The Department of Diversity and Social Conflict at Humboldt University are delighted to invite you to the plenary session by Leisy J. Abrego, Associate Professor, UCLA, with the title “Making Sense of Citizenship: Privilege, Responsibility, Guilt, and Love in Mixed-Status Families in the US”, and by Mirna Safi, Research Professor, Sciences Po Paris, with the title of "Intersecting Identities: the Effects of Assimilation, Gender and Socioeconomic Status on Ethnoracial and Class Identifications in France”.

This plenary session is kindly hosted by our department in the framework of the international workshop: Migrants, Refugees and Global Justice: Comparative Perspectives in Societies of Migration, organized by the Humboldt University of Berlin Institute of Migration Research (BIM) and Department of Diversity and Social Conflict.

We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Plenary Session: Gender, Family and Immigration

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Discussants: Roger Waldinger (UCLA) and Birgit zur Nieden (BIM / ISW)

Chair: Ulrike Hamann (HU / BIM)

Date: Wednesday September 7 2016
Time: 09:20
Place: at Institute of Social Sciences, Room 002/004 (Universitätsstraße 3b, Berlin 10117)

Leisy J. Abrego is Associate Professor in Chicana/o Studies at UCLA. She studies families, Central American migration, and the production of “illegality” through U.S. immigration laws. Her book, Sacrificing Families: Navigating Laws, Labor, and Love Across Borders, examines the well-being of Salvadoran immigrants and their families—both in the United States and in El Salvador—as these are shaped by immigration policies and gendered expectations. She also dedicates much of her time to supporting and advocating for refugees and immigrants by writing editorials and pro-bono expert declarations in asylum cases.

Mirna Safi is Research Professor in the Department of Sociology at Sciences Po, Faculty Affiliate at the Observatoire Sociologique du Changement (OSC). She is also a member of the Centre de Recherche en Economie et Statistique (CREST). Dr. Safi predominantly works on immigration, assimilation, spatial segregation, and ethnic and racial inequality. She recently published a book reviewing the
study of ethnoracial inequality in the social sciences and her work on geographic mobility recently appeared in the American Sociological Review. Her current research projects include immigrants’ housing in France, locational choices and neighborhood composition, and the implementation of diversity policies in French firms.