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The UNIFI Team of Global-ANSWER participates in:

***Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction 2024 Annual Meeting.
Identities, Boundaries and Social Divisions. Reconciling Competing Frames***

Department of Political Science, Pisa June 5-7, 2024

with the PAPER

**“Usera Between Urban Transformations,
Borders and Multiculturalism”**

The paper presents research on the Usera district in Madrid, one of the city's most multicultural areas, with a focus on the integration of various migration groups, both external and internal, from different historical periods. Usera, a relatively new district (established in 1987), is made up of seven neighbourhoods with distinct histories, populated by diverse nationalities, including Roma, Moroccans, Latin Americans, Chinese, and Spaniards. The study adopts a multidisciplinary approach, combining sociology and history, with three main concepts: urban transformation, borders and multiculturalism. The research examines the neighbourhood's evolution, including gentrification processes triggered by the construction of the metro and M30 highway, and the recent real estate bubble. The concept of borders is explored in both spatial and memory terms: the northern part of the district is linked to older internal migrations (1950s-1960s), while the southern part is associated with more recent internal and external migrations (1960s-1990s). The memory border connects past migrations with current ones in relation to identity and countries of origin. The study analyzes multiculturalism and integration, investigating whether the presence of different social groups fosters mutual exchange or simply coexistence. This study is presented within the framework of the project “Global social work and human mobility: comparative studies on local government and good social work practices in the Euro-Mediterranean region” (Global-ANSWER - H2020-MSCA-RISE-GA-872209).

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