CALL FOR PAPERS

Re/Formation and Identity: The Intersectionality of Development, Culture, and Immigration

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We invite manuscripts from across disciplines for an edited volume to explore the complexities and multi-dimensionality of identity re/formation and development among immigrant families across the lifespan. Immigration is a global phenomenon that has significantly transformed the ethnoprofiles of many countries, leading to more multi-ethnic and multi-cultural countries. As of 2013, there were about 232 million international immigrants and refugees worldwide (United Nations, 2013). About half of the immigrants resided in 10 countries, with the United States hosting the largest number (45.8 million, 20% of the global total). Australia has the highest proportion of foreign-born population in the world (26.8%) with Canada following at 20.6% (Statistics Canada, 2013). Researchers have great opportunities to better understand how immigrants or individuals with immigrant parent(s) define their identity or identities in various sociocultural settings.

Papers should be data based, quantitative or qualitative. Key topics/questions that will be addressed include: (1) How do immigrants re-construct/change/transform their identities in the host country?; (2) What are the factors that may affect identity formation and maintenance, including individual differences and social environments?; (3) How do the immigrants’ ecologies (family, community, subcultures) intersect and influence identity?, (4) What are the current research issues/challenges/debates on the various forms of identity (e.g., personal, social, ethnic, religious)?; and (5) How are current theories addressing the complexities of ethnicity, culture, and immigration and their relevance to identity formation? The editors are also open to other topics/questions related to identity.

There will be two submission stages:

1. A general statement of interest with a title and 500-word submission should be submitted to Deborah Johnson (john1442@msu.edu) or Susan Chuang (schuang@uoguelph.ca). Please submit a Word document, including all authors’ affiliations, professional positions (e.g., Associate Professor, Doctoral student), and email addresses. This call is open until June 2019.

2. Final papers should be 25-35 pages in length, including tables, figures, and references. Please send any questions regarding submissions to Deborah Johnson (john1442@msu.edu) or Susan Chuang (schuang@uoguelph.ca).