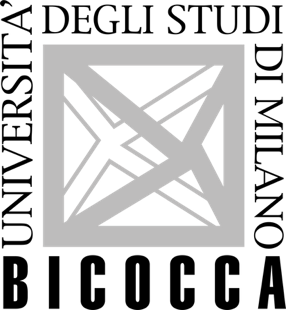
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**11:15-13:00 CET**

**Room 15**

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**University of Milano-Bicocca**

**Via Bicocca degli Arcimboldi, 8**

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**The Stress of Immigrants Trying to "Fit In": Social Markers of Acceptance in Japan and Beyond**

This talk addresses the topic of immigrant acceptance and national identity--critical global issues of even greater importance with the surge of Ukrainian refugees currently resettling around Europe and beyond.  The speaker will begin by describing the research about social markers of acceptance done by his global research team.  Social markers of acceptance are the criteria used by host country nationals when deciding whether to socially accept migrants as members of their communities.  He will explain not only what these criteria are in various countries, but also how these criteria change based upon context (such as perceived migrant contributions and threat) and migrants’ national origin, as well as the impact of such boundary construction processes upon migrants’ mental health. The talk will begin focused on his personal research in Japan, then expand to include findings from his global research team in Finland, Canada, Singapore, and Australia. Participants will gain insight into how societies can be made more inclusive of immigrants and other types of minority groups through the lens of social markers of acceptance.

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**Dr. Adam Komisarof**

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