What is prejudice?

As opposed to racism or xenophobia;
Not limited to ‘incidents’;
Hard to identify or measure;
Often insinuated rather than overtly expressed;
Weighted, historically embedded: Orientalism, anti-semitism, attitudes to Africa, etc.
Bias, assumption, unchallenged ‘norms’ that are negative pre-judgments: ‘women are bad drivers’; ‘men cannot multi-task’.

Reliant upon commonly held stereotypes.
Life Savers

If you know or see anything that leads you to suspect that someone may be a terrorist or is involved in helping terrorists... or anything that leads you to suspect terrorist activity... DON'T HESITATE... CALL:

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Prejudice against (Im)migrants

Key causes:
• Labour market competition
• Anxieties about ‘what is ours’
• Waves of immigration
• Cultures of ‘us’ versus ‘them’
• Class-based discrimination
Catalysts

• Economic problems
• Past and present conflicts amongst specific groups (Kurds in Turkey, etc)
• Media: propagation of assumptions, attitudes, normative values
• Prevalent global tensions and what they unleash in the everyday
Key Factors

- Types of nationalism;
- Ethnic focus versus civic focus;
- Emphasis on diversity and tolerance;
- Celebrating difference in lieu of assimilation
- Cultures of hospitality
UNU-GCM’s Research Findings

• Integration policies work best when combined with provisions for contact across communities;
• Emphasis on good citizenship practices;
• Due political participation;
• Solidarity (neighbourhoods, cities, society)
• Inclusiveness
Dangers of Prejudice

- Prone to support populism or far-right parties;
- Threatens balance of social system;
- Triggers inter-community tensions;
- Causes tensions between sender and receiver countries;
- Creates divisive cultures.
Recommendations to States

- Investment in education based on intercultural values;
- Appreciation of diversities;
- Integration of immigrants into the labour market;
- Integration of migrants into political systems;
- Steps towards reducing class-based discrimination
• An examination of reporting in mass media;
• Eliminating certain media practices: eg., linking crime to ethnic minority
• Work at local level to create conditions of trust and solidarity;
• Foster positive neighbourhood practices;
• Engage with civil society and NGOs;
• Access to representation and revising notions of citizenship.
Recent Publications from UNU-GCM on Prejudice

- Bello V. "Inclusiveness as Construction of Open Identity. How Social Relationships affect attitudes towards immigrants in European societies" Social Indicators Research. Online at:
  

- Bello V. "Why Prejudice is a Global Security Threat". OurWorld. Online at:
  

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