

## Call for papers

### **Future methodological approaches to superdiversity**

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Superdiversity has always posed a methodological challenge: how to best make sense of multi-dimensional, complex configurations of migration-driven diversity. Over the years, the superdiversity term has been (mis)understood and used in various ways that have more or less successfully addressed this original challenge.

In our current information age, with the availability of new and larger datasets, we are approaching reconfigured frontiers for studying processes of diversification. There is a general hype over ubiquitous data production, big data and the evident necessity for data-analytics and multivariate statistical analyses to capture and visualize urban diversities. In spite of this, a coherent debate on how to take advantage of, but also remain critical towards, how we approach this new frontier is lacking. For example, visually going beyond choropleth and heat maps of population statistics is still rare and data still often dictate a focus on certain variables/categories. Superdiversity calls for more interdisciplinary and simultaneously critical approaches for innovating methodologies in migration research – both in the realm of (big-)data analytics and more qualitative approaches.

The original methodological challenge remains. We invite papers that discuss and go beyond the frontiers of current superdiversity research that propose novel and/or critical methodological approaches. The aim of this session is twofold: one to gather input on innovative approaches to capturing and visualising multidimensionally configured migration and diversity, and another to discuss the future of this field while acknowledging that methodological approaches to superdiversity require critical evaluations of available data and analytical approaches.

Please send your abstract (**max. 250 words**) to the organisers ([fran.meissner@tudelft.nl](mailto:fran.meissner@tudelft.nl) and [yamamura@mmg.mpg.de](mailto:yamamura@mmg.mpg.de)) by **28 November 2018**.