Call for Papers for a Special Issue of

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Research methodologies with migrant families, children and youth in diverse contexts

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**Rationale**

Research on the processes and experiences of incorporation of migrant families and their children (the so called 1.5 and/or 2nd generation) has increasingly attracted the attention of scholars from a wide range of disciplines and from countries in the Global South and North. Undertaking this type of research may require departing from traditional methodologies employed to study group dynamics of integration or (segmented) assimilation, and adopt instead approaches that can capture the everyday life experiences of migrant families (and different generation participants) and their processes of social, cultural and psychological adaptation in increasingly diverse societies. These approaches may entail, for example, using person-centred techniques such as visual, creative or narrative methods or participatory approaches which can bring to the fore young and adult participants’ own perspectives, or tools which can assist in understanding the psychological dimensions of processes of acculturation across dominant and non-dominant population groups.

Although literatures considering these methodologies (from a range of disciplines) are well developed, there is a need for further insights into the practical and ethical challenges and benefits of using these types of approaches when working with later generation children and young people and their families in diverse contexts. This special issue aims to develop a cross-disciplinary perspective on these types of research practices and therefore invites contributions that consider both theoretical and ethical aspects of everyday life methodologies, but also practical issues of access, recruitment of participant families and later generation children and the types of barriers or challenges found ‘in the field’. Some areas of interest are (but are not limited to):
• Methodological challenges of designing and devising person-centred tools for research, comparison or evaluation with later generation young people and their families

• Issues encountered when trying to gain access to families and young people who have not commonly participated in studies and for which they may be primary and exploratory sources

• Practical issues that arise from accessing ‘hard-to-reach’ families and children (e.g. migrant populations that may appear ‘invisible’ due to their socio-economic characteristics, status or ‘statistical invisibility’)

• Theoretical/ethical issues that arise from working with and across family groups when using participatory and/or innovative methods (e.g. drawings, vignettes, children’s role plays, etc.)

• Ethical and reflective practices of working with the families of later generation young people

• Cross-cultural issues, experiences and reflections from the interaction between researchers and young and adult participants.

Submission Procedure

Articles should be submitted in full and have a maximum length of 8,000 words including references, tables and graphs (Microsoft Word document, Times New Roman font 12pt, 1.5 line space). Articles have to be original and not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. They must be written in English and must meet the editorial requirements of the journal Migraciones – please see Authors’ Guidelines at the end of this document.

The academic coordinators of the special issue will pre-select the articles to be put forward for full peer review. Articles will be selected according to their compatibility with the special issue's focus and concordance with its thematic coverage and its diversity of perspectives/disciplines. The Academic coordinators are the last responsible for final acceptance of manuscripts.

Please submit your paper to: monografico2G@comillas.edu by 1st of December 2015. Please also use this email to send any questions you may have. All authors will be informed of the outcome of the pre-selection process by 15th January 2016.

Timeline of the special Issue

This special issue will be an extraordinary number of the journal Migraciones which will be published in English and online in September 2016. Main deadlines:

15th July 2015: Launch of Call for Papers.

1st December 2015: Closing date for submission of papers.

15th January 2016: Completion of pre-selection of papers to be sent for peer review. All authors to be informed of the outcome of the pre-selection process.
15th May 2016: Completion of peer review evaluation for all pre-selected papers. Authors to be informed of the outcome of the peer review process and of any request for revisions.

15th June 2016: Submission of final papers to be published in September 2016.

Authors’ Guidelines

- Title, author name(s) and a brief biographical note on each author should be typed on a separate page. An abstract of 150 words should accompany article submissions. Authors should provide up to five keywords.

- Format of References in Text:
  - All references to monographs, articles, and statistical sources are to be identified at an appropriate point in the text by last name of author, year of publication, and pagination where appropriate, all within parentheses (Harvard referencing system).
  - Footnotes are to be used only for substantive observations.
  - Specify subsequent citations of the same source in the same way as the first one; please do not use ibid., op cit., or loc cit.
  - When the author's name appears in the text: Cachón (1999). When the author's name is not in the text: (Cachón, 1999).
  - Pagination follows year of publication: (Zapata-Barrero, 2005:61-64).
  - For more than three authors, use et al. (Massey et al., 2002). For institutional authorship, supply minimum identification from the beginning of the complete citation: (Instituto Nacional de Estadística, 2009).
  - With more than one reference to an author in the same year, distinguish them by use of letters (a, b) attached to year of publication: (Pajares, 2010a:311)
  - Enclose a series of references within a single pair of parentheses, separated by semicolon: (Izquierdo, 2002; Gualda, 2005; Checa and Arjona, 2007).

- Format of Reference List:
  - List all items alphabetically by author and, within author(s), by year of publication beginning with the most recent year, in an appendix entitled, "REFERENCES".
  - For multiple author or editor listings (more than two), provide all authors.
  - Use italics for titles of books and journals. For example:


- Tables, graphs and figures: Each Table, Graph and Figure should have a self-contained title and should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are cited. Tables, Graphs and Figures should be provided in Microsoft Excel or Microsoft Word format.