

Societal Inclusion & Societal Diversity in Europe

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Social inclusion & societal diversity are some of the key challenges in the EU in a post-pandemic age and thus they have been highlighted as important issues for political action, including in the special 'European Year of Youth 2022' & the European Diversity Month initiative. Yet there are a lot of competing exclusions (based on poverty, ethnicity/race, sexuality/gender etc.) that need to be addressed, and the question of best legal, political and activist practices looms large. This virtual conference aims to highlight and debate the complexities surrounding social inclusion and diversity in two 90min panels with international experts from politics, academia and civil society.

- **10:00 – 11:30 am: What do we talk about if we talk about inclusion & diversity in Europe?**

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- **1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Politics & Policies Surrounding Inclusion and Diversity in the EU**
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Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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Understanding Social Inclusion: Challenges to European Welfare States in the 21st Century

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Anti-immigrant Contexts and Political Participation of Noncitizen Immigrant Minorities: Evidence from Belgium

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Social policies and poverty: the challenges of multilevel governance in the European Union

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Multi-lingualism and Political Participation in European Societies