



# LUCIDE – Languages in Urban Communities

## Integration and Diversity for Europe

*International Conference:*

### What is LUCIDE?

LUCIDE is a network which is developing ideas about how to manage multilingual citizen communities. We are building up a picture of how communication occurs in multilingual settings across the EU and beyond. We aim to help institutions (councils, schools, hospitals) and local and national economies make better productive use of diversity as an economic resource and to strengthen social cohesion by fostering better communication and mutual understanding. We also want to understand better how the cultural richness of these new cities can strengthen the "diverse unity" of the 21st century.

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## The future of the multilingual city

10-11 September 2014, London School of Economics & Political Sciences

### Conclusions & visions from the LUCIDE network

#### All welcome – Free attendance

*"Cities enable the collaboration that makes humanity shine most brightly" - Glaeser*

The cosmopolitan city has become a symbol of our age. For some it can seem disturbing, even threatening. For others it is exciting, culturally rich and endlessly inventive.

For the past two and a half years LUCIDE has been investigating the realities of these cities and their likely future development. Unusually we have done this with a focus on language and multilingualism - issues which are often invisible to other researchers in this field.

At this international conference we will share the outcomes of the project and look at the future of multilingualism. What is the impact of multilingualism in the city and what are the implications for education, the economy, civil society, urban planning? How are cities changing in response to unprecedented movements of the population? What is happening to language, to culture and to identities?

Organised around 4 core themes – The Cosmopolis, Landscapes, Identities and Education – speakers will include **Joe Lo Bianco** from the University of Melbourne, **Richard Clément** from the Official Languages and Bilingual Institute of Canada, **Itesh Sachdev** from SOAS, **Suzanne Hall** from the London School of Economics & Political Sciences and **David Little** from Trinity College, Dublin. A special **exhibition** will explore the sights and sounds of the multilingual city and there will be examples of related projects around the world.

#### Wed 10 Sep: 9.00 – 18.00: The Cosmopolis & Landscapes

Keynotes: Joe Lo Bianco, University of Melbourne & Suzanne Hall, LSE Cities

Presentation of the LUCIDE City Reports with group feedback

Round table discussion "Landscapes"

"The London Show": key players in different aspects of London life discuss multilingualism

#### Thu 11 Sep: 9.00 – 16.15 followed by drinks reception: Identities & Education

Keynote: David Little, Trinity College Dublin.

Group discussion with inputs from LUCIDE cities "Identities"

Special contribution from young citizens.

Discussions, conclusions, policy response.

**Free attendance** including lunches, refreshments & documentation. Conference dinner £25.

**Book your place:** <http://www.urbanlanguages.eu/events/lucide-final-conference>

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