse Relationship Trajectories*

Aaron Raphael Ponce

PhD Researcher / Teaching Assistant, LAMC, ULB (Belgium)

Discussant: **Laura Odasso**

17:00 **Publication project and workshop conclusion**

18:00 **Dinner (ISSAN Restaurant)**

FNRS PDR project:

*Situated mixedness in a “super-diverse” context:
the case of Belgian-Asian couples in Belgium*

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In recent years, Belgium has been witnessing the rising phenomenon of conjugal mixedness notably involving Belgian citizens and individuals from countries outside of the European Union. To fully understand this phenomenon, the present workshop situates it within the wider social processes and multi-level contexts. It features several case studies on conjugal mixedness, and some of them present empirical findings from an ongoing study on Belgian-Asian couples.

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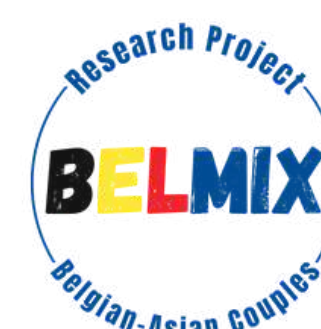
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