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# ***KURDISH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN LONDON***

## ***Social Capital and Organisational Networks***

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Focusing on the case of Kurdish community organisations in London, this ongoing doctoral research aims to contribute to the debate on Social Capital and Social Inclusion. In particular, it aims to:

- map the characteristics of Kurdish population and Kurdish organisations in London;
- analyse the structures and functions of social networks among Kurdish communities, focusing on the role of community organisations and other service providers;
- discuss their role in promoting social and economic integration and in particular their contribution to the social capital of individual users and the wider community.

This study is based on a mixed-methods approach, integrating quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques. Main methods include:

- An in-depth **literature review**. This will include analysis of grey materials and collection of existing statistical datasets, with the production of GIS maps.
- A **survey of Kurdish organisations**, involving closed-question questionnaires and in-depth interviews as well as participant observation as appropriate.
- In-depth **interviews with individuals** (with the involvement of interpreters)

Expected outcomes:

- Contribution to the literature on migrant and minority community organisations and their role in shaping social networks and social capital of users.
- Contribution to the development of social networks analysis as applied to the study of ethnic communities and organisations in the urban context.
- Collection, analysis and dissemination of data on Kurdish population and organisations in London, addressing the current lack of reliable statistics on this community, its characteristics and needs.

The latter point will include the creation of a website with interactive maps and other data.

This study builds on previous (D'Angelo 2008)<sup>1</sup> and other ongoing research activities as well as first hand experience as a consultant for community organisations in London.

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<sup>1</sup> D'Angelo, A. (2008), 'Kurdish Community Organisations in London: a Social Network Analysis', SPRC Working Paper n. 2, Middlesex University