**Relational integration - Dr. Lea Klarenbeek**

In recent years, there has been ample critique on conceptions of integration in which some people (‘migrants’) have to ‘integrate into society’ as to become accepted members. Taking these critiques seriously, I propose an alternative understanding of integration, as a process taking place *between* people. In this relational understanding of integration, we do not speak of individuals being more or less integrated in a society, but instead focus on the integration of the relations between people who make up a society together. Further, I suggest we think of integration first of all as an issue of equality rather than adaptation. ‘Relational integration’, I argue, is a useful concept for analysing processes of social change in terms of equality in social standing within society.