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9h00 – 10h30

salle 215 / MSH

## Séminaire scientifique

- Roger WALDINGER, Professeur de sociologie à l'Université de Californie à Los Angeles (UCLA) :

*"Le transnationalisme des immigrants : jalons du débat américain"*

This paper develops a critique of the literature on immigrant transnationalism, before developing a new perspective designed to illuminate the interactions between migrants and their countries of origins. Ties connecting countries of origin and countries of reception are an inherent aspect of the migrant experience: the grade majority of migrants maintain a connection with the relatives and communities that they left behind; for a minority, the wealth of the country of reception, combined with freedoms not available in the country of birth, produce a continuing engagement with home country politics. Over times, these cross-border ties wither. With settlement, social relations are transferred from one side of the border to the other; in adopting the models of consumption, behavior and preference that prevail in the country of reception, migrant origin populations lose their similarity to the stay-at-homes. Although the states of origin try to retain the loyalties and resources of the immigrants, the fact that their citizens live abroad deprives them of leverage.