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Abstract (up to 250 words): In the globalised context we are living, traditional expressions of racism co-exist with more subtle forms of discrimination, segregation and exclusion, which need to be understood within the rapidly changing social and racial/ethnic relationships.

Education and sociology have been seen as playing a major role in the valuing diversity and in the elimination of racism. Yet, most often, an apolitical view of intercultural education has entered school gates, producing and maintaining views of diversity that merely celebrate fossilised versions of 'minority cultures', rather than engaging with the processes through which difference produces inequalities.

Thus, in this session, we encourage proposals that look at how sociological and other (multi)disciplinary approaches can lead to social change through education, helping to promote racial, ethnic equality, through education policy, the curriculum, teacher's practices, children's participation, partnerships with social movements and the local community. Whilst studies on racism and the fight for racial and ethnic equality have often privileged Eurocentric and adult-centred approaches, communications that challenge these (for instance, using perspectives being developed from the global South and/or by children) will be welcome in this session.