Outline collaborative session *Diversity in European Perspectives* REA 2018; 120 minutes

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In this collaborative session six European researchers (from Czechia, Turkey and the Netherlands) share their knowledge on a sort of united, and still diverse, European perspective on the conference theme “Beyond white normativity”. The thread of this meeting is: RE by telling your own story, putting it in the history of your country and your own biography, getting to know the perspective of the other through a value-oriented dialogue and then make a new beginning by including this others’ perspective in your own.

1. 5 minutes: Introduction by prof. Dr. Monique van Dijk-Groeneboer; information about the structure of this collaborative session
2. 45 minutes: Presentation of 5 statements, based on the respective authors’ approach to the theme of REA 2018 ‘Beyond white normativity; creating brave spaces’ (each of 7 minutes - based on a 3000/5000 words text, attached):
   a. Prof. dr. Özlem Atay/Prof. dr. Monique van Dijk-Groeneboer – Values as a way to learn to understand the other
   b. Prof. Dr. Michal Opatrny – Old victims, new oppressors?
   c. Dr. Ömer Gürlesin – Not ‘beyond’ but together with: including ‘the other’ in one’s own ‘society of mind’
   d. Dr. Ina ter Avest – Empathy through narratives’ characters on the way to a new beginning
   e. Dr. Duncan Wielzen/Prof. dr. Monique van Dijk-Groeneboer – From white normativity to inclusive plurality; beyond a ‘black and white’ perspective
3. 60 minutes: Dialogue
   a. each author is sitting at a table, covered with a large white paper ‘table cloth’. The author’s statement is written on the ‘table cloth’.
      • each of the (4 to 8) participants in the discussion gives her/his reaction on the statement, enriched with an own experience.
      • from the dialogue centering around the statement and participants’ experiences the core(s) is written on the ‘table cloth’.
      • after 10 minutes the participants change tables; the author remains seating at her/his own table. The new participants start their conversation ‘on the shoulders’ of the former participants.
         Again they start with own experiences, related to or associated with what is written on the ‘table cloth’ already. Again the core of what is talked about is written on the ‘table cloth’.
      • and so on, till the participants return to the table where they started. They reflect upon what is written on the ‘table cloth’ and enrich that with the experiences they had at the other tables. The dialogue at this last table (that was also partipants’ first table) results in a short plenary presentation.
4. 10 minutes: The chair of the collaborative session ends with pointing at the themes of research that might result from the dialogues – working towards ‘beyond’ whatever normativity.