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**15.45 – 17.15h Keynote 8**

**Dr. Ghazala Bhatti** *Young migrants in challenging spaces (English)*

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#### **Abstract**

This paper is about young people who are negotiating their way in a complex world in which they find themselves. Journeying into adulthood is not straightforward. For young migrants the very rules of existence and survival change from the pre-migration real or imagined sense of familiarity to the unfamiliar world of a very different order. This means coping with the demands of different cultures, different language(s), different social norms and expectations. There is a difference between home and school/ outside home. The spaces they occupy are challenging because their living conditions change, their hopes and dreams must be adjusted from what they think is 'ideal' to what is actually possible. This kind of adjustment is a struggle for inclusion in a diverse setting. It is about holding on to values and at the same time wanting to belong and be accepted for who they are. Migration is a journey. Some arrive at their destinations – practically and symbolically. For others the journey does not end. The paper is based on the interviews of young people who are negotiating their way in challenging spaces. It is based on the experiences of young people from minority ethnic backgrounds, as well as children who are marginalised because they learn differently. They have special needs.

#### **CV**

##### *Education and Qualifications*

- PhD Open University (Education) Title of thesis: 'Asian Children at Home and at School: an ethnographic study'. 1994
- MA (English & European Literature) Dissertation: 'An investigation of the 'self' In John Locke's An Essay Concerning Human Understanding and William Wordsworth's The Prelude, University of Salford. 1984
- PGCE (English-secondary), Manchester Metropolitan University 1980
- BA Hons. University of Warwick (Philosophy & Literature) 1979

##### *Employment*

- Bath Spa University, UK-Senior Lecturer (2012-continuing)
- University of Southampton, Senior Lecturer (2007- 2012)
- University of Reading, UK, Lecturer (1996 –2007)
- Open University, Lecturer, (1995-1996)
- University of Oxford, Department of Educational Studies, Research Fellow (1991-1992)
- Oxfordshire County Council, Teacher & FE Lecturer (1984- 1995- seconded as Research Fellow to the University of Oxford)
- Sheffield Education Authority, Teacher, Secondary School (1983-1984), Manchester Education Authority Teacher, Secondary & Primary (1981-1983) Bradford Education Authority, Teacher, Language Centre (1980-1981)