

Massey University invites you to come and hear

**Maria Schiller**

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious  
 and Ethnic Diversity – Germany

**How urban actors respond to diversity**

Urban immigrant integration policies are a much discussed topic. However, both a changing reality and some gaps in the existing literature call for a new approach. The seminar presents results from the CityDiv project, which investigates the responses of urban actors to the diversity in Germany and France. There are new challenges to urban governance in view of the diversification of urban populations (the presence of large immigrant and ethnic minority populations), but also the pluralization of family forms, lifestyles, and so on. We argue that the national-level move towards accepting diversity or even defining it as a positive force for societal development will be reflected in urban agendas and that cities will adopt a market-oriented logic in their strategic approach. Based on a survey of key corporate and collective actors in the 20 largest cities in Germany, we discuss some early results.

**Maria Schiller is an International Keynote Speaker in New Zealand for the 2015 Pathways Conference in Wellington in July 23-24th.**

Date: Monday 27th July

Where: Massey University Albany – Quad A Boardroom

When: 12:30pm Lunch will be provided

1:00 – 2:00pm Presentation from Maria Schiller

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Friday 24 July to [T.Roberts@massey.ac.nz](mailto:T.Roberts@massey.ac.nz)

