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FOREWORD from the Coordinator



This year (2019) the IMISCOE network celebrated its 15th anniversary. We should all be very proud that IMISCOE has proved to be capable of standing on its own feet as one of the very few former European networks of excellence. The network has successfully reinvented itself as the platform for the European and increasingly also the global migration scholarly community.

At age 15 one would expect the network to enter a period of wild and excessive adolescence. However, IMISCOE rather seems to have entered calmer waters now several key transformations have been completed. This year our new research infrastructure was implemented, with the birth of 10 new Standing Committees that will be the backbone of IMISCOE for the coming years, as well as 3 new Research Groups. The annual conferences are now able to accommodate many more contributors from various career stages. Our media presence was redesigned, including a new website and a new IMISCOE bulletin. Our publication efforts expanded greatly, including more IMISCOE books and CMS articles published than ever before. And also in the area of training, the PhD Network is incredibly active and EUMIGS is delivering its first European students. Furthermore, we made first steps towards globalization, with a first non-EU member institute admitted in 2019.

IMISCOE clearly looks different from 15 years ago. The network has come of age, and this is visible in its size, its expansion of activities and its diversification. However, the IMISCOE identity and community spirit have remained firm and strong. Core values of IMISCOE remain fostering academic excellence, bringing together scholars from different countries, promoting international research collaboration, enhancing the quality of migration studies, supporting training in migration studies, being open to scholars from different career stages and different backgrounds, and providing a platform for academic dialogue on key challenges and developments in the field of migration studies.

The network is now ready for the next 15 years, and beyond. It is ready to face the challenges ahead of us. This includes the challenge of the further inter- or even trans-disciplinary development of migration studies; being a strong and high-quality research field amongst big disciplines. This also includes the challenges of increasing the societal impact of migration scholarship; our knowledge is more relevant than ever before, also in the context of the emergence of fact-free politics. And this includes the further globalization of our field; we need to grow beyond our European roots, not because it makes my life as IMISCOE coordinator any easier, but because our phenomenon of study is global.

I hope you enjoy reading this Annual Report 2019. I hope it gives you plenty of information on the complex network that has evolved of the last 15 years. And I hope it gives you a good idea on how we will face the next 15 years!



Scholten

Prof.dr. Peter Scholten

State of the Network

Since its foundation in 2004, the IMISCOE Research Network has evolved in various ways. This section takes stock of the development of the network so far, as well as its organizational structure today. This includes an overview of the various committees within IMISCOE, the member institutes that make up the network today, as well as the growing number of associations in which the network is involved.

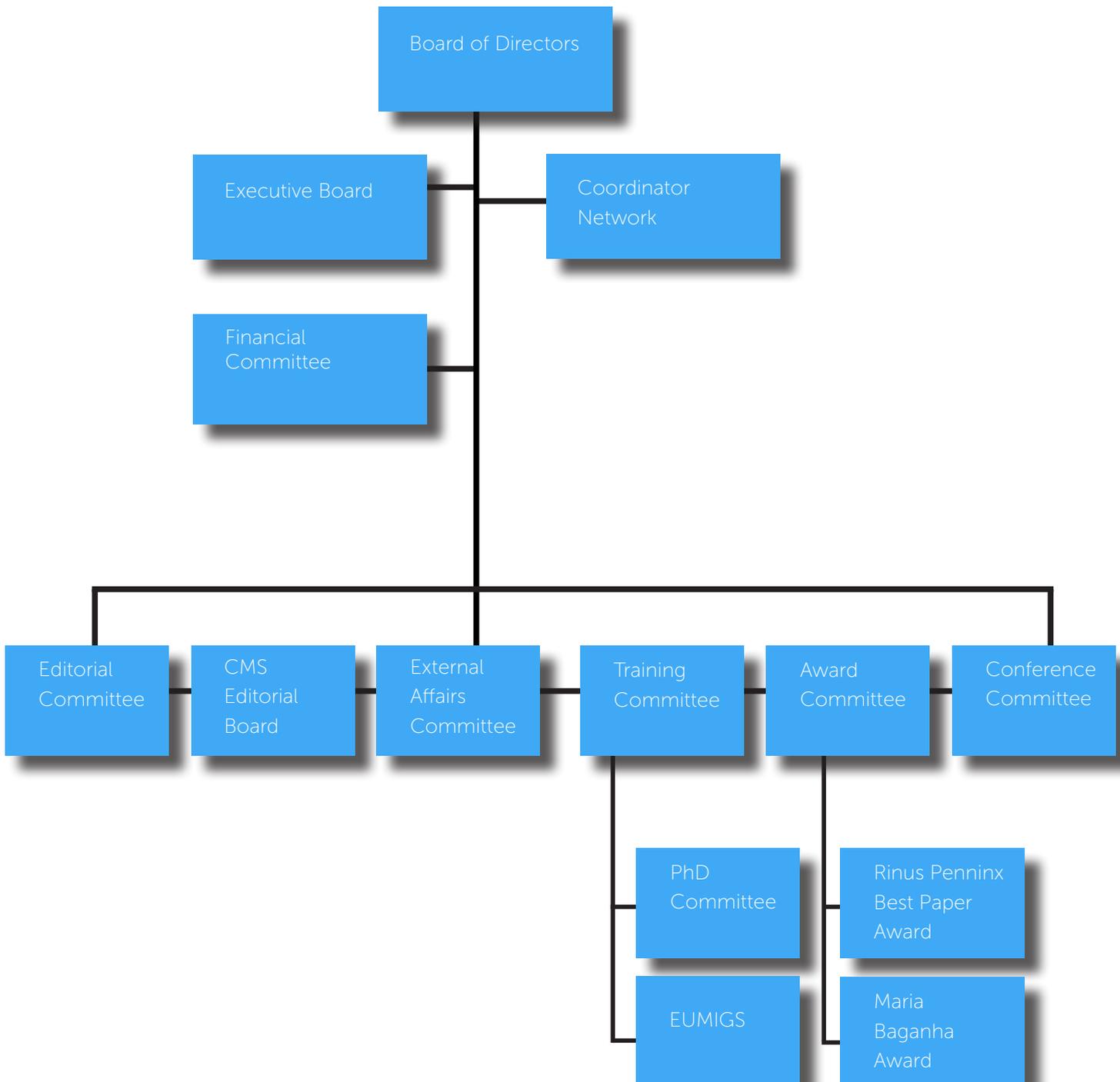
History

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE) was established as a Network of Excellence on April 2004. Initially, the European Commission funded the network (in a period of 1 April 2004- 31 March 2009) for five years. The funding was seen as an investment that should encourage cooperation between researchers in the EU. In 2010, when the funding expired, IMISCOE showed its success and decided, with the participants, to continue the collaboration in an independent IMISCOE research network. Since 2014 the coordination of the network is allocated to Erasmus University Rotterdam. By 2019, the network expanded its participation and success to 51 institutes and more than 1000 researchers. Herein, a great number of publications based on systematic comparison is generated and new, comparative, and interdisciplinary research also. Moreover, IMISCOE has an infrastructure for the training of future researchers and focuses on disseminating the knowledge that is generated within the network. IMISCOE's legitimacy and relevance is to be seen in its ability to reinvent itself as a Research Network. There are three significant contributions of IMISCOE to the development of migration and integration research in Europe. First of all, it has provided a platform for excellent scholars throughout (and beyond) Europe, to initiate comparative research and organize research projects. IMISCOE is also the largest European network of scholars in the area of migration and integration research. The IMISCOE conferences contribute a lot to migration scholars. Secondly, IMISCOE also contributed to the training of young researchers and the exchange of researchers throughout and beyond Europe. Lastly, IMISCOE promotes mutual dialogue between society and researchers (policy, politics, and civil society). This also contributes to the joint shaping of research agendas and also the joint operation in research proposals.

The organogram shows the organizational structure of IMISCOE. The Board of Directors is the highest authority in the network and decides on the network structuring activities – the joint programme of activities, the allocating of funds and the financial accounting, any changes in the membership and appointments of new working groups. The BD is the central decision-making and policy defining body of IMISCOE. It can delegate some of its tasks, especially those of controlling the executive function of IMISCOE, to the Executive Board. The Executive Board prepares the decisions taken by the Board of Directors and the members are also elected by the BD. The Coordinator of IMISCOE is the main executive body within IMISCOE. The Coordinator is supported by a Network office that fulfils IMISCOE's day to day tasks. In addition, the Financial Committee administers finances of the IMISCOE Research Network and guarantees

financial accountability. Various of IMISCOE's core activities are organized in task-specific committees. The Editorial Committee guarantees the quality of the IMISCOE publications and herein reviews submitted publication, advises on the structure of the IMISCOE publication program. The journal CMS is led by an Editorial Board. The External Affairs Committee defines policies concerning IMISCOE's external relations, in particular relations to the broader social, policy and political environment. The training committee groups together a number of key activities related to PhD and MA/MSc level training, including the PhD Committee, EuMIGS and the organization of PhD summer schools. Finally, there are several committees specifically for IMISCOE Awards, including Maria Baganha PhD Award committee, and the Rinus Penninx Best Paper award committee. Board of Directors and Executive Board.

Organisational Structure



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (BD) is the central decision-making and policy defining body of IMISCOE. Every member institute is allowed to delegate one representative to the BD, which meets at least twice per year. The BD takes decisions as much as possible based on consensus. The meetings of the BD are chaired by the chair, which is elected from amongst the BD members. The current BD chair is Sarah Spencer (COMPAS Oxford). The BD can delegate some of its tasks (excluding its policy defining tasks) to the Executive Board (EB). The members of the BD are nominated and elected by and from the members of the BD. The EB meets at least once in every two months, through a virtual meeting with the Coordinator.

Coordinator and Network Office

The Coordinator is the main executive power in IMISCOE, and is controlled by the BD, EB and Financial Committee. The coordinator is elected once in every four years by the Board of Directors, based on a detailed 'bid book' containing a policy and financial program for IMISCOE for a 4-years period. Coordinators can be re-elected. From 2004 to 2014, Rinus Penninx (University of Amsterdam) was the coordinator of IMISCOE. From 2014-2018, Maurice Crul and Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam) shared the coordinator role, and from 2018-2022 Peter Scholten will be the coordinator of IMISCOE. The coordinator is supported by a Network Office, also established at Erasmus University Rotterdam. The Network Office consists of Warda Belabas (senior network officer), Karin Milovanovic (website, journal CMS and communication) and Adham Aly (junior network officer).

Financial Committee

The Financial Committee of IMISCOE serves as the Network's auditing committee. The leading partner Erasmus University Rotterdam, guarantees financial accountability and administers finances of the IMISCOE Research Network. The task of the Financial Committee is to make sure that the financial control for the Board of Directors is prepared. Members are appointed by the Board of Directors.

Members of the Financial committee:

- Arnfinn Midtboen, (ISF, Norway)
- Wiebke Sievers, (ISR, Austria) and
- Warda Belabas, (EUR, Netherlands), serves as secretary

IMISCOE Committees

Executive Board

The Executive Board supervises and advises the work of the coordinator and the Network Office and prepares meetings and decisions of the Board of Directors. The members of the Executive Board are nominated by the Board of Directors. It will meet regularly by telephone or video conferences (holding eight to ten meetings annually).

Members of the Executive Board:

- Gianni D' Amato (University of Neuchâtel, SFM/FMS - Switzerland)
- Pieter Bevelander (Malmo University, MIM - Sweden)
- Lucinda Fonesca (University of Lisbon, IGOT/UL - Portugal)
- Wiebke Sievers (Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, Austria).
- Eleonore Kofman (University of Middlesex, MDX - United Kingdom)
- Parvati Raghuram (Open University, United Kingdom).
- Peter Scholten (EUR, coordinator IMISCOE - The Netherlands)
- Warda Belabas (Network Office IMISCOE – The Netherlands)

Editorial Committee

The Editorial Committee guarantees the quality of the IMISCOE publications. The tasks of the Editorial Committee are:

1. reviewing publications, proposals, and manuscripts submitted for publications in the series;
2. advising on the structure of the IMISCOE publication program, and
3. recruiting manuscripts and new works. (a detailed report of tasks and an overview of books to be published can be found under chapter IMISCOE Committees).

Members of the Editorial Committee:

- Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute, Florence
- Stefan Jonsson, Linköpings universitet
- Jorge Malheiros, Centre for Geographical Studies (IGOT - University of Lisbon)
- Eva Østergaard-Nielsen, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Agata Gorny, University of Warsaw
- Stephanie Alison Condon, INED (National Demographic Studies Institute, France)
- Jean-Michel Lafleur, University of Liège & FRS-FNRS
- Albert Kraler, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Vienna
- Aneta Piekut, Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield, UK
- Laura Oso, Universidade da Coruña, Spain
- Ettore Recchi, Science Po University, Paris
- Sabrina Marchetti, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Irene Ponzo, FIERI - Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione, Turin, Italy
- Helen Schwenken, Universität Osnabrück
- Irina Isaakyan serves as the committee's managing editor

External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee deals with promotion of IMISCOE bridges between research, policy and society. In addition, its ambition is to ensure IMISCOE's impact on society and public policy at European and national levels (by improving business and diplomatic relations). The coordinator of the External Affairs Committee, Ricard Zapata-Barrero, is responsible for chairing all the face-to-face and virtual meetings. The coordinator also manages the EAC-agenda, represents the EAC at the BD, and is in permanent contact with the IMISCOE director.

Members of the External Affairs Committee:

- Ricard Zapata-Barrero
- Andreas Pott
- Marco Martiniello
- Albert Kraler
- Asya Pisarevskaya and
- Sarah Spencer

CMS Editorial Committee

The Journal Comparative Migration Studies (CMS) has its own editorial board (<https://www.imiscoe.org/publications/journal-cms/editorial-board>) and an advisory board that operates independently from the IMISCOE organizational structure in order to fully ensure the journal's independence.

The journal CMS is an international, peer-reviewed journal for comparative research in the field of migration, ethnic studies, and integration.

Training Committee

The aims of the IMISCOE Training Committee are to facilitate and help ensure communication between those responsible for IMISCOE training activities, especially the summer school and the PhD day at the annual conference. Lessons learned and experience-sharing are central to this. There is also a broader aim of facilitating cooperation and information sharing on training matters within the IMISCOE network, such as the joint European Master's program, and other initiatives coming among other from the PhD Network and IMISCOE member institutions. The Training Committee has developed an annual work cycle in order to help structure its work and make sure information is shared at appropriate times. Members of the Training. The Training Committee is a rotating committee consisting of a representative of the PhD Network, the current and former responsible for the PhD summer school, the coordinator of the joint European Master's program, and the chair.

2017/2018: Marta Bivand Erdal, Cathrine Talleraas, Jens Schneider, Eleonore Kofman, Marco Martiniello

2018/2019: Marta Bivand Erdal, Giulia Mezzeti, Jens Schneider, Eleonore Kofman, Ezgi Irgil

2019/2020: Marta Bivand Erdal, Isabella Trombetta, Jens Schneider, Eleonore Kofman and Birce Demiryontar.

Award Committees

Members of the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award Committee:

- Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award Chair: Rinus Penninx
Jury: Laura Oso, Deniz Sert, Pedro Gois, Marta Bivand Erdal, Joaquin Eguren, Jens Schneider, Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu, and Blanca Garcés

Members of the Maria Baganha PhD Thesis Award:

- Chair: Rosa Aparicio
Jury: Han Entzinger, Pawel Kaczmarczyk, Russell King, Endre Sik, Janine Dahinden, Julie Vullnetari, Giuseppe Sciortino

IMISCOE PhD Network

The IMISCOE PhD Network aims to strengthen research and network opportunities for doctoral researchers in the field of migration. The Network has several dedicated working groups, each with active members who plan and carry out activities relevant for PhD migration scholars. The PhD Representative coordinates the work carried out by the working groups, and functions as the contact point between the PhD Network and the IMISCOE Network. Read more about the PhD Network's activities and working groups by clicking on the link below.

The *PhD Representative* for 2018-2019 is Giulia Mezzetti. Representative for 2019-2020 is Isabella Trombetta.

- The Working groups: <https://www.imiscoe.org/phd-network/working-groups>

EuMIGS - European Master in Migration Studies

EuMIGS is a network of Master Programmes in Migration Studies, among seven European countries, set up in 2017/2018. It provides master students the chance to spend up to one year at another programme in another country and offers a joint programme of five universities in four countries for a double degree. The overall aims of EuMIGS are allowing students: 1) to have the chance to specialize according to the specific focal points of their host and home institutions, 2) to get to know other academic and disciplinary perspectives on migration and related topics, 3) to discover the migration realities of another country and city. It more over strives for strengthening the cooperation and exchange between institutes, scholars and students within Europe and beyond. Participation in the programme requires being enrolled in one of the master programmes that are members of the network.

Coordination: Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS), Universität Osnabrück.

IMISCOE Awards

Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award

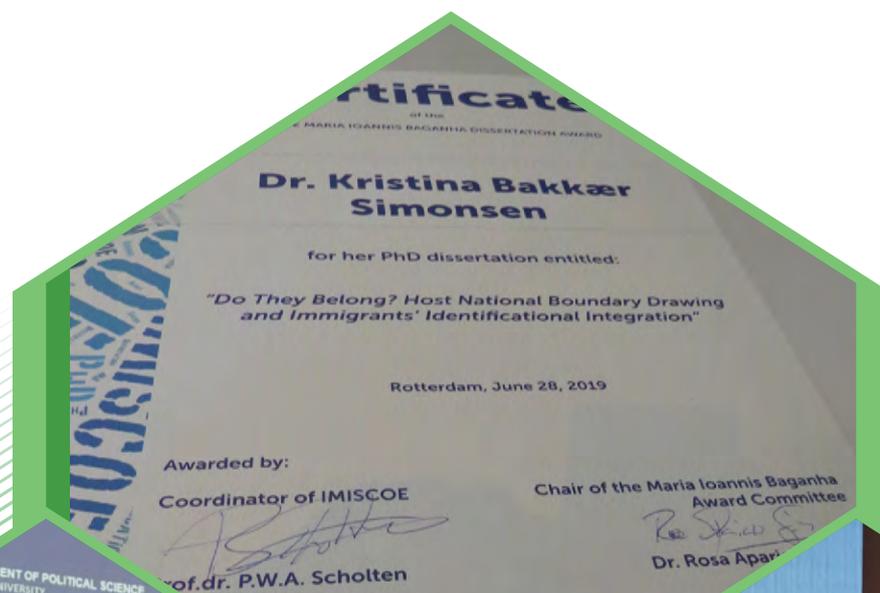
The Rinus Penninx Best Paper Awards, in honor of the founding father of IMISCOE, is an annual award for the best paper submitted to and presented at the IMISCOE Conference. An anonymous review committee decides on the allocation of the award, and besides the honor of receiving the award; the prize winner also receives €750,-, and the opportunity to publish the paper in the journal 'Comparative Migration Studies'.

Maria Baganha Award

Since 2010, the Maria Ioannis Baganha Distinguished Dissertation Award stimulates and recognizes excellent PHD research in the field of migration, integration, and social cohesion in Europe. The competition is open to all PHD recipients whose dissertations were defended within the 24-month period before the submission deadline. Applicants are invited to apply on their own behalf, or may be nominated by their PHD supervisors. The winner of the award gets € 2500 euro.

Maria Ioannis Baganha was a leading migration scholar at the University of Coimbra, the Centre for Social Studies. She was one of the IMISCOE's founding members and the chair of its Board of Directors until she passed away, in June 2009. To commemorate her work in the field of migration studies and particularly for the network, the IMISCOE Board of Directors has dedicated the IMISCOE dissertation award to her.

Winner of the Maria Baganha Award - 2019



The winner of the 2019 Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award is Dr. Kristina Bakkær Simonsen.

Her dissertation entitled: "Do They Belong? Host National Boundary Drawing and Immigrants' Identificational Integration" was defended at Aarhus University on 8 December 2017.

http://politica.dk/fileadmin/politica/Dokumenter/ph.d.-afhandlinger/kristina_bakkaer.pdf

The award ceremony took place during the Imiscoe conference in Malmö on Friday, 28 June 2019.

Do the ways in which nations define 'us' and 'them' matter for the degree to which immigrants feel part of their new society, and if so, how? The dissertation investigates this question by studying the effects of host national boundary drawing on immigrants' sense of national belonging. Theoretically, the dissertation contributes to the literature in the field by developing a model that explicates the process through which immigrants should be affected by the host nation's boundaries, placing particular emphasis on immigrants' boundary perceptions as the crucial link. The steps in this model are examined in four empirical articles, using quantitative and qualitative data and methods. Empirically, the dissertation sheds light on the types of boundaries that matter for immigrants' belonging. In particular, it shows that immigrants are affected by the informal boundaries drawn by host populations and in political rhetoric but not by the formal boundaries drawn through citizenship policy. In addition, through inductive analysis of in-depth interviews, the dissertation contributes to nuancing the very concept of belonging, strengthening our understanding of how it is constructed, affected and challenged in boundary processes. In synthesis, the dissertation gives a nuanced account of the links between boundaries and belonging and attests to the dimensions of power involved in constraining and claiming national membership in contemporary Western societies. The dissertation will be of interest to anyone concerned with one of the greatest challenges of our time: how to integrate new citizens into established national communities.

Kristina Bakkær Simonsen received her PhD in Political Science from Aarhus University in December 2017. She holds an MSc in Political Science from the same department and an MSc in Comparative Politics (specialisation in Nationalism and Ethnicity) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is now Assistant Professor at Aarhus University. Kristina's research targets the intersection of identity, politics, and belonging in relation to immigrant integration issues – from the point of view of minorities and majorities alike. Her work has been published in top political science journals, as well as top field journals.

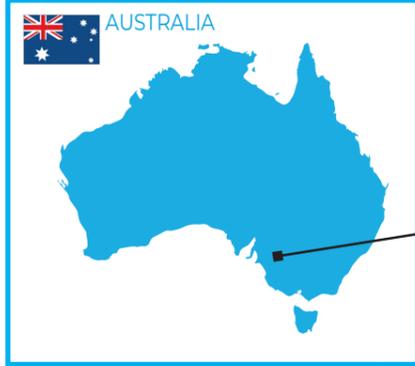


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Overview of Member Institutes

AMIS	Centre for Advanced Migration Studies, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
BIRMM	Brussels Interdisciplinary Research centre on Migration and Minorities, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
CEDEM	Centre d'Études de l'Ethnicité et des Migrations, University of Liège, Belgium
CEMIS	Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies, University of Antwerp, Belgium
CGM	Centre on Global Migration, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
CIES-IUL	Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology, ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal
CMR	Centre of Migration Research, Warsaw University, Poland
COMPAS	Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
DEMIG	Department for Migration and Globalisation, Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria
DEUSTO	Research Unit on Migration, Management of Diversity and Social Cohesion, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
ERCOMER	European Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
ESOMI	International Migration Sociology Team, University of A Coruña, Spain
EUI	European University Institute, Florence, Italy
EUR	Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, <i>Network Coordinator</i>
FAFO	Institute for Labour and Social Research, Oslo, Norway
FIERI	The Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione, Turin, Italy
FHSE	FHSE (Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences , University of Luxembourg), Luxembourg
GEOMIGRACE	Geographic Migration Center, Charles University, Czech Republic
GRITIM	Interdisciplinary research group in immigration, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
ICMPD	International Center for Migration Policy Development, Vienna, Austria
IEM	Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones de la Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid, Spain
IGOT-UL	Institute de Geografia e Ordenamento deTerritório, University of Lisboa, Portugal
IMES	Institute for Migration & Ethnic Studies, University of Amsterdam. The Netherlands
IMIS	Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, University of Osnabrück, Germany
IML	International Migration Laboratory), University of Trento, Trento, Italy
INED	Institut National d'Études Démographiques, Paris, France
InZENTIM	Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
ISR	Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences,Vienna, Austria
ISF	Institute for Social Research Oslo, Norway
ISMU	Fondazione Ismu - Initiative e Studi sulla Multiethnicità, Milan, Italy
LIMS	Leiden Interdisciplinary Migration Seminar, University of Leiden, The Netherlands
MACIMIDE	Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development, Maastricht University, The Netherlands

MDX	Middlesex University, London, United Kingdom
MIF	Migration Institute of Finland, Turku, Finland
MIM	Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare, Malmö University, Sweden
MiReKoc	Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey
MMB	Migration Mobilities Bristol, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom
MMIC	Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
MPI-MMG	Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany
NIDI	Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, The Hague, The Netherlands
NOVA	Norwegian Social Research, Oslo, Norway
NTNU	NTNU Social Research Centre for Diversity and Inclusion, Trondheim, Norway
OU	Open University London, London, United Kingdom
PLUS-MMG	Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria
PRIO	Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo, Norway
REMESO	Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society, Linköping University, Sweden
RUB	Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany
RYERSON UNIVERSITY	Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada
SCIENCES PO	Institut d'études politiques de Paris, Paris, France
SCMR	Sussex Center for Migration Research, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, United Kingdom
SFM	Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies, the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
UNISHEF	University of Sheffield) Sheffield, United Kingdom
UNIVE	Ca' Foscari University, Venezia, Italy
UCC	University College Cork, Cork, Ireland
URMIS	Unité de recherches Migrations et Société, Department of Sociology of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France

Associations with IMISCOE

There has been a growing demand towards IMISCOE to form associations with other networks or organizations. Currently, IMISCOE is associated to Sirius, and is involved with the EuroMediterranean Network in the newly created EuroMedMig. To cope with any future requests for associations with IMISCOE, IMISCOE will observe a number of key principles:

Process

- Associations with IMISCOE can only be concluded after consent of the Board of Directors.
- Proposals for associations with IMISCOE should come from IMISCOE member institutes, and should be directed at the Coordinator.
- An association should be concluded based on a short agreement that specifies the condition for association

Funding

- Associations should usually not involve any financial contribution from IMISCOE
- If contributions are to be made from IMISCOE, these should be specified in the association agreement, have to be reviewed on an annual basis in the BD, and should be accompanied by contributions to the annual reports of IMISCOE on what the association has delivered.

Aims

- IMISCOE seeks associations in those cases where it strengthens the mission of IMISCOE to promote the development and accumulation of knowledge on migration, integration and social cohesion.
- Associations should by no means involve any direct or indirect competition with any of the IMISCOE member institutes; when a plan for association is developed, this should be actively examined.

Branding

- An association with IMISCOE does not mean that the partner organisation/network can use the IMISCOE brand for everything; it can only be used with reference to specifically those activities where a direct collaboration with IMISCOE is made.
- The IMISCOE brand can be used in case an association means the creation of a shared network/group in between IMISCOE and the partner organisation/network

Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration (EuroMedMig-ReNet)

Director: Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Spain

GRITIM-UPF Network Officer: Gemma Aubarell

Chair of the Steering Committee: Ibrahim Awad, Egypt

GRITIM-UPF Senior team: Ivan Martin, and Lorenzo Gabrielli

- Institutional support: Union for the Mediterranean
- Academic support: Imiscoe

Brief Outline

The Mediterranean lies at the heart of Migration Studies and, currently, it is a focal point of large-scale human displacement. This is a global and local challenge with major effects on origin/destination countries, and with implications on border/diversity policies, and geopolitical strategies. EuroMedMig's main mission is to promote a research agenda and foster public actions on Mediterranean Migration Studies.

This initiative is related to the academic and strategic necessity to establish a platform of researchers and research institutions as part of the IMISCOE Mediterranean Regional Area that articulates a systematic accumulation of knowledge and produces innovative contributions linking Mediterranean and Migration Studies, and works directly to promote advanced training and influence public and private organizations in developing innovative practices bridging all sides of the Mediterranean area. There is a clear need to have a coordinated and partnership approach in the EuroMediterranean area, including establishing common platforms for methodologies, for data collection, analysis and use of migration and diversity-management-related aspects, while making the best possible public use of existing tools. The aim is to draw attention to the geographical dimension of migration, and to contribute to having a comprehensive understanding of the drivers, causes and means of human mobility, and the diversity, integration and intercultural governance challenges. Mediterranean states and cities have to face.

Initial support and actions

EuroMedMig has received the initial academic support of the largest network platform on migration research centers in Europe, IMISCOE. It is being considered as the implementation of its Mediterranean Regional Area. It has also been supported institutionally as part of its new EuroMed geo-political strategy and agenda by the Union for the Mediterranean.

What has been done so far?

A kick-off meeting of the initial Steering Committee was organized during the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Barcelona (2-4 July 2018). Informal contacts with relevant experts and institutional representatives participating in the event, including EC officials, took place throughout the conference.

EuroMedMig network kick-off meeting

The network has already been disseminated through GRITIM-UPF, UfM and IMISCOE social networks. GRITIM-UPF has also created a logo and will make the Network visible through GRITIM-UPF website. At the moment, the Steering Committee has been formed, composed of 16 researchers. The Countries covered are: Algeria, Belgium, Egypt, Israel, Italy, Europe (EUI), Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Norway, Netherlands, Tunisia, and Turkey.

We are now drafting an outline of the structure and mission of EuroMedMig and an action plan for the next two years (2019-2020). We will prepare a H2020 project and look for an initial fund.

Visibility

Twitter: @Euromedmig

Google search

- The Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration is launched at UPF: The Ciutadella campus of the University is home to the 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference, the European Congress of reference on migration, which will take place from 2 to 4 July, organized by the GRITIM-UPF research group, with the presence of more than 600 researchers
- The Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration takes its first steps: EuroMedMig-ReNet, coordinated by GRITIM-UPF, was started into the 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference that took place from 2 to 4 July on the Ciutadella Campus
- L'UpM soutient le lancement d'un réseau euro-méditerranéen de recherche sur les migrations - 1
- L'UpM soutient le lancement d'un réseau euro-méditerranéen de recherche sur les migrations - 2
- UfM supports the launch of a Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration
- EuroMedMig-ReNet network just launched
- Nasce EuroMedMig-ReNet, per agevolare gli scambi nel bacino del Mediterraneo
- Nasce rete Euromed per la ricerca sulle migrazioni. EuroMedMig-ReNet ha l'appoggio dell'Unione per il Mediterraneo
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Association WB-MIGNET and IMISCOE

The Western Balkans Migration Network (WB-MIGNET) was established in 2016 by seven key research institutions in the field of migration in the Western Balkans (WB). It involves a number of key migration experts, stakeholders, third sector employees and academics from the WB region, providing a platform for them to share their research, best practice and knowledge. The WB-MIGNET Network is currently the leading network for migration research in our geographical area and committed to contributing toward improved evidence-based policy making on migration by producing high-quality interdisciplinary research, capacity building, development of resources and dissemination of evidence.

The Network actively encourages collaboration and seeks to share research via workshops, conferences and trainings. By now, we organised four annual conferences and two workshops in different capitals of the region, implemented several research projects, published one special issue of a journal, and established two national level MSc programs in migration. We are currently working on a proposal for Erasmus+ for a regional migration studies program. Finally, one of the key priorities for the Network is the creation of a regional Migration Observatory, which would help to consolidate migration data, create a uniform framework for collection of said data and measure trends. International organisations have thus far taken the lead in providing data sets on trends and movements. The need for a region-specific Observatory is crucial to understand and better manage migration challenges and dynamics.

A partnership with WB-MIGNET presents an opportunity for IMISCOE to expand its work into the Western Balkans. The migration routes stemming from Western Balkans are becoming increasingly important to central and Western Europe. More recently the Western Balkans route has been informally established as a crucial transit pathway for migrants and refugees originating from Asia and the Middle East. The WB States are fast becoming a gateway into Europe, and almost all states have seen an increase in irregular migration at their borders, many of these people are seeking to reach Western Europe and taking great risks to do so. Additionally, the issues of emigration and labour migration into Europe and elsewhere are region-wide predicaments and a partnership would help foster links and find ways to propose innovative solutions to migration challenges in our locality. Increasingly WB States are exploring ways to engage with diaspora communities and utilising their skills to develop improvements in their native countries. The WB-MIGNET Network boasts migration experts and researchers foremost in their field in the Balkans, an opportunity to work together would allow us to share knowledge and research, stimulate debate and help formulate solutions.

We would welcome a partnership with a renowned initiative such as IMISCOE, we strongly believe such a collaboration would be mutually beneficial allowing us to better understand migration dynamics in our respective regions, their impacts and contribute our expertise and generate research that will aid in instigating policy change and improvements in migration responses both on the ground and at a governmental level. Across Europe the issue of migration is a pressing one, it is crucial we create spaces to have sensible dialogues about this complex matter.

State of the Network

As a leading authority in migration in the WB, we would be able to contribute towards existing research, provide region specific data, continue towards book series and journals. We are keen to engage further education students (Masters & PhD) to take up studies in the field of migration, a partnership with IMISCOE would help generate interest, allow students to understand the need for migration studies and grasp the diversity of mobility in Europe. It would create opportunities for the next generation of scholars to participate, integrate and initiate work in this area and network with academics and experts in the field. Additionally, we are determined to share our training, events and research with IMISCOE to aid in their knowledge of the Western Balkans and remit of comparative research.

As an interdisciplinary research network, we understand the spirit of cooperation and dialogue help create impactful networks.

IMISCOE's Board of Directors has welcomed and accepted this association, during its meeting in Malmo, June 2019.



A chat with

We are now celebrating 15 years of history of IMISCOE. In order to do so we wanted to engage with some of the individuals who are an integral part of IMISCOE and go beyond the surface level that we often stop at. Throughout this report you'll find a series of interviews with some of the highest personalities in the IMISCOE network. We'll take a walk down memory lane and have a look to what the future holds for the IMISCOE world.

Our first guest is Louise Ryan is Professor of Sociology at the University of Sheffield and co-director of the Migration Research Group. She researches migration through a qualitative lens including longitudinal methods and is a pioneer in the use of qualitative social network analysis. She has published extensively, over 20 years, on intra-EU mobility, gender, religion, ethnicity as well as social networks. She is currently researching aging and migration.

What was your first contact with IMISCOE like?

I first became aware of IMISCOE many years ago when I was working at the Social Policy Research Centre, Middlesex University in London. The IMISCOE annual conference was once described to me as 'speed dating' for migration researchers. So, I was very excited and somewhat curious to attend my first IMISCOE conference. Indeed the promised 'speed dating' definitely proved to be a reality. I was delighted to see so many of the leading migration scholars at the conference and to have the chance to talk to them informally over coffee. I also met many former colleagues and acquaintances whom I had not seen for years. So, for me, my first IMISCOE conference was a mix of a lovely 'reunion' and an exciting 'speed dating' opportunity.

What made you join?

My research, over the last 20 years or so, has focused largely on intra-EU mobilities. I have researched European migrants mainly in London. My work has included recently arrived migrants from post-2004 Enlargement, especially Poland, but also from older EU member states including France. While Poles are very extensively researched in the UK, there has been far less attention on migrants from old EU countries such as France. My work on Irish migrants to London takes places at the nexus of intra-EU mobility and former colonial migration histories. Joining IMISCOE has been very important to me and provided access to a great community of migration scholars. It has given me the opportunity to share insights and findings with other like-minded researchers. I have learned so much from meeting and talking to other members of IMISCOE.

And what made you stay all along?

Through IMISCOE, I have been able to forge new networks with scholars from across Europe and beyond. I have joined several standing committees and I have greatly benefitted from the chance to share my work and gain insightful feedback. Moreover, through these social connections, I have been invited to participate in other events, workshops and conferences, to contribute to book proposals and journal special issues. So, these connections have proved to be extremely fruitful.

When I moved to the University of Sheffield in 2016, I was delighted to find out that the Migration Research Group was an institutional member of IMISCOE. Along with my colleague Dr Majella Kilkey, I became an IMISCOE director and had the opportunity to attend annual meetings of the board. This has given me valuable insight into the work that goes on beyond the scenes of the organisation and increased my appreciation of the commitment and dedication shown by the organisational team.

IMISCOE revolves centrally around migration. How do you see the state of the art as far as research goes right now?

In recent years, across Europe, we are witnessing a worrying shift to the right and indeed an increase in far-right activism. Attitudes and rhetoric that had been pushed to the margins of political debate, in many countries, have now re-entered mainstream politics. This is also clearly apparent in the UK in the wake of the Brexit referendum which has opened the 'Pandora's Box' on xenophobia, racism and hatred. Not only refugees and visible 'outsiders' but also European migrants in the UK have been subjected to abuse. I have been researching this issue since 2016 as EU migrants in the UK experience an unexpected shift in their positionality post-Brexit referendum.

Within this context, it behoves all migration researchers to take seriously the growing politicisation of migration and the worrying shift to the right in European political discourses. As researchers who understand the complexity and heterogeneity of migration, as well as the essential humanity of migrants themselves, we have a moral responsibility to challenge misinformation and racism in all its forms.

An additional challenge is global climate change and its consequences for migration flows. We are already seeing, in parts of Africa, for example, climate refugees attempting to move across borders in search of water for themselves and their animals. The reactions of many African states in refusing entry to these desperate people is just a foretaste of what is to come across the globe as access to precious resources like water becomes the basis of new migratory movements. This is the coming reality and we as migration scholars need to be ready to engage with and inform critical debates and policies.

On a more personal note, what are you working on that you'd like to share with the community?

Alongside my colleagues at University of Sheffield, especially Dr Majella Kilkey, I am working on a large study, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, on ageing and care. Our work package focuses especially on ageing migrants. Much of the attention in migration research tends to be on younger migrants. In relation to ageing migrants there is growing interest in topics such as return migration and indeed retirement migration. But our study focuses on migrants who remain in the destination society into old age. The average age of our participants is 81 years and some are even aged in their early 90s. They originate from Ireland, Poland and the Caribbean and mostly arrived in the UK in the 1950s. Their experiences of ageing 'in place' raises questions about well-being, care and support but also about identity, belonging, citizenship rights and transnational networks. Our in-depth interviews and mobile methods are producing rich narratives which we are currently analysing.

You've been in and around IMISCOE for a while now: what's one of your fondest memories with the Network?

There are so many great memories, especially of conferences in wonderful locations. It has been a great privilege to visit such beautiful cities and meet so many interesting people. But I am especially proud of the IMISCOE sponsored conference we hosted at the University of Sheffield in March 2019. It was supposed to be 'Brexit day' (29th March) and we were keen to embrace our European networks at that precise moment of departure. Luckily, in the end that did not prove to be Brexit day – indeed another 'Brexit day' (31st October) has since also come and gone by without our departure from the Union. The Sheffield/ IMISCOE conference was a great success and reassured us that despite Brexit, our established working relationships and friendships with European colleagues will remain strong.

Fifteen years in, and being someone who's deeply engaged with this environment, where do you hope to see IMISCOE go in the next fifteen years?"

As I have mentioned above, there are big challenges facing us, not least the shift to right-wing politics with its virulent anti-immigration rhetoric and the global threat of climate change and its consequences for massive population displacement. IMISCOE has a vital role to play as a platform for robust migration

scholarship working to find solutions to global challenges and tackling misinformation about immigration. But migration is not just a European issue. I recently visited West Africa and spoke to migration researchers there about the challenges they are witnessing, in relation to climate change refugees but also massive internal migration from rural to urban areas. In order to address the challenges, but also the opportunities, underpinning migration, we need to see the bigger picture and work with colleagues from the Global South. Thus I would like to see IMISCOE work increasingly with researchers across Africa.



Louise Ryan is Professor of Sociology

Research

Revision of IMISCOE Research Infrastructure

The year 2019 was the year of the restructuring of IMISCOE's research infrastructure. Before presenting the new groups, in below we briefly explain how the procedure was organized. The below content is hence already approved by the BD and implemented by the network office.

Background

Standing Committees and Research Initiatives have always been the backbone of the IMISCOE community. Since its foundation in 2004, the Network has promoted SC's and RI's to stimulate high quality research in key areas of migration, integration and social cohesion, to create opportunities for bridging and network formation between scholars from different countries and disciplines, and to promote capacity building of scholars at different career stages.

However, the rapid development of the field of migration studies calls for a further strengthening of IMISCOE's research infrastructure. There was agreement in the Board of Directors meeting in Barcelona 2018 that a rethinking was required of how IMISCOE could best support Standing Committees and Research Initiatives. This also relates to some deficiencies of the current structure that have come to light, including gaps in the thematic structure (missing key research topics), overlaps between groups, calls for more structural and substantive support to enable long-term groups that can achieve more, and calls for more openness and visibility of current groups.

A first step towards a rethinking of the research infrastructure involved a special Research Conference organized in Rotterdam 29-30 November 2018. At this conference, current SC's and RI's were able to lead a conversation and present their ideas about the current organization and engaged in dialogue on what the future structure could look like. This led to many highly valuable ideas, which were subsequently developed further by a committee of the Executive Board together with the Coordinator. This memorandum brings together from this process a number of key suggestions for revising the Research Infrastructure.

New criteria for Standing Committees

New criteria for Standing Committees

There seems to be general agreement on a number of principles for the future of Standing Committees.

- SC's should cover relevant theoretical, methodological or conceptual areas within migration studies in its widest understanding (e.g. flows, diversity, governance etc.). This should be defined sufficiently broadly in order to represent a key area in our research field.
- SC's should have a clear membership policy that should be open for participation to people from within as well as beyond IMISCOE;
- The leadership of SC's should rotate between IMISCOE member institutes. To allow for fresh views and energy to come in, leadership should rotate, but also not so often in order to allow for sustainability, for example every four years.

- SC's should have a structural character within IMISCOE. They should be able to rely on long-term funding (reporting but not reapplying every year). The BD is the body that can review the status of an SC, if the reporting of an SC gives cause for concern.
- SC's should be clearly embedded within the IMISCOE Network. This includes being visible on the IMISCOE website, contributing to the IMISCOE conferences, and to IMISCOE outputs (journal, books). Depending on the outcomes of the working group on IMISCOE's research-policy nexus (integration of CrossMigration and ReSOMA in IMISCOE, the role of the SC's can be specified further. The plans to enhance the visibility of SC's will be incorporated into the broader plans for redesigning the IMISCOE web presence.
- The role of SC's in the network should come with sufficient funding. Therefore, the BD should aim for a number of SC's that allows for a significant budget per SC, which means an ideal number of about 6-8 SCs. This allows for 5-6000 per year per SC. Also, external third-party co-funding for SC's will be encouraged.
- SC's should be sufficiently diverse, on various grounds: gender, migration-related diversity, age/ career-stage, country. Interdisciplinary is also encouraged but depends on the focus of an SC.

Relationship between SC's and RI's

The research conference led to no agreement on a multi-tiered system. There was agreement that besides SC's there should be a place for more specifically focused RI's, but not how these should relate to each other. Therefore the EB & the Coordinator propose to the BD to develop a single-tiered system where the function of SC's and RI's is clearly differentiated. A single tiered system would allow for about 6-8 SC's (currently there are 11 SC's) and a more limited number of RI's (about 2 per year) to exist alongside each other. In this system RI's represent more ad-hoc or temporary 'initiatives' to launch a collaboration around a concrete theme, as distinct from the more structural and broader orientation of SC's. Also, RI's should then be oriented towards a very concrete output (such as a book, a research proposal, etc.). In this system, there should be an annual call for a limited number of RI's; possibly only 2 RI's per year (to allow for a sufficient budget of 5-6000 per year).

Funding

In terms of funding, there was agreement that SC's should not have to apply for funding every year, but be able to rely on **structural funding**. This long-term funding should then come with a more clearly specified role and contribution in the network. IMISCOE has currently a dedicated budget of 40000 specifically for SCs.

In addition, a budget of 60000 has been earmarked by the IMISCOE BD as investment in the Research Infrastructure. We suggest to spend this budget for two purposes:

- As **interim solution** for current SC's, every SC will receive 2000 euros to cover their costs in the period until the 2019 IMISCOE annual conference. After that conference, the new structure should be put in place. This takes 22000 out of the investment budget.
- The remaining budget will be **provided as an extra budget** to the SC's under the new structure. This should provide about 4-5000 extra per SC, enabling them to 'manage' the transformation of previous SC's, the merger between several SC's or the development of a new SC.

Research

Existing criteria for how SC's can spend the budget will be maintained. This includes:

- Costs for organizing meetings or seminars (besides the IMISCOE annual and spring conferences). This can include travel costs, subsistence, costs for guest speakers.
- A max. of 20% of the budget may be spent on staff costs for the management of an SC.
- The budget will be managed by the coordinators of the SC.

The SCs have to provide an annual overview of costs, to be approved by the BD. In addition, every SC has to annually provide a 2-page narrative report to be included in the IMISCOE annual report. External funding may display a second path to support these SC and RI.

Later on in this annual report, IMISCOE's new standing committees and research initiatives will be presented.



In the Spotlights - Crossmigration

The Horizon 2020 project, CrossMigration, led by IMISCOE, has been running since March 2018 and will come to an end on 29 February 2020. The whole project has been geared towards facilitating systematic knowledge accumulation in migration studies, especially through its main output, IMISCOE's very own interactive Migration Research Hub (migrationresearch.com).

The team behind this work comprises a consortium of fifteen different institutes across Europe. The consortium also collaborated with a research network of IMISCOE member institutes, and a policy network of governmental and non-governmental representatives from European, national, and local levels of migration governance. This collaboration has taken place in several events including conferences held in conjunction with IMISCOE, workshops with policy stakeholders in Brussels, and thematic expert meetings on migration drivers, infrastructures, forms, governance, policy indicators, and scenarios.

The completion of the project will be marked at its closing conference in Lisbon on 5-6 February 2020, just prior to the IMISCOE Spring conference, where we will reflect on the coming of age of migration studies and debate the evolution – past, present, and future – of the field.

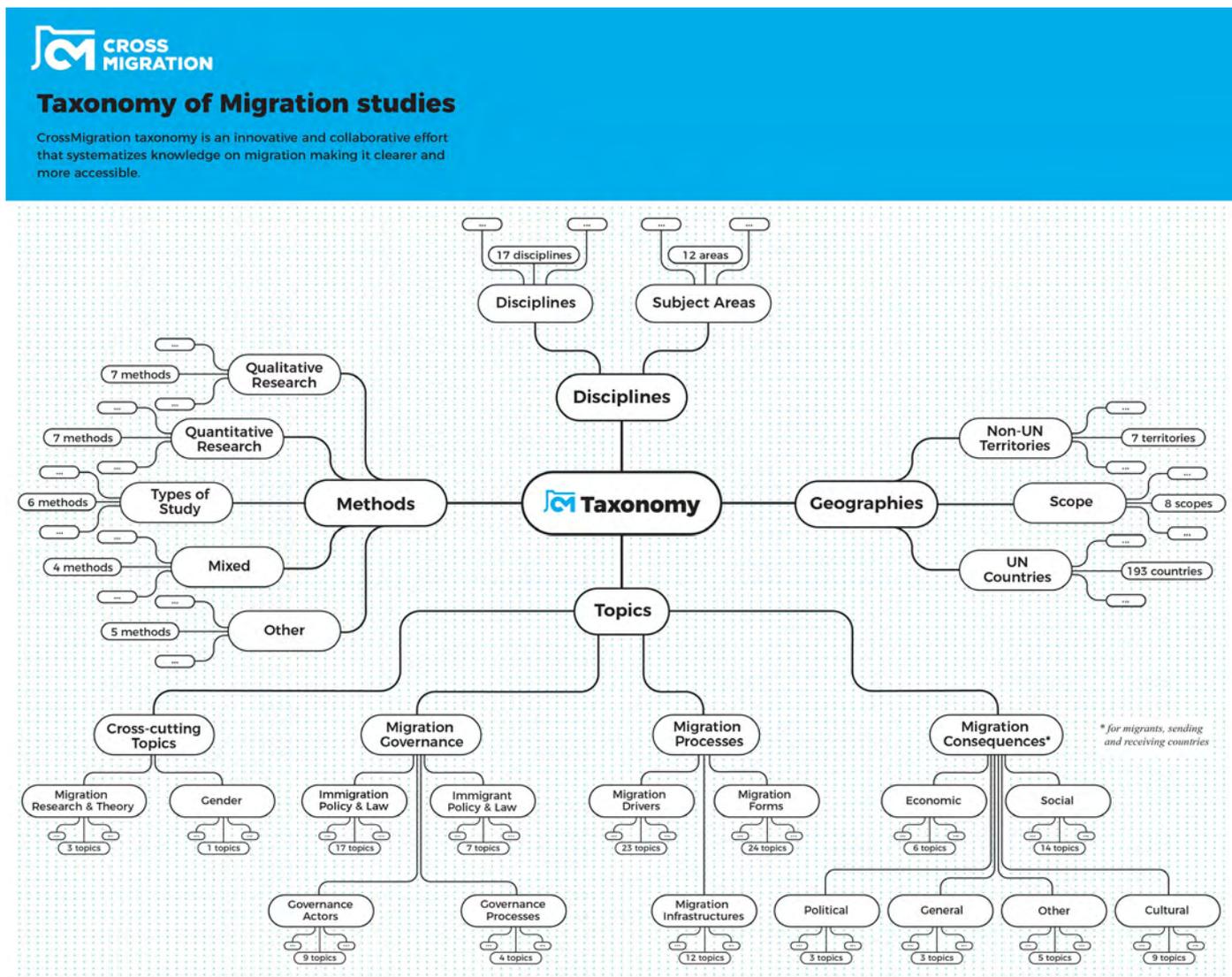
The Migration Research Hub

The end product of CrossMigration is the Migration Research Hub (migrationresearch.com), a go-to resource for finding knowledge on migration under one roof.

Containing information on nearly 100,000 resources, including journal articles, book series, datasets, and projects, the Research Database is the biggest part of the Hub. Through a partnership between IMISCOE and Clarivate-Web of Science, the project's ICT developer, Youngminds, has made a way for the database to be automatically kept up-to-date. Youngminds also use other sources, such as CrossRef and Scopus to populate it.

Everything in the database is associated with at least one part of the taxonomy of migration studies. During the first year of the project, scholars from IMISCOE and around the world, representing various disciplines, worked hard on building a theoretically robust classification system for migration research. Items that are indexed in the Hub get linked via a complex search algorithm to topics, disciplines, methods, and geographical focuses. Users can also edit the taxonomy associations for their own research.

You can see the structure of the taxonomy here:



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Since the goal of the Hub is to stimulate collaboration in migration studies, it also contains an Expert Database, which will soon be replacing the IMISCOE Web Directory. Here you can create a profile, add your publications and, using the Hub’s integration with ORCID, import projects and other research information. Soon, these expert profiles will also be linked to IMISCOE Standing Committees, and, as part of the wider renewal of the IMISCOE website, the ReSOMA expert database!

As well as indexing existing knowledge, the Migration Research Hub showcases the results of systematic analyses of policy indicators and scenarios of possible future realities of migration. In the final months of the project, Youngminds are building interactive tools designed to help researchers better measure migration policies and to assess the likelihood and implications of different migration scenarios for Europe in 2030.

As for future resources from the project, the final work package will produce a strategic research agenda with advice on future funding of migration research in Europe. More broadly, a textbook of migration studies, linked to the Hub, is coming next year. This will introduce students to the key literature in the field,

based on knowledge accumulation reports produced during the project. As well as this, short booklets on key knowledge questions for policymakers, highlighting the scholarship on drivers, infrastructures, forms, and governance, will also be published.

This has been one of IMISCOE's biggest projects. With an interactive Migration Research Hub now in place to bring knowledge under one roof, it will hopefully also become one of the most rewarding, not just for the network but for the whole field of migration studies.



Asya Pisarevskaja and Nathan Levy, part of the CrossMigration team

RESOMA

ReSOMA - *Research Social Platform on Migration and Asylum* – is a project funded under the H2020 programme that aims at fostering collaboration and exchange between Europe’s existing networks of migration researchers, stakeholders and practitioners to foster evidence-based policy-making.

ReSOMA has gathered members from different groups under a number of joint online activities and face-to-face meetings to look at selected policy issues in the field of EU asylum, migration and integration policies. The consultation process involved three different phases. Firstly, participants were asked to problematise each and every topic by highlighting key controversial issues. Secondly, they provided evidence on the different policy options that could be adopted to address the issues. Thirdly, they helped investigate the perception of those options among policy-makers and citizens and produce evidence-based policy recommendations. The results of this three-step feedback cycle fed into a number of publications that were disseminated to relevant audiences, including EU policy-makers.

ReSOMA targets different knowledge producers and brokers who often work on the same topics but fail to cooperate and create synergies. Researchers and stakeholders are indeed very well-integrated within their own communities at the EU and national levels but are not well-networked with one another to collaborate systematically on policy topics. While these communities often show common thematic interests and a great willingness to cooperate, collaborations cannot occur without greater awareness and a dedicated framework.

Given its focus on networking, ReSOMA has facilitated a structured consultation mechanism characterised by a high degree of reflexivity. Throughout the project, participants could integrate their own activities and benefit from each other’s perspectives vis-à-vis common policy topics. On the one hand, researchers were able to liaise with practitioners and civil society stakeholders who work on relevant topics and have access to up-to-date evidence from the grass-root level. On the other hand, practitioners and civil society stakeholders could integrate their practice with academic evidence which can amplify the strength and legitimacy of their work. Most importantly, the dialogue among these groups has ultimately enriched the debate around EU policies and helped take it to the public sphere through the project dissemination tools and brought it to the attention of policy-makers.

Partners worked from the very beginning to ensure that the ReSOMA community could be sustainable in the mid and long term. The ReSOMA Expert Database embodies the best added value generated by the project in almost two years of implementation and gathers some 1500 experts among academics, civil society and practitioners. This community will continue to exist at the end of the project thanks to the incorporation into the IMISCOE website, which will consolidate the web-presence of the network.

The role of stakeholder platform partners in the ReSOMA consortium was key to reaching out to the most knowledgeable experts at the EU and national levels. The four stakeholder platforms are:

- European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE) is an alliance of NGOs aiming to protect and advance the rights of refugees, asylum-seekers and other forcibly displaced persons in Europe and in Europe’s external policies.
- Social Platform is the largest network of European rights- and value-based civil society organisations working in the social sector. As a membership-based organisation, their mission is to advocate for policies that bring social progress to all in the European Union.

- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) is a network of organisations working to ensure social justice and human rights for undocumented migrants.
- EUROCITIES is the network of major European cities. Their members are the elected local and municipal governments of major European cities.

Over the past 2 years, ReSOMA has identified 18 policy topics (9 per year) thanks to the input given by think tanks and researchers, stakeholder platforms and policy-makers. In particular, 12 topics were selected in reaction to current EU developments, while the other 6 topics were selected from existing policy issues at the grass-root level. For each of these topics, partners identified the issues at stake, collected the policy options available at EU and national level and shed light on the reasons behind the adoption of specific options by policy-makers based on the policy public perception. The topics are:

Asylum:

- Secondary movements of asylum seekers within the European Union
- Implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR)
- Search and rescue operations and the Dublin Regulation: ad hoc responses to refusals to disembarkation
- Hardship of family reunion for beneficiaries of international protection
- Responsibility-sharing in EU asylum policy
- The role and limits of the safe third country concept in the EU Asylum policy

Migration:

- The increasing use of detention of asylum seekers and irregular migrants in the EU
- The implementation of the Global Compact on Migration (GCM)
- Strategic litigation of criminalisation cases
- Crackdown on NGOs assisting refugees and other migrants
- Migration-related conditionality in EU external funding
- EU return policy

Integration:

- Funding a long-term comprehensive approach to integration at the local level
- Public opinion on migrants: the effect of information and disinformation about EU policies
- Integration outcomes of recent sponsorship and humanitarian visa arrivals
- The social inclusion of undocumented migrants
- Sustaining mainstreaming of migrants' integration
- Cities as providers of services to migrant populations

57 publications were produced in 2 years, including 6 final comprehensive policy reports that underpinned the policy dialogue at the EU level. In one instance, the final report on the "Crackdown on NGOs and volunteers helping refugees and other migrants" was covered in several news outlets and enriched the public debate with sound evidence at a time when the topic was particularly salient (summer 2019). In addition, partners launched the thematic reports in a series of national events across Europe as well as in EU-level events addressed to EU and national policy-makers.

ReSOMA and IMISCOE have been in contact since the very beginning to make the project's results sustainable over time. The project was initially pitched at the Board of Directors meeting during the IMISCOE Spring Conference 2019 in Liège. At the 16th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Malmö, the Board of Directors agreed

to integrate ReSOMA within its infrastructure to enhance the research-social-policy nexus that would guide the network in the upcoming years and foster an evidence-based policy-making. From 2020 onwards, ReSOMA will mobilise stakeholder partners from across the EU and liaise with IMISCOE to strategise on policy topics that the network could address in cooperation with civil society.

Join ReSOMA and share your knowledge!

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RESEARCH SOCIAL PLATFORM ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

ReSOMA provides a platform for networking through the exchange of knowledge and practice in the field of **Asylum, Migration and Integration.**

Project objectives:

-  Creating a mutually beneficial platform for collaboration between EU research and practitioner networks and policymakers
-  Making the policy debate on asylum, migration and integration more evidence-based
-  Introducing new evidence-based priorities for the EU's policy agenda



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A Chat with

Our second guest is *Marco Martiniello (1960), BA in Sociology; PhD in Social and Political Science, European University Institute Florence (Italy) is Research Director at the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research (FRS-FNRS)*. He teaches Sociology and Politics at the University of Liège. He is the director of the Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) at the University of Liège and Director of the Institute for Social Sciences research in the Faculty of social Sciences in the same university .

He is the author of numerous publications on migration, ethnicity, racism, multiculturalism and citizenship. His current research examines the artistic expression and participation of immigrant, ethnicized and racialized minorities in super-diverse cities and countries.

What was your first contact with IMISCOE like?

My first contact with what would later become IMISCOE occurred through an invitation to join this venture from the founding father of the network, Rinus Penninx. We had collaborated before in the UNESCOE Programme MOST and we used to meet regularly in different migration and integration related conferences.

He presented to me this new EU tool, called at the time, the network of Excellence and he asked me if my centre and my university, the university of Liège, would be interested in joining this highly challenging bid to create a European, Network of Excellence on Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion. IMISCOE was not yet an embryo at that stage! But I was immediately thrilled by this challenge.

What made you join?

As I was saying, I was immediately thrilled by the idea. At the time, the Europeanisation and internationalization of migration research was much needed. I myself suffered the predominance of national approaches to migration issues during my PhD time at the European University Institute in Florence between 1986 and 1990. Therefore, I was convinced that trying to build the European network was the right thing to do improve our knowledge of the migration and integration processes and to try to contribute to policy making in those areas.

I managed to convince my Rector to allow me and my Centre, the CEDEM, to join the network. It was indeed quite easy because we were also taking about a comfortable budget to develop our activities in the first 5 years.



Marco Martiniello

And what made you stay all along?

The first five years were very rich. Once the project was accepted, we had really to build the group and develop the activities. I was very much into it. It had also become my project, so to say. Some difficulties could have emerged after the end of the EU funding. This change could have caused the collapse of IMISCOE. But even if member institutes were now asked to contribute to the financial sustainability of the network, I have always considered that the total advantages (mainly intellectual!) of being part of IMISCOE are much higher than the total costs of participation (mainly financial).

To this day, I think that being active part of IMISCOE is excellent for my own research, for the research and career of the members of the CEDEM team and also the image of the University of Liège.

IMISCOE revolves centrally around migration. How do you see the state of the art as far as research goes right now?

When I started my career migration studies in Europe were a minor domain of social sciences developed by socially minor scholars often immigrant origin scholars. Our model was either American sociology or Marxist approaches to migration. And our framework was the nation-state. Over the past 30 years, the research has become more European, international, transnational. Many topics have been covered. We know a lot on migration and integration processes. The three IMISCOE Textbooks I edited with Jan Rath give a good idea of the progresses we have collectively made. But sometimes, migration scholars tend to constantly reinvent the wheel with the same circular debates that occur again and again. The debates on integration is a case in point. We have been having the same debates over and over again in the last 25 years.

Migration studies have also become a business. In the past, scholars entering migration were mainly motivated by a social and political commitment. Today, some scholars join migration studies also because career opportunities are a since migration has become such a salient policy and political set of issues.

I guess we can still improve our knowledge of migration by lining more the theoretical developments in migration studies with what takes place in general social sciences. We should also preserve our academic autonomy in defining our research problems and not become too policy driven. Research and consultancy are different things. We should also explore less known areas in our field and be in a way less conservative in the choice of topics and issues to research.

On a more personal note, what are you working on that you'd like to share with the community?

I am very much interested in the numerous connections between migration, ethnicity, racism and culture understood in a broad including arts (music, theater, cinema, etc.) and sport (in particular football) in political sociology and anthropology perspective. I am currently working on an ethnographic research on the cultural participation of immigration in 5 districts of Brussels, on a book on the place of music in the mobilization of immigrant communities and another one on arts and migration. Besides I continue to explore visual

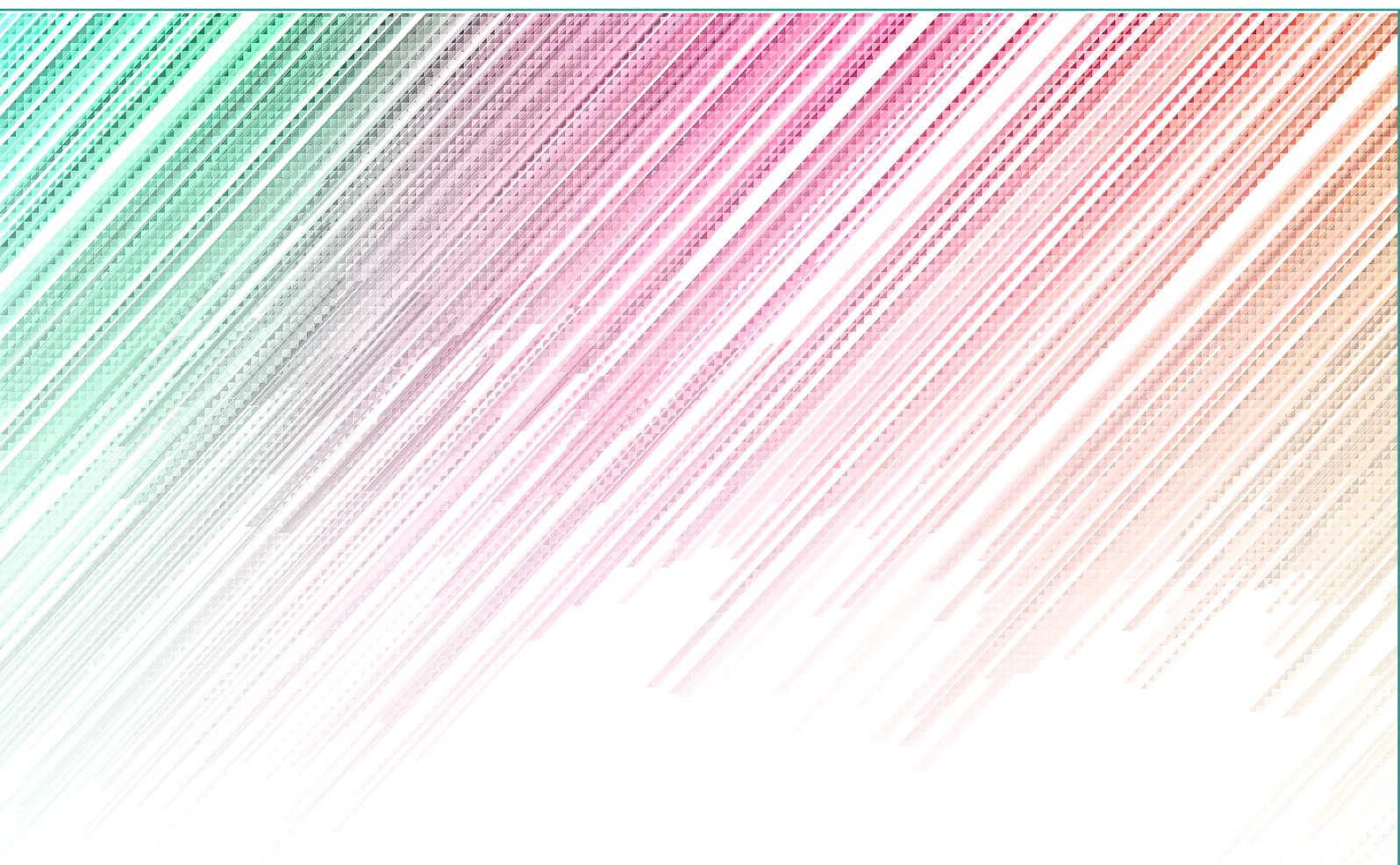
sociology tools to address migration related issues.

You've been in and around IMISCOE for a while now: what's one of your fondest memories with the Network?

The first IMISCOE conference in Coimbra remains a very good memory. After some many efforts coordinated by Rinus Penninx, here we were: a great bunch of scholars from different countries and getting together to give a new turn to migration and integration studies in Europe. It was simply great!

Fifteen years in, and being someone who's deeply engaged with this environment, where do you hope to see IMISCOE go in the next fifteen years?"

I hope is that IMISCOE will not become just another big professional society that organizes yearly a big meeting where networking is more important than working. I hope that we will continue to give priority to the substance of our research and that we will finds new original ways to improve the dialogue between academic scholarship, civil society, policy-makers, media professional and politicians.



IMISCOE's New Research Infrastructure

2019 was the year of the restructuring of IMISCOE's research infrastructure. We are happy to present the new 10 Standing Committees, which will be structurally supported by IMISCOE. In addition we are also presenting the 3 research initiatives that have IMISCOE support for 2019. In February 2020 a new call for Research Initiatives will be circulated.

Standing Committees

Standing Committees involve research clusters that have been established for a longer period of time, and have a broad programme of activities and a broad audience that they serve within IMISCOE.

- Methodological Approaches and Tools in Migration Research
- Education and social inequality
- Migration Politics and Governance
- Immigration, Immigrants and the labour market in Europe
- Gender and Sexuality in Migration Research
- Older Migrants
- Superdiversity, Migration and Cultural Change
- Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation
- Migrant Transnationalism
- Reflexive Migration Studies

Methodological Approaches and Tools in Migration Research

This SC will provide a forum for discussing methodological approaches and tools in migration research and assessing the best options available for tackling methodological challenges. The SC will build on the former Qualitative and Conceptual Research Cluster's activities, expanding its scope by including broad range of methodological approaches. The SC will adopt a pluralist perspective as it will address (1) issues specific to quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods and experimental research approaches and (2) general issues around research methods in migration studies, including, among others, gaining informed consent, gaining access to hard-to-reach populations, as well as operationalising relevant concepts and employing new communication technologies to carry out studies on migrations. Considering the cross-cutting character of this SC, Meth@Mig will aim to develop the cooperation with other, substantive SCs within IMISCOE to jointly organise activities, including events and publications.

The SC will also consider how to best foster evidence-based policy decisions. It will place special emphasis on sharing innovative procedures and on interconnecting researchers from different methodological schools as well as migration scholars and experts in research methodology. The SC will aim to become a reference-point for methodological reflection in the migration research community within and beyond IMISCOE.

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Names and institutional affiliations of (key) members

To be completed.

Agenda of activities

Meth@Mig plans to develop activities in three broad categories: research promotion and publication, training development, and network management.

Research promotion and publications

During its first four years, the SC will organize three international workshops, on opportunities and challenges to new and innovative research methods in migration studies (to be organised in 2020), on quantitative methods (to be organised in 2021) and on qualitative methods (to be organised in 2022). Furthermore, the SC will propose at least three sessions at each IMISCOE annual conference (starting from 2020) addressing various methodological issues in qualitative, quantitative, and mix-methods migration research. Agenda for prospective publications includes the special issues in the journals (proposals to be submitted to the selected journals after the methodological workshops on which the special issues will draw), edited volumes and a textbook on quantitative methods in migration studies (to be published in 2020/21).

Training development

The SC aims to prepare PhD students and junior researchers to better navigate in the variety of research methods landscape. To this end Meth@Mig will develop cooperation with the IMISCOE PhD Network and it will offer PhD training sessions at IMISCOE annual conferences and summer schools (starting from 2020). The SC will also promote accessible knowledge on methods via its online presence (videos, podcasts, blog entries, social media) as a part of Methods Kitchen (to be launched in Spring 2020).

Network management

The SC will organize formal SC meetings at the IMISCOE annual conferences (starting from 2020). In between the annual conferences, the SC will actively use electronic communication channels and the allocated webpage space on the IMISCOE's website (starting from 2020).

Output

The planned output of the SC will include a variety of publications, events and presence online, which will be dedicated to quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods in migration studies. As regards publications, we will develop at least two journal special issues, including: Ethical Challenges in Qualitative Migration Research, edited by Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Evren Yalaz, and Dirk Jacobs, Opportunities and Challenges of Innovative Research Methods in Migration Studies, based on the workshop organised by the SC in 2020.

Among planned publications are also two edited volumes Migration Research in a Digitized World: Using Innovative Technology to tackle Methodological Challenges, edited by Steffen Pötzschke and Sebastian Rinken, Key Normative and Descriptive Concepts in Migration Studies, edited by Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Dirk Jacobs and Riva Kastoryano, Agata Górny and Justyna Salamońska prepare the IMISCOE short reader on migration and quantitative methods. The SC will organise a series of panels during the IMISCOE annual conference dedicated specifically to research methods. Additionally, the SC will promote the methods training, offering PhD scholars with training sessions as a part of annual conferences and summer schools.

The SC will organise three international workshops, including:

- Opportunities and Challenges of Innovative Research Methods in Migration Studies
- Issues in Quantitative Migration Research
- Issues in Qualitative Migration Research
- The SC will hold a strong presence online, with its Methods Kitchen, providing video-interviews, podcasts and blog-type entries, all related to methodological issues when carrying out research on migration education and social inequality

Education and Social inequality

Education has been one of the earliest topics dealt with comparatively across countries in the IMISCOE network. The role of education as a key topic was clearly reflected since 2012 in the role of the Standing Committee on Education & Social Mobility, and since 2015 in the role of the Research Cluster on International Student Mobility and Migration. The newly proposed Standing Committee integrates both groups, reflecting the ongoing central importance of the field of education – at the primary, secondary and tertiary level – for understanding international migration patterns as well as experiences and outcomes in host country contexts. Furthermore, it is through education that social inequalities are sustained, increased, or abolished. This is why this research cluster also specifically focuses on “social inequality”.

The SC Education, Mobility and Social Inequality aims to stimulate international comparative research on the intersection between education, (international) mobility and social inequality. This intersection provides an ideal starting point to combine wider social theoretical work with empirical data collections and analyses. We aim to advance critical theoretical discussions on topics of social inequalities in education, education-to-work transitions as well as international mobility and education (e.g. students and refugees). In the past, we have called attention to theories of social reproduction and we will continue to work on these realms yet we also aim to extend the focus to, for example, organizational approaches in order to foster our understanding of the systemic and institutional production of educational trajectories and social inequality. Moreover, we seek to strengthen the topics of discrimination and racism in education and particularly invite researchers working on these topics to contribute to the SC’s activities.

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Agenda of activities

The SC plans to systematically extend the research focus to more general questions of social participation in an increasingly diverse and mobile, but also unequal world. On the theoretical level, the spectrum of approaches ranges from theories of social reproduction via capital theories to migration theories. The focal point “social inequality” allows us to study persisting inequalities and differences in education across Europe and beyond, and by this way the SC also invites for studies of discrimination, racism, and other means of social inequality (re)production to be carried out under its umbrella. Doing so, we also want to advance theoretical exchanges in the IMISCOE network, but with a continued strong foothold in empirical research. In the coming years, the SC plans to organize panels at the annual IMISCOE conferences with open call for papers. Both junior and senior researchers within and outside of the IMISCOE network are welcome to approach us with ideas for workshops and/or with panel suggestions. Please contact the SC coordinators for further information.

Output

Pathways to Success-Book (in progress)

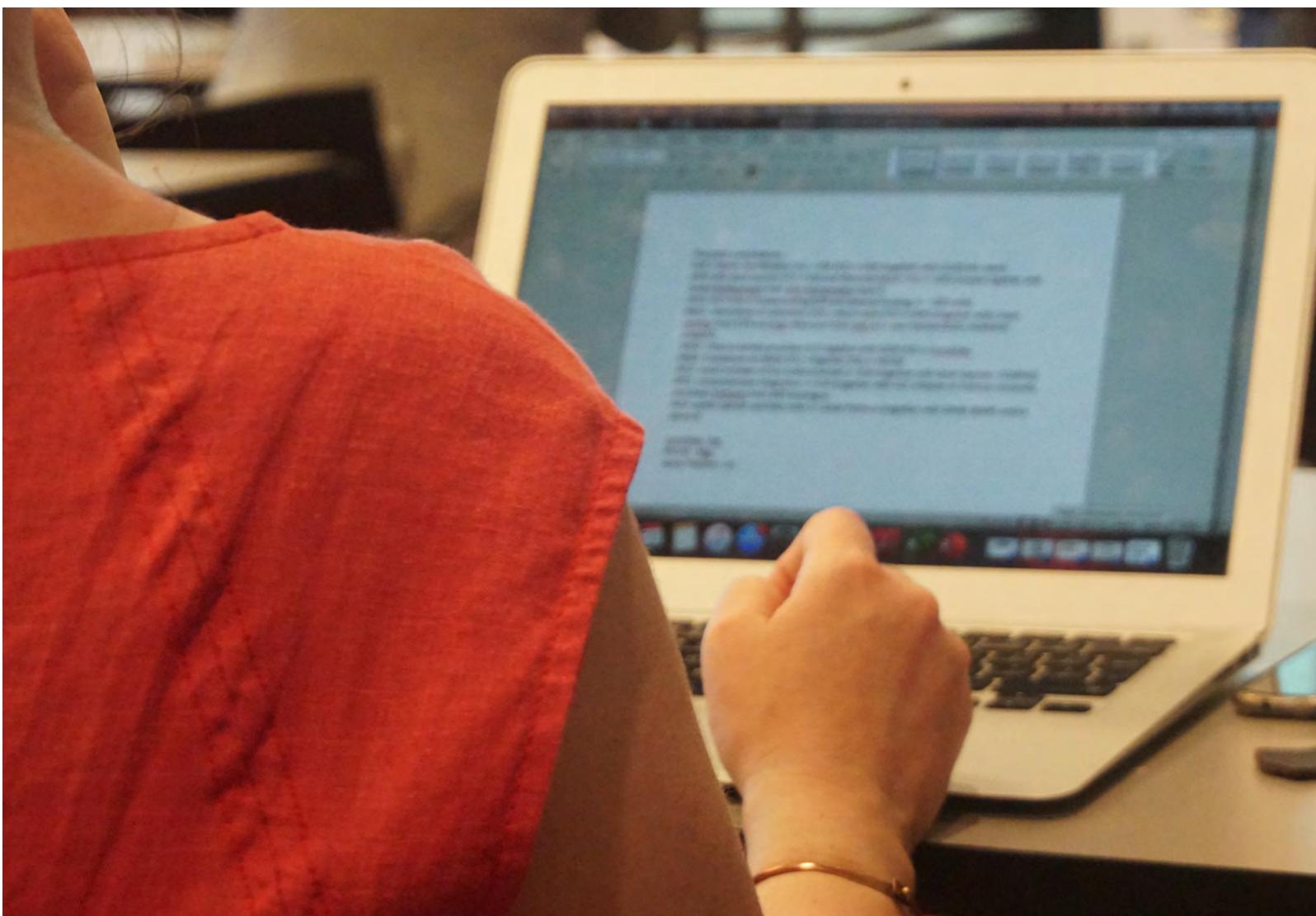
This book project is the joint publication of a comparative research initiative in six countries on the upwardly mobile descendants of migrants. It sheds light on the barriers and opportunities for successful educational and professional trajectories as well as the institutional contexts shaping them.

Social Ties Project (in progress)

This publication initiative aims at advancing a critical theoretical discussion on the connections between migrants' networks and their social mobility.

Special issue on the role of place in international student mobility (in progress)

This special issue aims at a broader understanding of the decision-making process of international students, i.e. not to focus only on why students move (that is, to consider motivational, psychological, and socio-demographic influencing factors, which has often been a focus in past research), but also where they move to and from, and to what effect (that is, to take into account factors such as destination country and city characteristics).



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Migration Politics and Governance

The Migration Politics and Governance (MigPoG) Standing Committee (SC) takes a broad and comprehensive approach to the study of migration policy, one which aims at promoting dialogue between scholars focusing on the politics and governance of migration. MigPoG starts from the assumption that in a context of increasing politicisation of migration, governance and politics should be thematised as the two facets of the same coin. The SC has the ambition of covering migration policy in a broad sense, including immigration, emigration, border control, integration, asylum seekers and refugees etc.

From a geographical point of view, MigPoG intends to contribute to the overcoming of the national-government and receiving country-centred bias of much research on migration policy, which is still highly characterised by a Eurocentric (or more broadly West-centric) approach. From a disciplinary perspective, the SC aims at catalysing scholars working on migration policy from different approaches, reflecting an understanding of policy as the product of the interaction between multiple actors. MigPoG will also include different methodological approaches to the study of migration politics and governance, and more specifically both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Through its broad definition of migration policy, ample geographical scope and critical approach to politicisation dynamics, MigPoG intends to contribute to the development of the field of migration policy studies in the sense of a greater integration between the political and governance facets of migration policy and policy-making.

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Agenda of activities

The MigPOG SC promotes two types of activities:

1. SC panels and business meeting to be organised within the Annual IMISCOE General Conference
2. Mid-term conferences (every two years and on specific themes)

Panels at the Annual IMISCOE General Conference

The SC issues every year, on the basis of the IMISCOE Annual General Conference calendar, a call for panels with the aim of 1) attracting the participation of new groups and scholars who are working on specific facets of the politics and governance of migration; 2) providing an opportunity for the SC's internal Working Groups to present the results of their work. A list of possible topics of interest will be specified in the call, e.g. political parties in migration politics, migration governance in specific areas of the world, social movements' mobilisation, etc.

During the General Conference the SC also runs a business meeting to keep track of its activities, discuss new initiatives and develop future strategy. The meetings are open to the chairs of other SCs to explore possible synergies and common initiatives.

Mid-term conferences

Depending on the availability of member institutes, mid-term conferences are organised regularly (at least every two years) with the goal of discussing papers on a specific theme regarding cutting-edge dimensions and approaches to the relation between politics and governance of migration. Conference themes will be decided by the Steering Group and will be broad enough to allow for the participation of MigPoG members and external scholars on the basis of a call for papers. Mid-term conferences will be also an opportunity for discussing possible research proposals and publication projects, as well as more generally the SC's future plans.

Output

The MIGPoG SC's activities will lead to two types of outputs:

- High quality publications in peer-reviewed international journals and/or peer-reviewed book series
- Research proposals to be submitted for competitive funding calls, such as Horizon 2020.

Publications

Through the organisation of panels and mid-term conferences, the SC aims at supporting high quality publications like special issues in international peer-reviewed and highly ranked journals and peer reviewed book series. Open Access publications are particularly welcomed and supported also with small contributions to the publication fees, especially if led by PhD students and young post-docs (within 3 years from the PhD thesis defence) who do not have access to other sources of funding.

Projects proposals

Along with publications, the SC supports the formation of internal Working Groups whose main goal is to produce research project proposals to be submitted to competitive calls for funding. Depending on the available budget, the SC covers expenses for the participation of PhD students and/or young post-docs to working groups' meetings.

Immigration, Immigrants and the labour market in Europe

The link between increasing migration, labour market dynamics and access to welfare resources are central to the debate on both immigration and integration policies of newly arrived migrants and their children. Negative views on the socio-economic effects of migration, often based on scarce scientific or empirical evidence, influence the political debate around these themes. However, little knowledge exists on the role of labour market actors in influencing immigration and integration policies and practices, as well as the migrants' labour market positions and experiences.

Building up on the work carried out within the previous research group (Immigration, Integration and Trade Unions in Europe, IITUE), IILME aims at exploring the complexities and contradictions of the interaction between migration phenomena and labour market in a time of rapidly changing migration, integration and labour market policies. The originality of the program lies in its theoretical framework combining a tradition of industrial relations, political economy (segmented labour market) and gender studies to explore multiple inequalities (intersectionality) as well the precarization of migrant and ethnic workers on labour markets.

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Agenda of activities

Project development meetings. The long-term aim of the IILME is to produce research which has the potential to have high impact on the academia as well as in the society as a whole. The Standing committee facilitates, supports and actively work for the preparation of research projects including small research initiatives and more ambitious grants. Meeting open to all members are regularly organized to facilitate the exchange of the ideas and the progression of the work.

Dissemination and communication activities. The IILME has a continuous and active presence during the annual IMISCOE conference. Open call and special panels are organized on annual basis and advertised through the IMISCOE and IILME channels. Members also disseminate IILME research through the participation to other relevant conferences and non-academic events with the aim of contributing to the social and policy debate.

Publication. The IILME facilitates and support members' initiatives aimed at publishing in academic journals and non-academic outlets. The writing up of short-pieces and blogs is also an important part of our publication plan.

Providing supporting facilities. IILME provides support to both scholars (and especially to PhD students and early career-researchers) and stakeholders working on migration issues interested in deepening labour market related issues within their own research. This is done through several activities (e.g. the provision of a forum in which IMISCOE members can present papers and research projects and receive detailed feedbacks) but also in the long run through the organization of training activities which will also see the participation of invited experts.



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Gender and Sexuality in Migration Research

The new Standing Committee “Gender and Sexuality in Migration Research” (GenSeM) brings together and supports IMISCOE-affiliated scholars whose research focuses on the areas of gender, sexuality and migration. GenSeM wants to create an infrastructure that can give voice and visibility to the needs of academics studying in these fields; support relevant publications; promote communication among specialists; and organise expert meetings.

GenSeM has the following objectives

1. To become a leading international forum for the development and promotion of academic research on issues relating to the study of gender, sexuality and migration
2. To provide a platform for knowledge-exchange and information-sharing focussing on teaching gender, sexuality and migration
3. To create a supportive infrastructure for Early Career Researchers working on these issues
4. To contribute to national, regional and local debates about gender, sexuality and migration and to increase the visibility of how gender and sexuality impact on migrants’ economic, legal, social or political experiences

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- Ms Marianela Barrios Aquino, PhD representative, (SCMR, University of Sussex)

Agenda of activities

GenSeM will hold its kick-off meeting at the University of Sussex on November 21st, 2019. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the Standing Committee’s steering group members to get to know one another better, draft the constitution of the SC, and to plan future activities. Professor Rhacel S Parreñas, University of Southern California, will open the meeting which all GenSeM members can attend.

To represent and develop the field of gender and sexuality in migration research, the Standing Committee will organize panels at the 2020 IMISCOE spring conference in Lisbon as well as thematic sessions at the 2020 summer conference in Luxembourg. In Luxembourg we will launch GenSeM, inviting all members and researchers interested in joining the Standing Committee.

In spring 2021 we will hold the First GenSeM workshop at the University of Sussex. This will be a two-day workshop focussing on how gender and sexuality impacts on different forms of migration (e.g. labour migration, marriage migration, forced displacement).

In addition, the Standing Committee will also contribute to teaching activities, by developing a “GenSeM syllabus database”, which will collate information on relevant modules and reading lists on gender, sexuality and migration. The database will become a resource for colleagues developing similar courses and encourage the inclusion of a wider pool of empirical research and theoretical work.

GenSeM will communicate to its members and wider public via a dedicated twitter account and an email list.

Older Migrants

In 2010, when then the Research initiative 'Ageing Migrants' started its activity, this was a little studied topic. The research projects conducted by members of the group and the publications have been growing along with the development of our network that has become a Standing Committee (SC).

We have been very active in organising scientific events, research workshops in the annual IMISCOE conferences and publishing. 2016 has been exceptionally productive, with 5 books and 2 special issues, and 2017 proves no less with 26 peer-reviewed articles and 3 special issues. This activity is facilitated by the fact that the SC has active members coming from different backgrounds (anthropology, demography, geography, sociology, migration studies, gerontology among others).

SC members organised 15 sessions in the IMISCOE annual conferences and 7 yearly international conferences bringing together large numbers of researchers on each occasion. The SC has benefited from the participation of notable researchers in the field such as Loretta Baldassar, Graeme Hugo, Russell King, Giovanni Lamura, Sandra Torres, and Christina Victor.

The SC objectives are to

- Place the study of older migrants more at the center of migration research by bridging with central concepts such as transnationalism, mobility, migration policies, integration, among others
- Advance theoretically this area of research. Scholars have pointed to a lack of theoretization in this area
- Contribute to the training of PhD students
- Develop collaborative projects and apply for funding

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Agenda of activities

For 2020 we plan one conference bringing together SC members to discuss funding opportunities, collaborative funding applications and joint publications.

Starting in 2021, we will open bids to organise yearly either two small co-funded conferences or one large conference on older migrants.

Output

Collective publications in the pipeline:

1. Vincent Horn, Cornelia Schweppe, Anita Böcker and María Bruquetas-Callejo, co-editors (2020). The global old age care industry: Tapping into care labour across borders
2. Tineke Fokkema, Russell King and Eralba Cela. Special issue, Ageing & Society on International retirement migration
3. Oana Ciobanu and Tineke Fokkema. Special issue, European Journal of Ageing on Loneliness among older migrants
4. Oana Ciobanu, Mihaela Nedelcu, Eva Soom Ammann, Karin van Holten, Special issue, Swiss Journal of Sociology. "Intersections between Ageing and Migration: Current Trends and Challenges".

Superdiversity, Migration and Cultural Change

DIVCULT aims to better understand the relevance of arts and culture in the theoretical and policy debates about immigrant incorporation and diversity in Europe and beyond. Over the last years, artistic activities have found increasing interest among migration researchers because they prove to be a means of moving beyond ethnic differences towards narratives of identity and belonging that are more apt to capture the current post-migrant reality in many cities and countries.

We intend to cover a wide range of artistic and cultural activities in our analyses ranging from music, literature, cinema and theatre to sports, fashion, clothing, design and food.

The idea is to jointly work on the following dimensions:

- Theoretical and conceptual issues
- Methodologies
- Relevance and social impact

These dimensions constitute the general framework in which the researchers involved can initiate joint research activities, organise workshops and conferences and prepare publications.

DIVCULT builds on previous work carried out in the IMISCOE Standing Committee on Popular Art, Diversity and Cultural Policies in Post-Migration Urban Settings (POPADIVCIT) founded in 2010. POPADIVCIT focussed on the political and institutional framework of immigrant artistic activities, the social relations between all actors involved as well as on their impact in particular in terms of political participation and mobilisation. The work has resulted in several special issues of journals.

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Agenda of activities

DIVCULT will organize a conference open to all of its members on 30-31 January 2020 in Brussels or Liège in order to prepare a concrete plan of activities for the coming four years that will be published on the IMISCOE website after the event.

Output

25-26 September 2019, Liège: Conference Immigration, Cultural Participation and New Forms of Political Solidarity: Global Perspectives: <http://blogs.ulg.ac.be/arts-minorites/en/immigration-cultural-participation-and-new-forms-of-political-solidarity-global-perspectives> <http://blogs.ulg.ac.be/arts-minorites/en/immigration-cultural-participation-and-new-forms-of-political-solidarity-global-perspectives/>

Special issues prepared in the framework of the SC POPADIVCIT:

- Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Marco Martiniello & Wiebke Sievers (Eds.): Special issue: Diversity incorporation in the cultural policy mainstream: Exploring the main frameworks and approaches bridging cultural and migration studies, *Crossings. Journal of Migration & Culture*, 8, 1, 2017
- Marco Martiniello (Ed.): Special issue: Artistic separation vs artistic mixing in European multicultural cities. *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, 21, 1, 2014
- Marco Martiniello and Jean-Michel Lafleur Eds.): Special issue: Ethnic Minorities' Cultural Practices as Forms of Political Expression. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 34, 8, 2008

Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation

The Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation Standing Committee (MIGCITPOL) offers a unique forum to researchers working in the fields of migrants' access to citizenship and political participation in sending and receiving societies.

MIGCITPOL's core mission is to compare how citizenship status and rights are legally regulated, and explore how the resulting institutional opportunity structure influences migrants' access to naturalization and their political participation in home and host countries. Our SC thus combines a top-down analytical approach aiming to understand how underlying regulations regarding naturalization and enfranchisement evolve over time and across countries with a bottom-up focus on migrants' practices of engagement in electoral and non-electoral mobilisations aiming at influencing the political decision-making process.

Our approach is comparative and aims to cover all regions of the world affected by international migration. It is also transnational, paying symmetric attention to immigrants and emigrants, and to the institutional context in origin and receiving countries. Finally, it is multilevel because we encourage our members to look beyond the nation-state as the sole provider of citizenship and political participation rights.

The founders and past coordinators of MIGCITPOL laid the foundations of a buoyant research agenda on migrants' access to citizenship and political participation. Our core mission is not only to build upon and expand these lines of inquiry, but also to take them in decidedly fresh direction.

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Agenda of activities

For the upcoming academic year (2019-2020), our main activities will be as follows:

- Organizing Panels for the IMISCOE Annual Conferences
- Linking MIGCITPOL with like-minded research networks within other academic associations (e.g. IPSA, ECPR, APSA, and ISA)
- Creating the Annual Award for the best paper presented at the IMISCOE Annual Conference on topics related to MIGCITPOL. The winner will receive a €250 prize, awarded at the end of the Conference.
- Establishing a new communication strategy on social media and recruiting new members
- Organizing Thematic Workshops in one of our partner institutions on topical issue related to the core themes of the IP. Our first workshop, on 'International Comparisons of Immigrant Selectivity and Migrant Status Transitions' is scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2020

Output

Call for MIGCITPOL-sponsored Panels, IMISCOE Annual Conference in Luxemburg 2020, around three main themes:

1. Global trends in citizenship law: Comparative research on citizenship laws and citizenship rights, as well as access to formal political rights
2. Transnational political participation: Engagement policies for diasporas and emigrants' participation and representation in origin country politics
3. Immigrants' political participation: Immigrants' political engagement and political mobilization for and against immigration in host countries
4. Call for upcoming Workshop on "International Comparisons of Immigrant Selectivity and Migrant Status Transitions" (scheduled for May 2020). The workshop will bring together 'old' and 'new' members from regions and disciplines that are, to this date, under-represented within the IMISCOE. While no arrangement has been made to date, we aim to publish the contributions to the Workshop as Special Issue

Migrant Transnationalism

The objective of the Standing Committee on Migrant Transnationalism (MITRA) is to provide an arena within IMISCOE for exchange on migrant transnationalism. The transnational turn was an innovation in migration studies and offered a new perspective for overcoming the limitations of methodological nationalism. It has provided new insights into integration issues, the functioning of diasporas, political movements, economic and social remittances and methodological strategies for multi-sited research. It has also questioned the very notion of migration. In many cases, people who lead transnational lives are a challenge to dominant conceptualizations of migration, undermining the assumption that people move from one country to another and remain settled in one place.

The Standing Committee on Migrant Transnationalism is not focused on a certain migrant category (for example in terms of gender or age), nor is it focused on certain institutional spheres (such as the labour market, politics or culture). It is also not specifically aimed at governance structures and policy strategies.

The Standing Committee was created on the basis of the former “Interactions of Migrant Integration and Transnationalism in Europe” (IMITE) and “Transnational Practices in Migration” (TRANSMIG) and “International Migration and Social Protection” (IMASP). We bring together IMISCOE Member institutes from across Europe.

To become an individual member of the Standing Committee and receive information about our activities, please get in touch with the coordinators.

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The Standing Committee’s governance structure is built around a Board. The Board consists of 1 member per core institutions participating, in addition to a PhD network member, and an additional member from the institution, which is coordinating the Standing Committee, in total 8 members.

PRIO will lead the Standing Committee the first two years (2019-2021), with Marta Bivand Erdal (PRIO) and Erik Snel (EUR) as co-coordinators for the period

The Board of the SC for 2019-2021 will consist of: Özge Bilgili (Ercomer, Utrecht University), Melissa Siegel (Maastricht University), Erik Snel/Godfried Engbersen (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Cathrine Talleraas (PhD Network representative), Paolo Boccagni (University of Trento), Brigitte Suter (Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MiM), Malmö University), and Marta Bivand Erdal and Jørgen Carling (PRIO).

Agenda of activities

To represent and develop the field of research on migrant transnationalism within IMISCOE, and in migration studies in general, the Standing Committee on Migrant Transnationalism will engage in specific activities:

- Conference sessions: The Standing Committee will organize two thematic sessions at the annual IMISCOE Conference. In order to promote a transnational perspective in migration research, these will focus on different subjects and include a range of topics within the umbrella theme of migrant transnationalism. As described under “Membership policy” – a process internal to SC members will be initiated to select the best conference session ideas each year, which then will be circulated as open calls in order to attract interested researchers from both within and outside the SC membership.

- Training events and PhD courses: The PhD Network member of the Board of the Migrant Transnationalism SC will be responsible for coordinating training events with the PhD Network and the IMISCOE Training Committee. The Standing Committee will organise training events at a biennial basis, e.g. PhD courses in relation to ongoing projects or research symposia.
- Research Symposia: To foster research exchange on particular research projects or topics, we will organize research symposia, which may include a PhD course component. The symposia will be open to participants within and beyond the Standing Committee. These symposia will include activities such as paper presentations, roundtable discussions and workshops for developing joint publications, special issues or proposals for funding.
- Kick-off Symposium: To support the development of the new Standing Committee, a larger symposium will be organized in 2020 where all members and other interested will be invited to discuss the wider dynamics of migrant transnationalism. The aim of the symposium will be to encourage networking and innovative research in the migrant transnationalism research field.

Output

Longer-term aims which our activities may help us reach, include joint publications and research project funding. The IMISCOE initiatives which are joining forces in the new MITRA Standing Committee, have a proven track-record of development of joint publications emanating from IMISCOE-based-activities, in particular special issues. In the future, special issues of relevant journals, including Comparative Migration Studies, and book proposals for the IMISCOE Springer book series, will be actively considered. Funding for research projects, and proposal development, on themes related to the Standing Committee and involving several IMISCOE member institutions, are another likely outcome in the longer term.



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Reflexive Migration Studies

Given the growth, relevance and responsibility of migration studies, the overall aim of this standing committee is to push forward a reflexive (and self-reflexive) perspective. Investigating on how this field has emerged as well as promoting reflexivity in current and future research involves questions on knowledge production, knowledge circulation and knowledge utilization. This endeavor is a multi-faceted one: It tackles the embeddedness of the field in wider societal (power) relations and the risk to reproduce hegemonic structures. Hence, studying knowledge production cannot be separated from studying eurocentrism, situated positions of researchers, or contested public debates on “truth” or “fake-news”. Studying knowledge circulation requires examining patterns of knowledge utilization in policy, politics, or state institutions. Equally important is to analyze the transfer of migration-related knowledge produced by other actors, like mass media, so-called migrants themselves, civil society actors, international organizations, or social science disciplines.

Becoming reflexive changes the positionality of migration studies. It emphasizes the boundedness of knowledge about migration to specific epistemological, methodological and political modes of knowledge production. The awareness that modes of conceiving and researching migration are inevitably historical and theoretically contingent shall feed back into the ways of how knowledge is produced. Consequently, the objectives of this SC are to :

- Promote reflexivity amongst migration scholars
- Provide a platform for research on knowledge production, circulation and utilization in migration studies
- Address the risk of migration studies of reproducing hegemonic structures and problem definitions
- Develop alternatives in theory, empirical research and science-society dialogues

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Institutional leadership of the standing committee is at IMIS, Osnabrück University, Germany.

The standing committee is managed by two directors and a governing board.

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Agenda of activities

Three foci throughout 2020-2023:

- (I) Histories, theories and methodologies of migration studies
- (II) Migration knowledge production by actors outside academia
- (III) Reflection on practices of data production in migration studies and development of new and different forms of data production

Objectives:

- (i) to establish 'reflexive migration studies' as part of the curriculum of the history and theory of the discipline; to contribute to the theory of migration studies; to reflect on the role of commissioned research for the epistemologies, history and theories of migration studies; to de-center and re-position European migration research within global contexts
- (ii) to investigate forms of 'migranticization' in terms of knowledge production, utilization and circulation by different actors such as state institutions, activists, policy makers and researchers, social scientist experts, and the role of mass (and social) media as distributors of this knowledge
- (iii) to enhance competences in reflexivity regarding data production (both qualitative and quantitative approaches) relating to the identified (potential) problems

Activities:

- Kickoff-Workshop in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, in 2020
- Panels and workshops at IMISCOE's Annual Conferences
- Annual thematic workshops
- PhD summer/winter school in collaboration with PhD network
- Invitation of scholars from Global South and from outside the IMISCOE network
- Preparation of book publication in IMISCOE Book series and of special issue in a migration journal
- Development of research projects/proposals, establishment of joint research program, aiming at EU and national funding agencies
- Dissemination of activities in local and social media

Output

The standing committee Reflexive Migration Studies will make its work and research accessible through various channels, thereby addressing different audiences in different ways.

The scientific community will especially be informed about the standing committee's insights through:

- a book publication (IMISCOE book series)
- journal articles
- a special issue in a peer-reviewed scientific journal.

Work and progress will be presented and critically discussed in formats such as:

- panels and semi-plenaries at IMISCOE Annual Conferences
- thematic workshops

Wider audiences such as the interested public, policy actors, activists or application-oriented institutions will be informed through:

- local media articles
- social media and blogging activities
- IMISCOE website
- Personal consultation.

Research Initiatives

Research Groups involve new research initiatives that focus on a very specific line of activity and a specific group of researchers geared to that.

- Norms and Values in Migration and Integration
- Revisiting Return Migration in Shifting Geopolitics
- Privileged Mobilities: local impacts, belonging and citizenship

Norms and Values in Migration and Integration

Questions of norms and values in migration have become increasingly more salient over the last decade in political and increasingly also a wide area of public debates. In the social sciences concerned with migration intellectual inquiries on norms and values in migration and integration scholarship are only just emerging. This research initiative thus is dedicated to the study of three specific yet interrelated fields of migration and integration in which norms and values have come to play a pivotal role: Firstly, our focus is on practices and experiences of value transmission in migration and integration, for example in integration courses or citizens' support practices. A second focus lies on value transformation as a related aspect of value transmission. While some scholars see values as something acquired through socialization, others argue that values can be transformed even at adult age. In the tradition of migration as a transformative process, our focus thus lies on value transformation as a result of migration. The final concern addresses value circulation, and thus addresses values and norms as goods to be exchanged and circulate in order to belong, and as a source of agentivity. Since the large inflow of refugees in 2015, the role of civil society organisations has widely been acknowledged. Driven by norms and values in their acting, they simultaneously create a space in which values can circulate between the individuals encompassed in this space, amid obvious power relations. The research initiative aims to deepen our understanding of and between such processes.

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Agenda of activities

The main goal of the initiative is to further collaboration between scholars working in this field, and establish its relevance to the field of Migration Studies (and the current public debate on migration). Concretely, we will organize a two-day workshop in May 2019 at the Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM) at Malmö University. The aim of the workshop is to facilitate an interdisciplinary discussion on the topic among scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds, both early-career and more experienced researchers. We also plan to submit a proposal for a special issue in a leading migration journal, with the working title 'Value Transformation, Transmission and Circulation in Migration'. The workshop also constitutes a starting point in creating a research network on the topic. For the workshop, the research initiative will

Research Initiatives

collaborate with the Malmö University public lecture series “Knowledge for Change” whose ambition it is to inspire cross-disciplinary discussions and cultivate relations and alliances both in and outside of academia – locally and globally, and to position science and universities’ roles in the development of society. We will further collaborate with the Horizon2020 (2018-21) project “Norms and Values in the European Migration and Refugee Crisis” (NoVaMigra – <https://novamigra.eu>), which involves nine partner universities across the EU and the US, coordinated by the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany. One of the main objectives of the project is to examine if and in what way the large-scale arrival of asylum seekers in 2015 have transformed so-called European values.

Output

The main output of the research initiative will be a workshop held at Malmö University in May 2020, including a key note speech. Further intended outputs are an established research network on norms and values in migration as well as a special issue on the topic in a leading migration journal.



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Revisiting Return Migration in Shifting Geopolitics

Recent developments around the world are indicating that the symbolic and the instrumental positioning of return migration within public discourse and migration agendas is changing. Return can be leveraged to serve specific geopolitical goals as it is a highly sensitive issue, which often requires additional resources to be mobilised (e.g., the EU-Turkey agreement). In some contexts, different forms of forced return are appearing as assaults to human rights; e.g., the deportation of the Windrush immigrants and EU citizens in the UK, the recent forced return from Saudi Arabia to Ethiopia.

Countries of origin that become home of, or rather new (temporary) settlements for, the returning migrants are often in a precarious bargaining position when it comes to negotiating return or managing re-settlement. In the Global South return is little researched, while there is growing evidence on the interconnectedness between migration patterns in these contexts and those in high-income countries. Increasing pressure on enforcing EU return policy is believed to lead to more deportations, which increases precarity upon return.

This RI aims

- To develop a coherent international academic narrative and foster networking on return migration in the context of contemporary geopolitical and social shifts
- To theorise the recent state and non-state practices and transformations of return migration and the implications for the involved stakeholders
- To advance research on the most innovative and unexplored aspects of return migration in order to promote cross-national dialogue between research, policy making and professional practice

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Agenda of activities

A research initiative on the topic of return migration expands the list of IMISCOE research groups/initiatives funded to date and increase its geographical outreach and interconnectivity. In particular, this RI aims at raising awareness on return implications and their impact on migrants and countries of origin to show academics' concern on what immigrant-receiving states tend to disown: complex inequalities and human rights infringement in the context of return migration. As such, the RI aims to engage with different topics, stakeholders and platforms of dissemination, as well as legacy planning beyond its lifetime.

Its deliverables include:

- A call for expression of interest in return migration
- An IMISCOE panel with papers from RI members
- A journal special issue
- A symposium on return migration regulation, practices and experiences
- A joint funding bid and planning for other national and international schemes as appropriate
- A short policy-focused publication on return migration
- A blog post on the RI on return migration for the IMISCOE website
- An innovative training network including rotating PhD students and other training opportunities, as part of its legacy

Output

- A mailing list/database of researchers interested in return migration
- IMISCOE panel to include papers from RI members, with a provisionally set theme 'Sustainable (re) integration: a magic wand pleasing everyone?'
- Journal Special Issue. The group will aim to bring the papers of the IMISCOE panel and papers submitted from other authors into a joint volume under the theme of 'Return Migration in Shifting Geo-Politics: Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives'.
- Symposium. The event is planned to take place in Liverpool and will be coordinated by the MWG-NW (Edge Hill University) and will take a multi-stakeholder approach including representatives of state and non-state organizations as well as academia.
- Funding proposal. The RI is particularly focused on developing collaborative funding initiatives, which are otherwise hampered by geographical distance or lack of support. The network will endeavour to generate funding and activate networks for public engagement activities in the Global South as part of its legacy planning.
- Policy-focused publication. A short policy-focused publication on return migration.
- A blog post. The RI coordinator will lead the discussion on the format, content and production of a blog post, which can be in the format of text and visuals and/or audio.
- Training Network. An innovative training network including rotating PhD students, other training opportunities is a natural output as part of this RIs legacy, and the coordinator will take particular care to explore strategically the building of this alongside other activities as above described.

Privileged Mobilities: local impacts, belonging and citizenship

Transnational mobility by migrants who are relatively privileged by citizenship, class, 'race' and investment capacity is on the increase. PRIMOB brings together researchers working on diverse forms of privileged migration – retirement, lifestyle, investment, amenity, elite, highly skilled and international residential mobilities.

The objectives of PRIMOB are threefold

The first objective aims to develop discussion around the conceptualization of privileged migration to increase understanding on the processes of privileged migration contextualized by origin and destination environments, migrant subjectivities and intermediaries – both human and non-human – in facilitating mobilities. How can privileged mobility and whiteness be incorporated into theories of migration and transnationalism? How are different forms of privileged migration located in the economic migration-leisure migration spectrum?

The second objective is to explore processes of emplacement and dwelling interrogating how temporalities of stay – in the context of multiple residences, transnational lives and ghost migration – impact practices of citizenship and belonging, and give rise to specific livelihood strategies. How do privileged migrants use, transform and partake in the city in which they live? How does that compare with migration to rural areas? What are the spaces and circuits of sociabilities established by migrants of privilege?

The third objective explores processes of local transformation and the impact of privileged migration on destination areas and the local social resistances emerging from competition on resources, processes of transnational gentrification, touristification, increasing house and retail prices, pressure on rental markets, restructured commerce and services, etc. It will also investigate the link between privileged migration and the leisure- and tourism-led restructuring of cities.

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Agenda of activities

The research initiative aims to create an open working group within IMISCOE, with the hope of expanding and evolving in the future to include new researchers at different career stages and from different disciplines. The activities are related with two main pillars, the first creating a lasting network on privileged migration based on research excellence and the second on dissemination. The research initiative will kick off with a virtual meeting in early October to organize our activities over the ensuing 12 months and beyond. During the course of the year, we will organise two workshops. The first in Lisbon during the IMISCOE Spring Conference in February 2020, where parallel sessions will be integrated into the conference. The sessions will bring together researchers working on various forms of privileged migration across Europe and beyond, with the objective of thinking through the objectives of the RI. Local impacts will be observed and discussed further through a study visit to various localities in Lisbon in the process of socio-spatial change due to transnational investment, touristification and new forms of lifestyle/investment migration.

A second workshop will be organised at the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Luxembourg in June 2020. The research initiative will collaborate on a joint proposal for a session(s) on privileged mobilities providing an opportunity to bring together senior and young researchers working on related issues in the Global North and South. A side meeting at the annual conference will also provide an opportunity for collaborating researchers to meet and discuss ongoing activities and writing plans.

A further, on-going activity includes the creation of an online space to gather research diaries, podcasts with experts, disseminate results, analysis, events, thoughts and videos. The website content aims to attract a wider audience including academics, policy makers, journalists, the general public and students.

To enhance the budget and create synergies ERASMUS + exchanges between European partners will also be used to exchange knowledge and teaching practices on migration and hold extra meetings to plan for project funding and publications.

Output

The joining of scholars working on the objectives related to this research initiative will be the first step in building a dynamic research stream within IMISCOE to advance knowledge and build synergies on privileged mobilities. A major output of the research initiative is to promote continuity by organizing workshops on an annual basis at the IMISCOE conference and building a consortium for future applications for competitive research grants to develop joint projects.

In the short term, we aim to bring scholars together, with special support for early stage researchers, in the annual and spring conferences in 2020 for workshops. Joint discussion and reflecting at these meetings will result in working papers or articles to create a future agenda for studies on privileged mobilities. We also aim to create a PRIMOB ([#primob_IMISCOE](#)) identity and a web space that is navigable and dynamic with good quality content to attract a wide readership and group of contributors.

A chat with

Our third guest is **Gianni D'Amato, Professor at the University of Neuchâtel and Director of the Swiss Forum of Migration and Population Studies (SFM).**

His research interests are focused on citizenship, mobilities, populism and the history of migration. After his MA in Sociology at the University of Zurich, D'Amato focused his PhD Thesis on citizenship and migrants' integration in a comparative perspective. He is author of *Vom Ausländer zum Bürger. Der Streit um die politische Integration von Einwanderern in Deutschland, Frankreich und der Schweiz* (Lit Verlag 3rd edition, 2005). His recent publications include "The Migration Challenge: The Swiss Left in the Arena of Direct Democracy" in M. Bröning & C. P. Mohr (Eds.), *The Politics of Migration and the Future of the European Left*. Bonn: Dietz, 2018, and "Immigration and, populist political strategies. The Swiss case in European perspective". In G. Titz, J. Mackert & B. S. Turner (Eds.), *Populism and the Crisis of Democracy, Volume 3*, London: Routledge, 2019.

What was your first contact with IMISCOE like?

This was in the 2000 when I heard by former colleague, Hans Mahnig, who died too early, told me about Rinus Penninx visiting Switzerland. He tried to convince the former head of our institute, Sandro Cattacin, to join the network. The only issue was that Switzerland as a non member of the EU had to find an alternative solution to become member of IMISCOE. We dealt a particular agreement with the Swiss Government which allowed us to enter the network of excellence

What made you join?

It was our curiosity to enter an European research consortium and to internationalize our own views on migration. We felt the need to join much more comparative approaches and start research cooperations with colleagues. At the time, there was no opportunity to meet regularly and discuss common projects.

And what made you stay all along?

The uniqueness of the organization. It is much more easier to destroy such an endeavor than to construct it. It was an incredible collective effort to build IMISCOE with its different layers to accommodate senior and junior researchers. Such a network can only be maintained through a continuous effort, first by the coordinators, second by the deciding bodies and all the members of the Network.

IMISCOE revolves centrally around migration. How do you see the state of the art as far as research goes right now?

Migration research has evolved incredibly in the last 20 years. Once an interdisciplinary spectrum of single researchers and institutes, it has evolved and gained the character – I might dare to say – of a discipline of its own. With the technological and societal transformation different aspects of human mobility have changed. Legal and economic drivers have reshaped the pattern of being mobile favoring certain groups, excluding many others. Therefore, the research has to be attentive to these transformations and how different parts of societies are affected by them.

On a more personal note, what are you working on that you'd like to share with the community?

I am interested in the politicization of immigrants in Switzerland over time, paying particular attention to selected periods of discontinuity, to prepare the base for further cross-national comparison. We coded political claims in newspapers articles in the 1970s and the 2010s to extend already existing coverage of claims between 1995 and 2009. We expanded the coding to Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, UK and Ireland from a former data base. The intention has been to examine the nature of claims-making

in specified periods of discontinuity, defined as times in which large-scale processes of social change disrupted the politics of immigration and immigrant integration. As a preliminary finding we observed substantive differences both between and within the periods observed. Differences exist in the salience and polarization of the topic, the type of actors engaged in claims-making, and the frames used to justify the claims.

You've been in and around IMISCOE for a while now: what's one of your fondest memories with the Network?

Obviously, all the annual conferences are an unique moment to meet : they give plenty of opportunities to learn and exchange views. Nevertheless, the first meeting in Coimbra was exceptional. It gave me the opportunity to see the whole network for the first time, to share moments of knowledge and sight-seeing. I will never disremember the ancient library in Coimbra and the warm welcoming by the local staff. The next great moment was the privilege to organize the annual conference in Geneva, together with our newly created nccr—on the move, giving to all our PhD and PostDoc fellows the opportunity to europeanize their personal network.



Gianni D'Amato

Fifteen years in, and being someone who's deeply engaged with this environment, where do you hope to see IMISCOE go in the next fifteen years?"

I hope that IMISCOE will consolidate and strengthen its structures, and develop its unique selling point, its annual conference and the spring conference, being the academic institution to foster research and PhD teaching in migration studies. I have the confidence that it will develop further venues to include new perspectives that will enhance the capacity to understand the challenges and the transformations of our contemporary world, using different disciplinary approaches.



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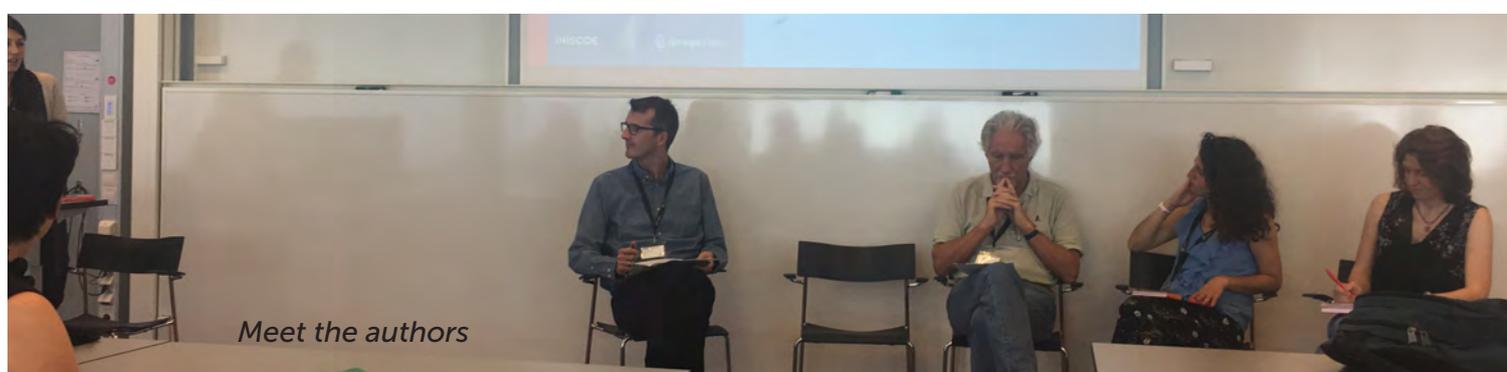


Publications

IMISCOE publishes the peer refereed journal Comparative Migration Studies (CMS) on Open Access, and a dedicated book series that includes Research Monographs and Edited Volumes, targeting a more specialized audience, as well as a new Short Migration Reader Series aimed at students and young researchers or practitioners who need a concise and simple introduction into a specific topic. The IMISCOE Editorial Committee has continued its intensive work throughout the year 2019. Major developments include the following.

Book Series

Anna Triandafyllidou and Irina Isaakyan



Newly committed books

In 2019, we have accepted 20 new book proposals. 11 of them were selected during the Competitive Call 2018 including the 3 winners.

Author	Title
Karolina Nikielska-Sekula and Amandine Desille	Visual Methods in Migration Studies: New Possibilities, Theoretical Implications, and Ethical Questions
Carmelo Danisi, Moira Dustin, Nuno Ferreira and Nina Held	Queering Asylum in Europe: Legal and social experiences of seeking international protection on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
Veronica Federico and Simone Baglioni	Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers' Integration in European Labour Markets. A Comparative Approach on Legal Barriers and Enablers
Zvezda Vankova	'Circular Migration and Rights of Migrant Workers in Central and Eastern Europe: The EU promise of a triple win solution'
Ayca Arkilic	The Politics of Emigration: Turkey and Its European Diaspora: Diaspora Diplomacy: Turkey's Engagement with Its Expatriates in Europe
Laure Sandoz	Intermediaries, channels and privileges. A journey into the mobility of the highly skilled towards Switzerland
Polina Palash	Managing social protection across multiple countries in post-crisis times: The case of Ecuadorian transnational families between Ecuador, Spain and England
Agnieszka Radziwinowiczówna	Living/Leaving the Deportation Regime: The Removed and the Immobile in Rural Mexico
Julija Sardelić	Their refugee crisis and the politics of diversity in Europe : Transit Countries and Temporary Migration along The Western Balkan Route
Catherine Lejeune, Delphine Pagès-El Karoui, Camille Schmoll, Hélène Thiollet	Cosmopolitanism as Urbanity: Situating Migration and Mobilities in a Globalised World
Lore Van Praag, Loubna Ou-Salah, Elodie Hut, and Caroline Zickgra	Migration and Environmental Change in Morocco: In search for linkages between migration aspirations and environmental change
Harald Köpping Athanasopoulos	The Spillover of Misery: Irregular Migration and the Social Purpose of European Integration
Cristian Norocel, Anders Hellström, and Martin Bak Jörgensen	Hope and Nostalgia at the Intersection between Welfare and Culture
Jussi Jauhianen Miriam Tedeschi	Undocumented migrants and their everyday life
Oleksandr Rynduk, Brigitte Suter, and Gunhild Odden	Migration to and from Welfare States: Lived experiences of the welfare-migration nexus in a globalized world
Marcel Erlinghagen, Andreas Ette, Norbert F. Schneider, Nils Witte	Returns from Global Lives: Individual consequences of international migration through the life course
Steffen Pötzschke and Sebastian Rinken	Quantitative Migration Research in a Digitized World
Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond (3 volumes)

Call for book proposals 2019 the final RESULTS

The IMISCOE Springer competitive call for proposals closed on 20 November and thanks to the Editorial Committee's hard work we already have the three winners of the call. The first prize went to Elif Keskiner, Michael Eve and Louise Ryan for their forthcoming edited volume "Revisiting 'strong' and 'weak' ties: migrants and their children in the labour market".

Contributions to this volume critically review the well known theory of Granovetter on the importance of strong and weak ties among migrants or between migrants and natives in helping or undermining socio economic integration processes. Reinhard Schweitzer was awarded the second prize for his authored book "The Micro-management of irregular migration" which looks at how street level bureaucrats react to knowing that one of their 'customers' is an irregular migrant. The book is innovative in distinguishing between knowing the information and deciding to act upon it. It compares the role of different organizational and civic cultures in London and Barcelona, looking at health, education and social assistance. Alice Massari won the third prize with her single authored book "Humanitarian Representations and Migration Governance" which critically reviews the ways in which four major NGOs (CARE, Save the Children, Médecins Sans Frontier, and Oxfam) campaigned to raise support and donations for Syrian refugees. Alice takes a critical look at these campaigns which aim to support refugees but may end up, Alice warns us, victimizing and infantilizing them.



The Migration Reader Series

We have already commissioned 18 Readers for our IMISCOE Springer Migration Reader Series on important topics related to migration (pls see the full list below) and we expect the first readers to be published in the first half of 2020. Six further Reader proposals are currently in preparation, including 3 Regional Readers (i.e. authors have agreed to do a Reader but have not yet submitted the Reader proposal).

List of Short Migration Readers

Author(s)	Title(s)	Status
Oliveira, Catarina	Migration & Entrepreneurship	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Dines, Nick	Migration & Cities	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Pecoud, Antoine	The Global Governance of Migration	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Christou, Anastasia & Kofman, Eleonore	Gender & Migration	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Otterbeck, Jonas & Magdalena Nordin	Migration & Religion	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Nori, Michele	Migrations and Rural Development.	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Fibbi, Rosita; Arnfinn H. Midtbøen; & Patrick Simon	Migration & Discrimination	Contracted, revised manuscript in preparation
Weinar, Agnieszka; & Klekowski von Koppenfels, Amanda	Highly-skilled migration	Contracted, revised manuscript in preparation
Gorny, Agata & Jystina Salamonska	Migration & Quantitative Methods	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
de Valk, Helga & Raymer, James	Migration & Demography	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Martiniello, Marco	Arts & Migration	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Delgado Wise, Raul	Migration & Development	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Siegel, Melissa & Merkel, Ortrun	Migration & Corruption	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Kuschminder, Katie	Migration & Return	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Sabrina Marchetti and Anna Di Bartolomeo	Migration & Domestic work	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Bianca Mascarenas & Rinus Penninx.	Migration & Employment	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Majella Kilkey and Laura Merla	Migration & Families	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation
Laura Morales and Katia Pilati	The Civic and Political Participation of Migrants	Contracted, 1st manuscript in preparation

Innovation in our Series!!

The Regional Readers are a new part of our Series. They are edited volumes focusing on migration issues and approaches in a given world region (e.g. South America, Central America, Southeast Asia, East Africa, West Africa etc), edited by a leading scholar based in that region and with contributors mainly from that region. The Regional Migration Readers are by invitation only, like the Short Readers.

We expect the first Regional Readers proposals to come in, in March 2020 and the first Regional Reader MSs in mid or late 2021. So the first such Readers will be published in 2022.

Regional Migration Readers in preparation

Author(s)	Title(s)	Data of MS completion
Irudaya Rajan	Migration in South Asia	End 2021
Pragna Rugunanan	Migration in South(ern) Africa	End 2021
Sriprapha Petcharamesree	Migration in South-East Asia	End 2021

All Readers will be Open Access and we expect them to become the Leading Migration Reader series in Europe and beyond, giving great visibility to both IMISCOE and Springer.

Workload for the Editorial Committee

Despite having streamlined our Review Procedure for both Readers and other Research Monographs or Edited Volumes, the workload on the Editorial Committee is considerable. We have implemented the following measures:

1. We have expanded our Editorial Committee to include four more people;
2. We no longer guarantee that all MSs are checked by one external and one internal – and rather have only ONE reviewer (whether internal or external) to read finalised manuscripts with the oversight of the chairperson of the EC.

The workflow is huge as each book proposal is read by TWO members of the EC and each MS is read by ONE EC member and ONE external – and we are currently publishing more than 8 books per year. We have managed to produce 9 books for 2018 and 10 for 2019 and it looks like we will have to exceed 10 in 2020 as when Manuscripts are ready before June 2020 we cannot have them wait too long to push them back to 2021.

List of books published

Author(s)	Title(s)	Production date
Hunter, Alistair	Retirement Home? Ageing Migrant Workers in France and the Question of Return	2018
Dahlvik, Julia	Inside Asylum Bureacracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria	2018
Rosenberger, Sieglinde; Verena Stern and Nina Merhaut	Protest Movements in Asylum and Deportation	2018
Scholten, Peter and Mark van Ostaijen	Between Mobility and Migration: The Multi-Level Governance of Intra-European Movement	2018
Zapata, Ricard and Evren Yalaz	Qualitative Research in European Migration Studies	2018
Bauböck, Rainer	Debating Transformations of National Citizenship	2018
Moret, Joelle	From Migration to Mobility Capital: European Somalis' Cross-Border Movements and the Transnational Circulation of Resources	2018
Slootman, Marieke	Ethnic Identity, Social Mobility and the Role of Soulmates (MON)	2018
2019 Printed or in production		
Scholten, Peter; Maurice Crul and Paul van de Laar	Coming in Terms with Superdiversity: The Case of Rotterdam	2019
Bauböck, Rainer	Debating European Citizenship	2019
Vickstrom, Eric	Pathways and Consequences of Legal Irregularity: Senegalese Migrants in France, Italy and Spain (MON)	2019
Magazzini, T. and S. Piemontese	Constructing Roma Migrants: European Narratives and Local Governance (EV)	2019
Keskiner, Elif	Youth Transitions among Descendants of Turkish Immigrants in Amsterdam and Strasbourg: A Generation in Transition	2019
Pereira, Claudia and Joanna Azevedo	New and Old Routes of Portugese Emigration: Uncertain Futures at the Periphery of Europe (EV)	2019
Steiner, Ilka and Philippe Wanner	Migrants to Expats: The Swiss Migration and Mobility Nexes	2019
Sandoz, Laure	Mobilities of the Highly Skilled towards Switzerland The Role of Intermediaries in Defining "Wanted Immigrants"	2019
Doomernik, Jeroen and Birgit Glorius	Geographies of Asylum in Europe and the Role of the Local (EV)	2019
Hinger, Sophie and R. Schweizer	Regimes of Disintegration	2019
Spencer, Sarah and Anna Triandafylidou	Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe: Evolving Conceptual and Policy Challenges	2020

Books in-preparation which we expect to be ready by 30 June 2020 and to be published in late 2020

Author(s)	Title(s)	Production date
Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond: Volume 1: Comparing Access to Welfare Entitlements	2020
Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond, Volume 2: Comparing Consular Services and Diaspora Policies	2020
Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond, Volume 3: A Focus on Non-EU Sending States	2020
Veronica Federico and Simone Baglioni	Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers' Integration in European Labour Markets. A Comparative Approach on Legal Barriers and Enablers	2020
Zvezda Vankova	Circular Migration and Rights of Migrant Workers in Central and Eastern Europe: The EU promise of a triple win solution	2020
Harald Köpping Athanasopoulos	The Spillover of Misery: Irregular Migration and the Social Purpose of European Integration	2020
Cristian Norocel, Anders Hellström, and Martin Bak Jørgensen	Hope and Nostalgia at the Intersection between Welfare and Culture	2020
Jussi Jauhianen Miriam Tedeschi	Undocumented migrants and their everyday life	2020
Nori, Michele	Migration and Rural Development (Short Reader)	2020
Weiner, Agnieszka and Klekowski von Koppenfels, Amanda	Highly Skilled Migrations	2020

List of Readers already commissioned (MS writing in-progress) - 19 Readers

Author(s)	Title(s)	Date of Completion
Nori, Michele	Migration and Rural Development	End 2019
Weiner, Agnieszka and Klekowski von Koppenfels, Amanda	Highly Skilled Migrations	End 2019
Martiniello, Marco	Migration and Cultural Production	Early 2020
Christou, Anastasia and Kofman, Eleonore	Gender and Migration	Summer 2020
Otterbeck, Jonas	Migration and Religion	Summer 2020
Dines, Nick	Migration and Cities	Summer 2020
Delgado Wise, Raul	Migration and Development	2020
Salamonska, Justyna and Agata Gorny	Migration and Quantitative Methods	Summer 2020
Fibbi, Rosita, Arnfinn H. Midtbøen and Patrick Simon	Migration and Discrimination	Summer 2020
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Laura Morales and Katia Pilati	The Civic and Political Participation of Migrants	2021
Majella Kilkey and Laura Merla	Migration and Families	2021
Pecoud, Antoine	The Global Governance of Migration	2021

List of Readers agreed with – we wait for Authors to submit in 2019 – 3 proposals

Author(s)	Title(s)	Data of MS Completion
Eralba Cela & Elena Ambrosetti	Migration and Age	End 2021
Jean Michel Lafleur	Migration & Welfare	End 2021
Albert Kraler & Martin Wagner	The governance of the asylum	End 2021

List of Regional Readers agreed with – we wait for authors to submit in 2020

Author(s)	Title(s)	Data of MS Completion
Irudaya Rajan	Migration in South Asia	End 2021
Pragna Rugunanan	Migration in South(ern) Africa	End 2021
Sriprapha Petchamesree	Migration in South-East Asia	End 2021

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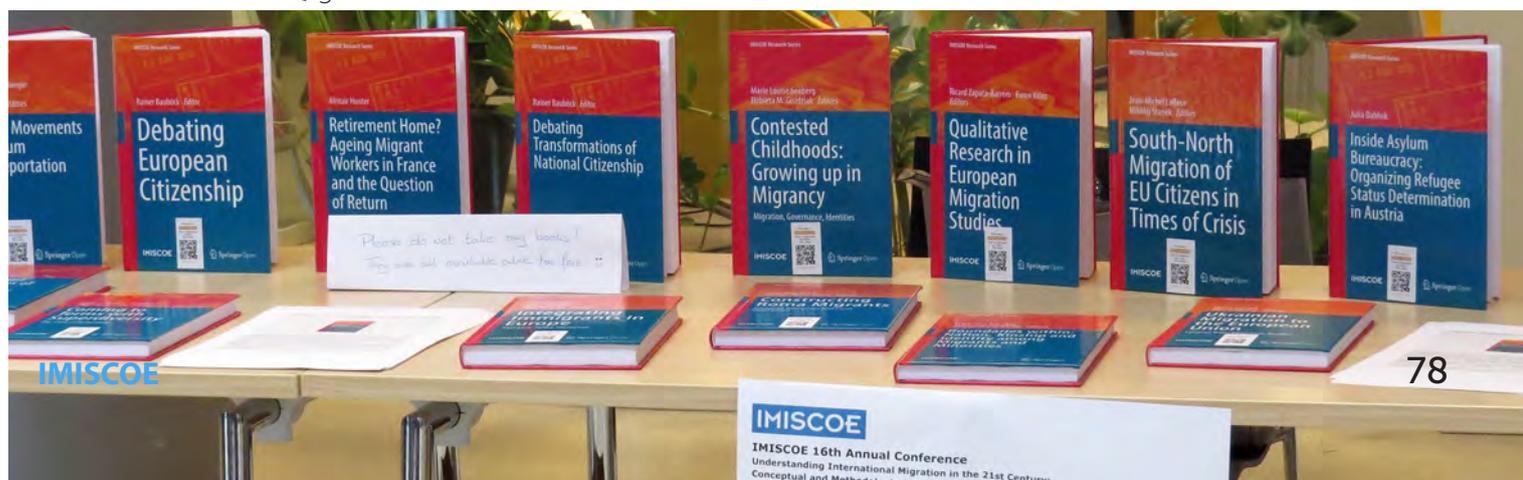
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Journal Comparative Migration studies (CMS)

Update for IMISCOE Board of Directors, January 2020

Current state of affairs

The journal CMS, founded in 2013, provides an outlet for high-quality, comparative and interdisciplinary work on migration. The journal has been Open Access from the beginning, while also providing hardcopy printing in limited numbers. Since 2014 the journal is associated with IMISCOE, and since 2015 it moved from AUP to the current publisher Springer. CMS is now an integral part of the IMISCOE publication strategy, operating alongside and in coordination with the book publications.

CMS publishes 5 issues per year, with a steady pipeline and backlog of publications. This includes two special issues per year (one focused on the theme of the IMISCOE annual conference and one selected after an open call), and a 'commentaries' issue around a topic that is considered of particular relevance to the field of migration studies.

Inclusion in SCOPUS and the Emerging Sources Citation Index

Since 2018, CMS is included in SCOPUS. This makes sure that in most countries, authors will receive 'publication credits' under their university systems. In 2019 the journal is also included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index of Thomson Reuters, which is used by Clarivate Analytics. This means that the journal is not monitored for inclusion in the SSCI.

Continued growth in number of article submissions

As figure 1 shows, the number of submissions has increased to almost 100 in 2018. All publications (including individual articles to special issues) are subjected to a double-blind peer review procedure. In order to improve the turn-around time for submissions to the journal, this review procedure has been developed further in the Editorial Manager portal.

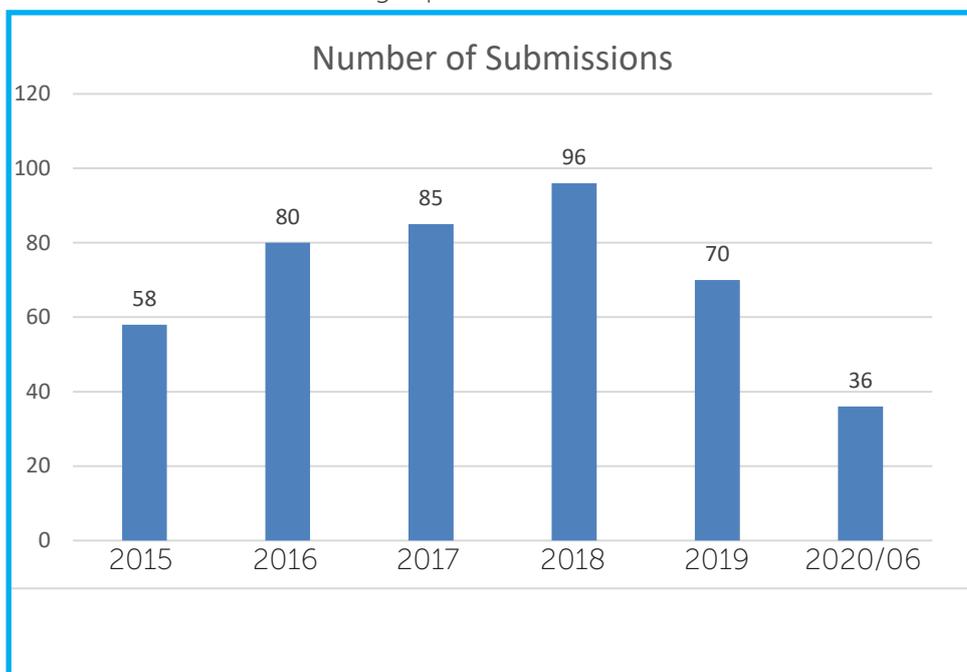
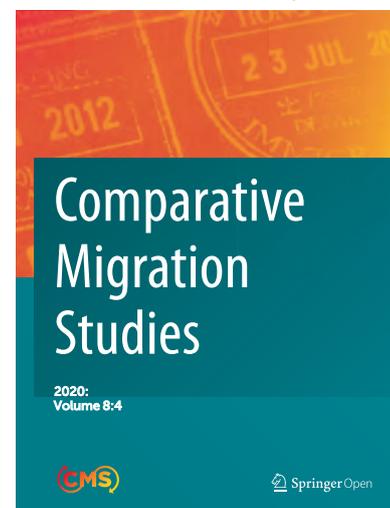


Figure 1: Submissions since 2015 (figures until 8 June 2020)



Explosive growth in usage of articlesioned

In terms of impact, the journal has grown rapidly over the past years to more than 100.000 successful full-text article requests (incl. downloads) in 2018. Moreover, until September 2019, there have been already 160,241 full-text article requests, which signals that use of the journal is accelerating. We believe that this is a clear manifestation of the success of an open access strategy.

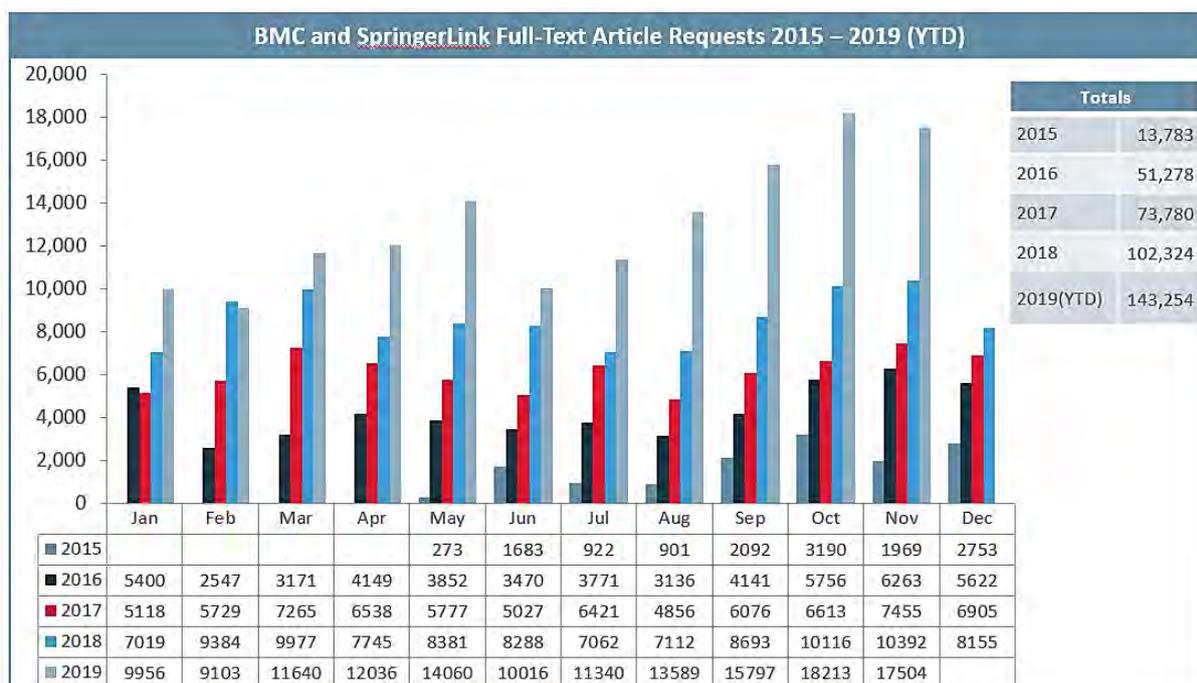


Figure 2: Successful full-text article requests

Globalisation of the editorial board

As announced, we have made further attempts to globalize the editorial board. This has led to new members from Australia and South-America. The composition of the board is now as follows:

- Martin Bak Jørgensen, Aalborg University, Denmark
- Pieter Bevelander, Malmo Institute of Migration, Sweden
- Paolo Boccagni, University of Trento, Italy
- Magdalena Arias Cubas, Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Australia
- Andrew Geddes, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Birte Nienaber, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- Andreas Pott, Professor of Social Geography at the University of Osnabrück, Germany
- Jacques Ramirez, University of Cuenca, Ecuador (Contemporary Anthropology Program)
- Sieglinde Rosenberger, University of Vienna, Austria
- Tabea Scharrer, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany
- Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto, Canada
- AKM Ahsan Ullah, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Brunei

Turnaround time

Unfortunately, the turnaround time has increased to 114 days until the first decision. Although this is not so much out of par with other journals, we continue to strive for a decision within 3 months from submission. We expect that the enlargement of the Editorial Board and a more efficient communication between editors and the board should bring the turnaround time well below 90 days again.



Finances and APC's

As reported last year, the journal struggled with financial shortages, amongst others due to the unexpected growth of the journal. Also thanks to the help of Springer, the shortages have been resolved. As of 2020 the Journal starts with a clean financial sheet again.

An important ambition is to make more use of the opportunities for covering APC's from external sources. So far IMISCOE has covered APC's for all authors. However, an increasing number of authors is able to get APC's covered under agreements between their university (and sometimes their country) with publishers. This is often unknown to the authors themselves. We will increase efforts to facilitate authors to cover their APC's externally, so that CMS can use its funds to expand the number of articles to be published further.



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IMISCOE Events

Istanbul Summer school 2019 – GAR and University of Gothenburg

IMISCOE PhD Summer School 2019, Istanbul Update for the Board of Directors

Studying Integration and Social Cohesion: Theory, Practice, Method and Ethics of Conduct

The IMISCOE PhD Summer School is organized in collaboration between University of Gothenburg's Centre on Global Migration (CGM) and the Association of Migration Research (GAR) on 9-14 June 2019, in Büyükada Anadolu Club (<http://www.anadolukulubu.com/en/>). The program started on 9 June Sunday with an informal dinner after arrivals. Students attended lectures in the mornings, and roundtable discussions in the afternoons where they presented their own research. Each participant had a peer discussant. One afternoon was allocated for presentations from the civil society followed by a final field trip day that ended with a closing keynote of Ricard Zapata-Barrero, whose book *Qualitative Research in European Migration Studies* is translated into Turkish by GAR. (Please see Annex I for the program including participant names, and affiliations).

The call for applications for the PhD Summer School was opened in November 2018 and closed in January 2019. The call was widely shared on social media, which resulted in reception of 85 applications during this time. The candidate pool was very diverse in terms of discipline, affiliated institution, and country of origin. At the end, we had 15 PhD students as participants. The PhD Summer School followed a NO fee policy, and the only expectation from the participants was to secure funding for their travel to Istanbul, i.e., the conference venue, their possibly extra days of stay in the city, and their personal expenses. (Please see



Family Photo at the entrance of Büyükada Anadolu Club, the venue of the Summer School

Annex II for the budget. Please note that while University of Gothenburg has secured funds for travel of faculty from Sweden to Turkey, GAR has secured funds for the closing keynote event.)

We have received very positive feedback from the participants. Some comments from our Post-Event Feedback Survey are below:

"I liked that the lectures were great and much time was allocated to student presentations. Of course, the location was super!"

"I think the organization of the event was mention-worthy. I also appreciate that the participants were from different disciplines and backgrounds which enriched the experience. I also think that the field visit on the last day was eye opening in regard to taking theory and academic discussion to practical level."

"Expertise of the faculty, group dynamics and very welcoming organizing team. We have been really taken good care of!"

"Good place to be, an excellent group of students, who are engaged and devoted to what they do. All participants were very generous with their hints and comments to each other's work."

"I learned so much! I liked how it was fee free obviously. I couldn't afford a program like this otherwise. I also liked the location. I loved the group of people and the field presentations as well!"

One negative point raised by the participants was that the program was packed.



Photo from the day when there were presentations of civil society representatives. We hosted the Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (SGDD-ASAM), Hrant Dink Foundation, The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), and World Academy for Local Government and Democracy (WALD)

Photo from the closing keynote of Prof. Ricard Zapata-Barrero. The event was open to public and attracted a large audience.



The 16th Annual IMISCOE Conference

Understanding International Migration in the 21st Century: Conceptual and Methodological Approaches
26-28 June, 2019, Malmö University



In the unusually sweltering Swedish summer days of June 2019, Malmö University had the pleasure of hosting the 16th Annual IMISCOE Conference. Malmö Institute of Studies of Migration, Diversity, and Welfare (MIM) organized the 158 sessions, welcoming 750 participants. The conference included inspiring keynotes by renowned scholars Douglas Massey and Bridget Anderson, who spoke about the Anatomy of a Train Wreck: U.S. Immigration Policy Before and After Trump, and on Migration Studies – Making a difference, respectively.

This was the second time MIM organized the IMISCOE conference, the first time being in 2013. The institute was established in 2007 and has since become the largest migration research institute in the Nordic countries, as well as an important actor in the same research context within Europe at large. MIM has between 30-40 affiliated researchers, and our research focuses entirely on International Migration and its consequences, with topics such as migrant integration, host population attitudes towards migrants, ethnic and religious minorities, citizenship, and policy analysis. MIM relies on both internal university funding, as well as external grants. Researchers from MIM have in recent years been successful in attaining funding for several different projects from Horizon 2020, the Swedish Research Council, and Formas, amongst others. The institute also holds an annual Guestprofessorship in the Memory of Willy Brandt, funded by the City of Malmö, which has welcomed prominent scholars such as Rainer Bauböck, Thomas Faist, Yasmin Soysal, Ewa Morawska, Nina Glick Schiller, Peggy Levitt, Russell King, Ellen Kraly, Miri Song, and, currently, Magdalena Nowicka.

The 16th annual IMISCOE Conference took place in Niagara, the Malmö University's newest building, which MIM also calls home. According to the evaluation survey MIM conducted during the conference, the venue facilitated what participants in general described as a very well organized conference. The session rooms were easy to find and the Niagara restaurant stood for the catering of simple, but tasty meals to enjoy in the breaks. On the first evening a more formal dinner also took place in Malmö Town Hall, where invited speakers and conference staff, amongst others, were invited to attend. The conference dinner in the venue Slagthuset – 'the slaughterhouse' – was also very much appreciated, and allowed for plenty of informal mingling and good conversation in one of Malmö's historical industrial buildings.

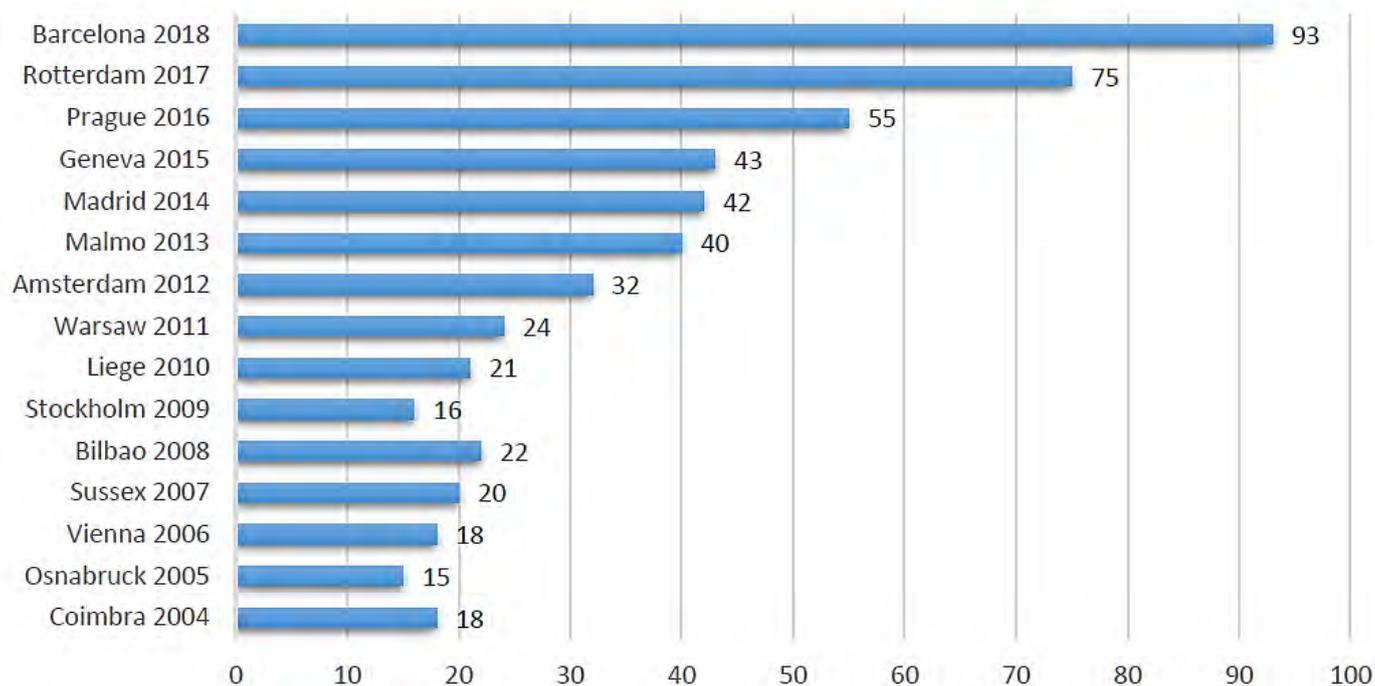
Of the participants this year 49 percent attended the IMISCOE conference for the first time, while 51 percent were returnees, showing an even balance. This balanced spread should also be seen in relation to the progressive increase in returnees, as can be appreciated in the graph below.



Registration desk - Malmö



Past IMISCOE conferences attended



Worth noting is also that of all submitted paper proposals, only around 50 percent were accepted, reflecting the increased interest in the IMISCOE network and conference, and the possible need to perhaps increase the scale of the yearly conference even more in the future.

In the evaluation survey distributed among participants this year's conference was especially lauded for generally fulfilling the expectations (8 of 10 points on average) of the participants, and the organization on local level also received a high score (8.6 of 10 points). The satisfaction with most elements, both practical and academic, was relatively high, at around 7.5 of 10 points on average. Examples of these elements are the panels and workshops overall, the plenaries, the satisfaction with panel participants, the structure of the academic program as well as the individual sessions, and the online registration. However, certain issues did leave significant room for improvement, such as the performance of discussants (5.7 of 10) and chairs (6.1 of 10) in the sessions, as well as the PhD workshops in general (6.1 of 10).

Other, more detailed, feedback received via the open questions in the evaluation survey addressed issues such as the academic level of the presentations, expressing an overall split view of the academic rigor with which paper proposals are accepted to the conference. Some suggest decreasing the overall number of presentations in order to achieve a higher standard, whilst others were more satisfied with the presentations they had attended. Another issue was the frequency of cancellations and the lack of communication around these. A better system for communicating program changes needs to be put in place, and one attendee suggested an app, as is used in other conferences of IMISCOE's magnitude. Lastly, there were several comments regarding diversity. The foci of the conference received some critique in that there is a need for looking across European academic borders and connect with non-European and non-Western researchers and topics. However, the fact that invited plenary speakers to a large degree were women was much appreciated.

Overall, MIM, as the organizer were very satisfied with the work done, including the collaboration with the conference staff and student volunteers. MIM thanks all who participated, and relays a special thank you to Warda Belabas at the IMISCOE office for her invaluable help organizing the conference. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting this year's conference and are looking forward to see you all next year in Luxembourg.



Keynote speaker: Douglas Massey



Closing plenary

Spring Conference – 2019 Liege, CEDEM.

IMISCOE Spring Conference 27 February - 1 March 2019

As one of the founding member of IMISCOE, the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège hosted the 2019 Spring Conference. The ERC-funded project Migration and Transnational Social Protection in (post) crisis Europe (MiTSoPro) was co-organizing this event together with IMISCOE. MiTSoPro is a 5-year research project (2016-2021) funded by a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) and led by Dr. Jean-Michel Lafleur at the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège. This project combines quantitative and qualitative approaches to the study of policies and strategies that enable migrants and mobile EU citizens to access to social protection.

For several years, questions such as mobile EU citizens' access to benefits or the treatment given by Welfare states to third country nationals are triggering heated debates across Europe. Over the course of three days we had the opportunity to attend panels and lectures by scholars proceeding from all over Europe who share a strong interest in issues related to migration and social protection. In line with the topic of this conference, participants were invited to take part to panels and presentations taking place at the Valdor Hospital, a public institution that has historically responded to the needs of precarious populations in the city and adapted its practices to the growing diversity of the city. Having the conference held in a public institution involved in the provision of social protection and outside the walls of the University was a way to connect the debate on social protection policies to its implementation.

Several side events, networking drinks and conference dinners were organized along with the conference. On the first night of the conference, all participants were invited to join for a dinner at the Aquilone asbl, a social and cultural association active in the defense of immigrants' rights and in the promotion of participative citizenship. The dinner was prepared by the CollectActif, an initiative run by undocumented migrants and active on the issues of food waste and recuperation, food precariousness, solidarity with immigrants and refugees and the promotion of social cohesion. On the second evening of the conference, a keynote lecture by Pr. Virginie Guiraudon entitled "Who cares? Who benefits? The role of migrants in the restructuring of welfare states" was held at the University of Liège and open to the larger public. Finally, the University of Liège also had the chance to host the IMISCOE Board of Directors' meeting.

The conference venue as well as the meeting with the associations allowed participants an immersion in the issue of social protection and the different state and non-state actors involved in its provision and offered participants a fruitful ground for exchanges.



Liege - Spring Conference - 2019



IMISCOE Committees

PhD Network's Activities

The IMISCOE PhD Network aims to strengthen research and network opportunities for doctoral researchers in the field of migration. The Network has several dedicated working groups, each with active members who plan and carry out activities relevant for PhD migration scholars.

The PhD Representative coordinates the work carried out by the working groups, and functions as the contact point between the PhD Network and the IMISCOE Network.

Read more about the PhD Network's activities and working groups by clicking on the link below.

The Working groups: <https://www.imiscoe.org/training-phds/phd-network/working-groups>

The PhD Representative for 2019-2020 is *Isabella Trombetta*.

Ongoing processes within the PhD network

Working Groups As in the previous years, the PhD Network is composed by 4 Working Groups:

1. The *Workshop Group* organizes Ph.D. workshops at each IMISCOE Annual Conference. For the IMISCOE Annual conference of 2020, the Workshop Group proposed to organize the following activities:
 - Workshop 1:** "*Publishing. How to get published during Ph.D.?*" – A presentation on writing up the research findings in the form of a journal article and submitting it to the specialized journals, on the publishing process and expectations, as well as do's and don'ts.
 - Workshop 2:** "*Dissertation. How to write a good Ph.D. thesis?*" – A talk from experienced scholars to share their experience and opinions on writing a good doctoral thesis. The workshop aims to learn from outstanding scholars' experiences that talked successfully the dissertation process and which can help the PhDs to improve their academic work.
2. The aim of the *teaching group* is to provide a platform for discussing and reflecting on ways PhD students can exchange, learn, inspire and motivate each other to improve their teaching and mentoring skills. Numerous PhDs are or will be involved in teaching activities, although they often have little opportunity to reflect on this part of their academic lives. In its activities, the group focuses particularly on teaching that deals with migration and integration.

The Teaching group will again organize a workshop at the 17th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Luxembourg. Other activities include creating a platform open to all interested participants, generating ideas for future research/articles on teaching issues and conducting surveys among network members.
3. *Networking group* IMISCOE PhD Network

The networking group consists of seven active members who are representing the variety of European universities. The main goal of the group is to facilitate the connection and possible collaboration between PhD students themselves, but also between emerging and senior scholars. We see how difficult it is for young people to survive in Academia and a piece of advice, guidance from more established professionals is essential. Therefore, we are currently focusing on three main domains:

- 1) the intergenerational feedback session during the annual IMISCOE conference;
 - 2) "speed dating for PhDs", where the peers can give each other feedback in more informal and unconventional way;
 - 3) informal, social activities during the conference. The Intergenerational feedback has been very successful during the last two IMISCOE conferences, and we are sure that all new activities will be received very well by the PhD community this year as well. In the nearest future we plan to facilitate the online platform where PhDs and senior scholars can interact and share about their recent academic developments.
4. *The Blog group* curates the PhD blog with at least one post a month (<https://imiscoephdblog.wordpress.com>). In autumn 2019, the Blog group coordinator revised the formalized guidelines for writers and editors, useful also for years to come and future coordinators and members in the group.

For 2019 /2020, the group consists of 9 writers and 7 editors (with some members holding two roles as both editor and writer), which do not only come from Europe but also non-European countries such as the United States and Australia. Thus far one post was published every month and the goal is to increase the number of blogs per month to two.

The posts published in the second half of 2019 discuss theoretical matters as well as research results and PhD experiences:

- Navigating an interdisciplinary PhD
- Division between doctoral studies in Eastern Europe and Western Europe: precarity in Eastern Europe
- Shifting the focus of Ethnic Villages

Members in the PhD Network

In the past few years we witnessed a large number of requests to join the PhD network, which is a very positive development for its stability and future, testifying to its increased visibility and relevance. The PhD Network can now count on the presence of 27 PhDs: 6 in the Workshop group, 6 in the Networking Group, 9 in the Blog Group, 6 in the Teaching Reflections Group + PhD the Representative.

However, the growth in members has also posed some issues, as it entailed an increased difficulty in communicating and in coordinating the organization of activities, also due to the fact that some members are more active than others. This led to the need to reflect upon the creation of a clearer membership policy, with the establishment of mimima rules of engagement for future members and a partial revision of the internal structure of the PhD Network itself, also in light of the developments concerning the presence of PhDs in the future Standing Committees.

At the end of spring 2019, the PhD Network's reflection on this issue lead to the publication of the aforementioned membership policy, which became effective as of this year. You can find it at:

<https://www.imiscoe.org/docman-docs/1017-phd-network-membership-policy-2019/file>

Yet, while such policy was very useful for the improvement of the organization of the working groups, we have noticed the increasing interest of PhD students in being part of a larger PhD community, which as of now cannot be provided if not by participating to the working groups, which might not be feasible for all. This is why the PhD Network has decided to start a process for which there will be the distinction between the working groups, which will be referred to as 'PhD Network Board', and a larger 'PhD Network Community'.

The increased visibility requires for a better communication strategy, which is why the PhD Network has decided to add a new figure to its ranks: the PhD Network Social Media Manager

PhDs inclusion in the Standing Committees

An important – and extremely positive – aspect of the current restructuring of the IMISCOE Research infrastructure (Standing Committees and Research Initiatives) concerns a request that was put forward by the PhD Network and discussed at the IMISCOE-Cross Migration Conference in Rotterdam (29-30 November 2018) and then shared by the EB and the BD – i.e. making Standing Committees significantly more inclusive of young researchers.

This led to the mandatory inclusion of a PhD student in the governing bodies of future Standing Committees. Related to this, SCs are required to include PhDs and young researchers among their members and, for this, they are invited to closely collaborate with the PhD Network. In this process, the PhD Network agreed with the IMISCOE Coordinator, Peter Scholten, that the involvement of PhDs in future Standing Committees would take place through a two-stage process, which is now ongoing. After Christmas PhD students will receive the results of their applications

IMISCOE Solidarity Fund and the Role of the PhD Network

In the past years, the PhD Network has always provided its contribution to the promotion of the IMISCOE Solidarity Fund. As of 2019/2020 the fund is undergoing some changes to make it more effective in supporting academics whose freedom may be in danger. The PhD Representative is actively participating in this process.



Training Committee

The IMISCOE Training Committee is a rotating committee consisting of a representative of the PhD Network, from the IMISCOE funded annual PhD summer school, the coordinator of the joint European Master's program, a past member who remains in the committee, and the chair.

During 2019 Marta Bivand Erdal has acted as chair, Giulia Mezzetti has been the PhD network representative, Jens Schneider has represented the EUMIGS MA program, Eleonore Kofman has been a past member, based on her engagement with the IMISCOE funded PhD School in Barcelona in 2018. Ezge Irgil briefly was contact person between the Training Committee and the IMISCOE summer PhD school in Turkey in 2019. The Training Committee spent time on four areas during 2019:

- Supporting the PhD network primarily through communication with the PhD network coordinator, Giulia Mezzetti. The PhD network has an impressive membership and engagement. The Training Committee has continued to support PhD network events at the annual conference, among other facilitating searches for contributors to activities, and especially supporting the peer-mentoring and intergenerational academic feedback sessions, which the PhD network has successfully continued to organize.
- Working towards visions for IMISCOE's training efforts has continued in 2019, with a reflection session at the BD meeting in Liege. Following this, the issue of which kinds of visions, and what type of ambition, the IMISCOE network might or should have, in the area of training has been a theme of discussion. Based on past experience, the effort to maintain an updated inventory of Migration Studies programs in Europe, from undergraduate to graduate level, appears to not be worth the investment of resources. Meanwhile, at the Doctoral level, there appears to be opportunities to do more, first, by supporting IMISCOE's own PhD Network, but second, by exploring other ways in which IMISCOE network synergies might be harvested for the benefit of PhD students in migration studies across Europe, and beyond.
- Reviewing training related information on the IMISCOE website has continued to be an important theme throughout 2019, with input on the new website in the beginning of the year, identifying different needs among the PhD network, from EUMIGS, as well as the Training Committee as a whole.
- Supporting the organization of the annual IMISCOE PhD summer school is an area of work in which more systematic coordination between the IMISCOE network office, the Training Committee and the organizers of the PhD summer school has been identified as a crucial need. Clear expectations in terms of communication, use of IMISCOE logo, and the use of IMISCOE channels of communication for spreading information about the event, need to be included in the set-up for this event.

Reflection session 1: Vision for IMISCOE Training Activities 2020

Memo for the IMISCOE BD reflection session – Lisbon 2020

Developed by Marta Bivand Erdal

This memo presents two ideas which together comprise the vision for IMISCOE training activities for 2020. These come in addition to the continued support for the PhD network, as well as liaising and supporting the EUMiGS master program. They are also an acknowledgment of the added value that IMISCOE's training efforts can have in particular for the postgraduate level.

The IMISCOE Research School

Building on the existing IMISCOE network member's many 'migration studies' PhD courses on offer, it is both realistic and strategic for IMISCOE to mobilize these existing activities, with a common purpose. Arguably, the rapid expansion of the field of migration studies, is leading to certain degree of fragmentation and duplication, also in relation to PhD courses and programs. While it is not IMISCOE's role to seek to affect these developments as such, we have a unique position, and thus opportunity, to consolidate a package of activities, courses, and other PhD supporting activities within the field of migration studies, into a IMISCOE Research School – at the postgraduate level. Furthermore, by strengthening its contribution to PhD training, IMISCOE has a unique opportunity to strengthen its role in training the migration scholars and IMISCOE members of the future.

The aim is to develop incrementally, with a 3-4 year perspective, a hub of PhD level training. The aim is that this will also lead to better communication and coordination among IMISCOE member institutions, in terms of the offers they already provide.

Participating in the IMISCOE Research School, would ideally span a period of 2-3 years during a PhD - project, and entail a package of e.g.

- Participating in 3-4 PhD courses, offered by various IMISCOE member institutions
- Participating in the IMISCOE PhD network
- Becoming a member of one of IMISCOE's SCs or RIs
- Participating in IMISCOE PhD network activities at the annual conference
- Presenting at an IMISCOE conference
- Mentoring with a senior researcher from another IMISCOE member institution

Running the IMISCOE Research School would be supported by the Training Committee, as well as the network office with some administrative capacity, and with input both from the IMISCOE member institutions who are the most involved in PhD training, and from the EB and BD, as relevant. Ideally, a clear, simple, and effective governance structure would be developed. As part of exploring this idea further, the Training Committee will look into various options for an efficient financial arrangement (including options of limited central funding from IMISCOE, as well as a 'mutuality' principle between member institutes that send PhDs and also provide trainings). Considerations toward PhD students from non-IMISCOE member institutions will also be important here.

The IMISCOE Research School would – as per examples of other research schools – have an annual deadline for applications) – and the length of time individual's would remain members of the Research School, would likely also vary, but these are issues which would need further elaboration, if the idea were to go ahead.

The first step proposed, if we were to go ahead, would be to conduct a mapping of IMISCOE member institutions' existing PhD programs in 'migration studies' (whether named as such or not) – and taking the years 2018 and 2019 as examples, soliciting information about the PhD courses in 'migration studies' on offer – as well as attendance numbers, and if possible, the composition of participants as regards institutional affiliations. (Spring 2020).

A second step would be to solicit interest from IMISCOE member institutions in participating in an IMISCOE Research School, and collaboratively developing the idea further, in sync with identified needs, and where the potential to gain the most from an IMISCOE 'synergy' is clearest. (Autumn 2020)

The third step would be to launch the IMISCOE Research School, if steps one and two supported the continuation of this idea, with a proposed timing of January 2021, with a first deadline for applications in early 2021.

Training for teaching: Promoting teaching excellence in the IMISCOE network

IMISCOE member institutions engage in teaching in migration studies and beyond. With the double forces of increasing volumes of migration studies courses on offer, and increasing attention paid to 'teaching excellence', there appear to be possibilities for IMISCOE to play a valuable role. This role would entail fostering and facilitating reflection on teaching practices in migration studies.

This could start with sessions at the annual conference, fostering and facilitating 'training for teachers', where teaching reflection in general, but also associated specifically with ethical issues, with representation, or themes connected with the new SC on 'reflexive migration studies' could be raised. These could be practical and hands-on sessions, sharing ideas, experiences and asking for advice on specific dilemmas or challenges, but could also give space to larger debates on topics which there are few other arenas to bring to.

There is already interest in these themes among the PhD network, so the development of sessions at the annual conference on 'good teaching practice' in migration studies, could well both cater to PhD students, and perhaps be co-organized with the PhD network.

Promoting teaching excellence in migration studies, also appears as a theme which would lend itself in useful ways for blog-posts and other web-based communication, via the new IMISCOE website. If planned well from the outset, efforts to communicate well externally and internally about these activities and 'best practices' identified, could be integral to these activities.

The planned timeline for these activities would be:

- To see whether a session on 'teaching reflections' might fit into the Luxembourg conference
- At the session both have reflection on teaching practices focus, and a discussion on potential for 'training for teaching' within IMISCOE
- To evaluate the outcomes of this session and consider alternative paths ahead (autumn 2020)
- Solicit interest for sessions at the 2021 conference (autumn 2020)

Reflection session 2: The International Panel on Migration

“Migration has become a focal point of public attention throughout national and international political arenas. Policy debates and public knowledge, however, tends to be heavily skewed by misleading images, distorted facts, and a biased framing of migration and asylum issues.

Across the global academic community, there is indeed a wealth of high quality and reliable data, knowledge and theoretical understanding – reviewed, debated and corroborated according to professional standards of scientific method. It is high time that the scientific community is fully engaged in challenging the accepted paradigm and shaping public understanding.

The International Panel on Migration is scientific, interdisciplinary, international, independent and permanent. It seeks to be complementary to existing international institutions, networks and initiatives to promote scientific-grounded debates on migration.

Its independence from partisan and governmental views, along with its commitment to promoting a purely scientific stance on migration matters, makes it a unique but much-needed institution in challenging times for policymaking, politics and public opinion”.

The relationship between IMISCOE and the International Panel on Migration is the main topic for this reflection session.



A chat with

Our last chat for this annual report is with Sarah Spencer, who has been Chair of the Board of Directors of IMISCOE since 2018 and represents the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford. She is a former Deputy Director and currently a Senior Fellow at COMPAS, and was Director of its knowledge-exchange arm, the Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity from 2014-2019. Her research interests focus on integration theory and on the multi-level governance of irregular migrants in Europe.

What was your first contact with IMISCOE like?

COMPAS was a founder member of IMISCOE in 2004, less than a year after the Centre itself was founded - its first Director, Steven Vertovec, in no doubt that our research would be enriched by engaging with



Sarah Spencer

migration scholars across Europe. Coming in to academia at that time from the world of think-tanks and civil society, I was struck by the widespread scepticism in Oxford (if not in COMPAS itself) of any association between academic research and policy making. It is in that context that I remember clearly, at my first IMISCOE conference, in Vienna in 2006, an intervention by Rinus Penninx.

I had the task of responding to a keynote address from the Canadian scholar, Jeffrey Reitz, who addressed the question whether there were lessons from the Canadian model of integration for Europe (a talk he later published). Reitz spoke of the gap between the rhetoric on multiculturalism in Canada and the paucity of actual policy measures to foster it, largely attributing any 'success' in integration to other factors. I reflected in my response on the need for research to tease out the actual causes of integration outcomes and referred to the importance of IMISCOE's role in building an authoritative evidence base.

Rinus' salutary response was to remind us of the essential distinction between conducting research that is policy relevant, and research that is policy driven (the dangers of which, for social science as well as for policy, having also been well enunciated by Stephen Castles). That is a distinction I have often had cause to

revisit and have ensured is brought home to our Masters students each year.

What have you found most valuable in IMISCOE? And your fondest memories?

For me, two contributions stand out, one tangible, one less so. The first is the feedback, from colleagues who have acted as respondents in conference panel sessions, taking the trouble to read papers in advance, see synergies between them, and reflect on areas for improvement. That feedback – and I think here for instance of observations on the work Katharine Charsley and I did on conceptualizing integration (later published in *Comparative Migration Studies*), has been enormously helpful in refining my ideas.

Less tangible, but powerful, is the collegiality I have experienced from colleagues, not least since 2016. With the shock of the referendum result and now of Brexit, from which we in the UK face having our European citizenship taken from us, I have valued the solidarity and friendships that come with being part of a pan-

European family. Through our membership of IMISCOE and the research partnerships it engenders, it has been good to feel that this will continue regardless of the Brexit process, whatever other serious implications it may have.

IMISCOE revolves centrally around migration. How do you see the state of the art as far as research goes right now, as reflected in the network?

IMISCOE has been instrumental in building bridges across the social sciences in migration studies, developing the inter-disciplinarity that is essential in our field. We have also made some progress in the humanities and I would like to see us go further, to be seen as a natural focus for those working on migration related topics in the arts, literature and science. There are synergies here that we are only beginning to develop: as in contributions from the arts and literature to understanding migration narratives, for instance; and from medical research in mental health to understanding child development in refugee communities. As a network we can help forge those connections if we draw in those scholars who may not primarily see themselves as working in ‘migration studies’ and therefore do not automatically see IMISCOE as their natural home.

Where else might you hope to see IMISCOE go in the next fifteen years?

On a path we have already started – to make the operation of the network more transparent, and more immediate, through modernization of the website so that it is easily accessible, ever changing, hugely informative and a source of inspiration for those seeking new research ideas and research partners. I hope this opening up will encourage more early-career scholars and people from diverse backgrounds and geographies to be actively engaged in IMISCOE activities, from its Standing Committees, Research Initiatives and Phd network to the new podcast series. As Chair of the Board of Directors in particular, I hope it leads to greater awareness of the role played by the Board, enabling everyone to see who we are and how to contact us, so that there is more engagement from the membership on the issues that they would like to see us address. It is their network and we need to be aware what they want from it and if there is anything they would like us to change.

Finally, remembering Rinus’s injunction, I would like to see training for Phd students in carrying out policy relevant research; and on how to engage in effective knowledge exchange with research users (which I know from experience is not always done well). Even those researchers who, quite legitimately, do not want to pursue the policy relevance of their work, can benefit from knowing how to recognize its potential implications, if only to avoid the pitfalls of walking into a political and policy minefield unawares!

Proposal New Awards IMISCOE 2020

As decided in the Investment Fund, IMISCOE will be introducing new awards in the upcoming years. On behalf of the EB, Parvati Raghuram, has written this proposal for discussion.

There are 2 possibilities of categories of awards for IMISCOE: public engagement and teaching. These awards aim to recognise the role of different activities in shaping migration research, and thus IMISCOE activities. This will also broaden the possible award winners and enable IMISCOE to expand its reach into the teaching and practitioner communities as they interphase with the research community

Award 1: public engagement

This award will recognise the effects of research into migrant communities, policy or activities. It must be simple and comparable. Engaging constructively with migrant communities/policy makers enables people to get access into the field and thus enables further research. It also ensures that the data is valid, and that the data is returned to the communities or groups in some form. It thus focuses in on the accountability of research to wider publics.

We draw here on the UK impact case study format for the application.

Title:
1. Summary of the impact: 100 words
2. References to the research (indicative maximum of three references)
3. Details of the public engagement (indicative maximum 500 words)
4. Two referees we can contact if required to corroborate the evidence.

Award 2: teaching and mentoring

This award will recognise the important role of migration researchers not only in publishing but also fostering the next generation of academics – masters, PhD and postdoctoral students. This however has the risk of being like a popularity contest and I am therefore suggest it tentatively. In case we do consider it, we would suggest a possible nomination g system (see below).

Instructor Nomination Form

(To be filled by the student)

Name of Mentor: _____
 Country: _____
 Institution: _____
 Department: _____ Degree: _____
 Course Title: _____

Use the scale to answer the following questions below and make comments

A: Strongly Agree B: Agree C: Uncertain D: Disagree E: Strongly Disagree

Instructor:					
The Instructor demonstrates extensive knowledge of the subject	A	B	C	D	E
The Instructor communicates the subject matter and inspires us	A	B	C	D	E
The Instructor shows respect towards students and encourages class participation	A	B	C	D	E
The Instructor maintains an environment that is conducive to learning course	A	B	C	D	E
The Subject matter presented in the course has increased our knowledge of the subject	A	B	C	D	E
The course integrates theoretical course concepts with real-world applications	A	B	C	D	E
The course material is modern and updated	A	B	C	D	E

Comments:

Instructor:

Course:

Supervisor Nomination Form

(To be filled by the student)

Name of Mentor: _____
 Country: _____
 Institution: _____
 Department: _____
 Degree (Masters/PhD): _____

Use the scale to answer the following questions below and make comments

A: Strongly Agree B: Agree C: Uncertain D: Disagree E: Strongly Disagree

Supervisor:					
The supervisor demonstrates extensive knowledge of the subject	A	B	C	D	E
The supervisor inspires us to be good migration researchers	A	B	C	D	E
The supervisor provides us with good publishing and networking opportunities	A	B	C	D	E

Can you provide evidence of why you are nominating this supervisor for an award:

Supervisor:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Further comments:

EuMIGS-Proposal to the IMISCOE Board of Directors



About EuMIGS

EuMIGS ("European Master in Migration Studies") is a network that cross-links migration-related master programmes at the universities of currently seven IMISCOE member institutes (in Osnabrück, Neuchâtel, Liège, Malmö, Linköping, A Coruña, and Copenhagen). These universities and master programmes have signed a multilateral Erasmus+-Agreement and share a joint homepage with all relevant information on the seven programmes. Additionally, there is an initiative on the way to have a new multilateral Erasmus+-Agreement being signed by a total of twelve IMISCOE member institutes, adding Salzburg, Rotterdam, Barcelona, Lyon, and Nice to the EuMIGS network (in parallel an SEMP-Agreement is signed, in order to connect the Swiss partner in Neuchâtel to the other network members). This network of twelve partners represents a large part of existing master programmes with a specialisation in Migration Studies in Europe and practically all corresponding programmes within IMISCOE. However, since this has become a very dynamic academic field with strongly growing interest also among students, we expect more master programmes being implemented at more university institutes in the near future. It should therefore be explicitly noted that the EuMIGS network is open for membership by any IMISCOE-partner institute that wishes to join and has an established master programme with a corresponding thematic specialisation.

Within the EuMIGS-network, five partners – Osnabrück, Neuchâtel, Malmö, Linköping, and A Coruña – have signed an additional multilateral contract for offering master students the possibility to complete a double degree in Migration Studies. The first cohort of this EuMIGS double degree-programme started in Fall 2018 with 4 students who have just completed their studies. In past September, the second cohort has taken up their exchange stays at the host institutes; it comprises 12 students.

Since the EuMIGS network is based on existing and functioning master programmes at the respective partner universities, a large part of the administrative and organisational costs and efforts are covered by the partners themselves. This makes the exchange of students and the double degree-programme basically independent from extra external funding.

Why should IMISCOE be regularly committed to the EuMIGS network?

- EuMIGS strengthens the cooperation and exchange between IMISCOE member institutes. An important near future-goal of the network is to develop and extend the exchange also to the teaching staff.
- EuMIGS strengthens the exchange between students and scholars within IMISCOE.
- EuMIGS introduces a younger generation of students and future PhDs to the IMISCOE network (at the Annual IMISCOE Conference 2019 in Malmö, the students of the first double degree-cohort presented their research projects; the same is planned for the second cohort at the next conference in Luxembourg).

The EuMIGS network thus contributes to IMISCOE's future in several ways:

- by allowing insights into new topics that move young researchers;
- by producing a new generation of ambitious and truly European/transnational migration researchers;

- by recruiting new IMISCOE members, both individuals and institutes, because membership in EuMIGS has been made conditional to membership in IMISCOE as well;
- by conducting new types of collaborative research, especially through exchange on MA theses and related research activities by EuMIGS partner institutes;
- by creating new impulses for IMISCOE's training activities by linking training for the exchange master students directly to PhD-related activities and adding new differentiating elements that are useful also for early stage doctoral students within the network.

In order to fulfil these possibilities and potential, EuMIGS needs to be well-embedded into IMISCOE's institutional structure – including some financial support for those kind of aspects and activities that are not naturally part of what master programmes can do and offer for their students. This includes, especially, the participation of the EuMIGS students in IMISCOE conferences and PhD-training activities.

EuMIGS expenses that cannot fully be covered by the partner institutes

- **The EuMIGS website** : <https://www.eumigs.eu/> The website is already hosted and paid for by IMISCOE.
- **Cohort activities**: Since the EuMIGS-students exchange across Europe, but might never meet each other, the wants to promote and organise activities that are suited to connect the students among each other and bring them together on special occasions, in order to develop a kind of “cohort feeling” and to meet senior scholars from other partner institutes. The first stepping-stone in this is a kick-off get-together that is scheduled right in the beginning of the academic year. In 2018, this kick-off meeting was held in Brussels with the aim of introducing the students to European migration and refugee politics, but also to one of Europe's most diverse cities. The kick-off for the second cohort was held in A Coruña, and for the coming years, it was agreed to use the opportunity of the kick-off to introduce the students each year to a different partner institute, in order to increase the knowledge about the respective programmes among the students and the coordinators and to give insights into the local and regional migration realities. The kick-off meetings also include meeting other staff from the local teaching body and contacts to the respective International Office.
- **Other cohort activities** could include the participation in the IMISCOE Spring Conference and in training activities around that time of the year that are initiated by or connected to the PhD-Network. The main concluding event will be the participation of the EuMIGS-students in the Annual IMISCOE Conference in summer whose will generally be quite close to the finalisation of the students' master research and theses.

Funds are mainly needed to cover (part of) the travel and accommodation costs of the students and, especially in the case of the kick-off meeting, also (some of) the participating partners. In order to limit the level of costs and make them more calculable beforehand, all these activities are foreseen only for the double degree-students (which does not exclude the participation of Erasmus-students when they bring their own funding). For the kick-off meeting, if we consider by average the travel and accommodations costs of 10 students and up to five partner institute representatives, we have to calculate with a **budget of 3,000 €** (including parts of the travel costs being covered by the partner universities and the students' creativity in finding cheap and partially collective accommodation).

- **IMISCOE conference(s)**: As stated above, the participation in the Annual IMISCOE Conference has been assigned an important concluding moment for the EuMIGS double degree-students as the culmination point of their exchange stays and master studies as a whole, but also to connect them to the world of advanced migration research and scholarly reflection. Ideally, the students can seize the opportunity to connect with senior researchers for future perspectives and exchange with PhD-students about their experiences in different places and disciplines. IMISCOE has generously provided the first cohort of EuMIGS students with a fee waiver for the conference in Malmö.

We hope that this will also be possible for the eleven students of the second cohort to the Annual Conference in Luxembourg.

In addition to this, funds are mainly needed to cover (part of) the travel and accommodation costs of the students, since most senior partners will anyway be attending the conference on other means.

In order to significantly support again an average of ten students with the travel costs, we would need another 2,000 € of travel budget.

Finally, also the participation of the students in the IMISCOE Spring Conference could be an interesting option for a first contact with the IMISCOE Network, especially for those who work on topics that are related to the respective main theme of these conferences. But again, this would require additional funding for the corresponding travel costs.

- **Training activities:** Since part of the underlying financial fundament of the entire EuMIGS network is a multilateral Erasmus+-Agreement, there are possibilities for using teaching mobility as a tool for not only promoting the exchange of teaching staff among the EuMIGS partners, but also for organising joint training activities within the network. These possibilities will be explored in the near future, and it is hoped for that the Erasmus-funding can also be used to make a connection with the PhD-training activities in IMISCOE.
- **The overall coordination of the programme:** EuMIGS is currently coordinated by the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS) at the University of Osnabrück. The university provided IMIS with a one-year grant for founding the network and the initial coordination efforts needed to build the network, set up the contracts and agreements, and get the actual exchange of students off the ground. This grant has expired a while ago and since then the coordination has been financed from the overhead budgets of IMIS staff members. This will no longer be possible as of 2020. The overall coordination covers all aspects that go beyond the day-to-day at the respective partner programmes – from maintaining the website to organising the meetings. While some administrative issues will hopefully soon be widely solved and transferred to the routines of the international and student administration offices (e.g. the certificates for the students, contract issues, and developing routines in the synchronisation of proceedings at the respective partner programmes), new tasks will come up soon in the form of initiating and coordinating funding applications, the training activities and teaching mobility, and the need for increased communication when the network has expanded to twelve members. We calculate a minimum of 15 work hours per month for a student assistant which in the case of the University of Osnabrück amounts to approximately 250 € per month or 3,000 € per year.

The EuMIGS double degree-consortium is planning to look out for funding possibilities, as much for exchange and joint training activities that could cover travel expenses too, as for possibilities to offer better financial support to the participating double degree-students than just the Erasmus+- and the complementary Swiss SEMP-grants. But, in any case, this will not be a short-term option. The exact amount of required funding very much depends on the number of students travelling from the different locations to the kick-off event and the Annual IMISCOE Conference. Students are generally offered not a complete reimbursement, so that also their creativity in finding cheap travel options and joint accommodation has an influence – as do the possibilities of the partners to cover their expenses via other channels. The same applies for the funding for student assistants or junior staff to support the general coordination tasks.

IMISCOE Solidarity Fund

As a joint initiative of the IMISCOE PHD network and the IMISCOE Board of Directors we present to you the IMISCOE Solidarity Fund for scholars at risk. We strongly believe, as academics, that scientific work needs academic freedom without interference from governments. Academic freedom is often seen as a challenge by authoritarian regimes. At this very moment, regimes all over the world are targeting our colleagues, keeping them from pursuing their scientific objectives. Both academics and scientific endeavours are threatened by repressive measures in many countries. Therefore, IMISCOE initiated a solidarity fund for collective action, to support these academics.

The IMISCOE Solidarity Fund will actively build on the willingness of many IMISCOE member institutes to host researchers under threat. The initiative to host scholars will be the full responsibility of member institutes. The fund will be used to support IMISCOE member institutes that host or otherwise support academics under threat. In addition, IMISCOE has become an institutional partner network of Scholars at Risk which makes IMISCOE visible within this network and allows us to tap into available knowledge and resources.

How to apply to the fund?

The Solidarity Fund is available to all IMISCOE member institutes that are supporting scholars under threat. This can range from hosting a scholar in your institute, to referral, but also offering other services expressing our solidarity. The fund is dependent on initiatives by individual and institutional members. In order to receive money from the fund, member institutes are asked to submit a solidarity initiative proposal to the IMISCOE Network Office that includes the following information:

Details of the scholar(s) to be supported

- A description of the threat or risk (maximum 1 page)
- A description of the suggested assistance (maximum 1 page) Short-term and long-term goals of the assistance
- The estimated total amount needed
- The estimated amount the member institute will provide
- The estimated amount asked from the IMISCOE Solidarity Fund The availability of alternative financial sources

Are you a scholar at risk?

We also want to offer individual scholars who work in the field of international migration and social cohesion and who are at risk themselves the possibility to reach out for support. For this, we would advise the concerned individuals to first establish contact with one of our member institutes and ask them to contact us.

The IMISCOE Solidarity Fund committee

The IMISCOE Solidarity Fund will be led by a committee consisting of a representative of the IMISCOE PhD network, the Executive Board and a Scholar at Risk. The committee will be responsible for:
Handling of funding applications of IMISCOE institutes
Promotion of the fund within IMISCOE
Contact with the Scholars at Risk network

A yearly activity report

We ask for your solidarity as IMISCOE member organizations and individual IMISCOE members. The IMISCOE solidarity fund has started in October 2017 with a modest initial funding of 8,000 EUR provided by IMISCOE. In order to be sustainable and offer long-term assistance we depend on the solidarity of IMISCOE member institutes and individual members who donate to the fund. Any amount counts! Donations can be made to the IMISCOE bank account, through this link: <https://ebs.fsw.eur.nl/mvc/modules/ebs/view.php?id=75> to the EUR payment form

We highly appreciate any donation!



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Appendix I: Founding Statement of the Scholars at Risk Network

Recognizing the central importance of scholarship, academic freedom, and higher education for the promotion and protection of peaceful, democratic societies; recognizing that academic communities worldwide, including scholars, administrators, students, and their institutions, have long been targets of attack by agents seeking to curtail expression, silence dissent, and control the flow of information in society;

- recognizing that such attacks, against any member of the global academic community, threaten the common educative mission of every member of that community; recognizing the shared responsibility of all scholars, administrators, students and their institutions to join in solidarity in defense of their colleagues;
- and further recognizing that past and on-going efforts to meet that responsibility on an individual, ad hoc, or emergency basis, despite much success, have failed to eliminate the need for common action;
- we resolve that there should be established a permanent network of universities, colleges and similar centers of research, study and teaching; that this network, in collaboration with like minded institutions, groups and individuals, should dedicate itself to protecting the fundamental human rights of scholars and other members of the global academic community, including among them independent scholars, public intellectuals, writers, artists, and others engaged in the discovery, development and strengthening of the community of ideas;
- that among its activities, this network should devote its greatest energies to assisting scholars facing the most grave threats to their being and to their profession, including but not limited to threats resulting from displacement, discrimination, censorship, intimidation, harassment, and violence;
- that where these threats are of such gravity that other forms of assistance would prove ineffective or insufficient, the network should endeavor to provide positions of personal and professional sanctuary within its membership; and that although temporary, the design of these positions should be such as to assist scholars in resuming their careers;
- resolve that this network should in addition charge itself with raising awareness, understanding of and respect for academic freedom (including its constituent freedoms of expression, opinion, and thought), higher education, scholarship, and the free exchange of ideas;
- promoting intervention and advocacy in defense of academic freedom and the human rights of scholars; and otherwise undertaking such activities as the network and its membership may in due course deem appropriate;
- and resolve that this network should be known as the Scholars at Risk Network, and thereafter pledge to support this network by receiving, disseminating and sharing information about the network, its aims and activities;
- by participating in activities to raise awareness and understanding of attacks on members of the academic community;
- and by encouraging the participation of colleagues and institutions in the network including, but not limited to, promoting where possible efforts to assist scholars at risk through provision of temporary academic positions or other suitable assistance.

Adopted June 2000, at the University of Chicago. Incorporated into the bylaws of the Scholars at Risk Network, as amended April 28, 2005.

BALANCE
2019/2020

Final reporting - budget 2019			
		Budgeted	Achieved
Income			
	Institutional membership fees	141.000,00	139.000,00
	Individual fees	121.875,00	133.400,00
	Erasmus University Rotterdam Contribution	41.500,00	41.500,00
	Other		
	OA fees	9.075,00	15.420,00
	TOTAL	313.450,00	329.320,00
Expenses			
	Network office		
	Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs	8.000,00	8.000,00
	Network officer W. Belabas	47.500,00	47.500,00
	Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)	13.000,00	13.000,00
	Network officer Research Database	10.000,00	8.023,90
	Travel costs NO	3.100,00	3.903,30
	Extended Network Office - personnel costs		
	Coordinator Editorial Committee	10.000,00	10.000,00
	Coordinator Training Committee	2.500,00	2.500,00
	Coordinator PhD Committee	2.500,00	2.500,00
	Coordinator External Affairs Committee	2.500,00	2.500,00
	Coordinator CMS board	2.500,00	2.500,00
	Financial Committee	0,00	0,00
	EUMIGS	0,00	2.927,60
	Publications		
	Editing costs for books	5.200,00	0,00
	Book series (Springer contribution)	32.065,00	32.670,00
	Journal CMS	19.000,00	19.924,00
	Editorial manager CMS	13.000,00	13.000,00
	Events		
	Spring Conference	7.000,00	7.131,80
	Annual Conference	50.000,00	60.000,00
	Annual BD Diner	2.500,00	2.500,00
	PhD Summer School	10.000,00	10.000,00
	PhD Network - material costs and travel costs	2.000,00	2.087,20
	Bank fee (paypal)	2.500,00	5.292,20
	Research Infrastructure		
	Standing Committees & Research Initiatives	45.000,00	44.490,00
	Communication		
	Website	4.000,00	7.644,50
	Communication material	2.000,00	0,00
	Annual report	2.000,00	2.882,00
	Other		
	Travel costs Editorial Committee	4.000,00	1.130,20
	Maria Baganha Award	6.525,00	2.871,00
	Rinus Penninx Award	750,00	0,00
	New Awards		0,00
	Solidarity Fund	1.000,00	1.067,90
	Other costs	2.500,00	1.795,30
	TOTAL	312.640,00	317.840,90
BALANCE		810,00	11.479,10

From investment fund:

Extra research conference in Rotterdam 2019		1370,4
Extra investment coordinator's costs		10000
Extra investment in SC's during transition		52150
TOTAL		63520,4

Reserves as of end 2019

Reserves beginning of 2019		157629
Extra investments from reserves		63520,4
Budget surplus added to reserves		11.479,10
TOTAL		105.587,70

Required minimum level of reserves:		79.460,23
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Final reporting - budget 2020		Budgeted	Achieved
Income			
	Institutional membership fees	165.000,00	165.000,00
	Conference fees (individual membership)	159.375,00	0,00
	Erasmus University Rotterdam Contribution	41.500,00	41.500,00
	Other OA fees	9.075,00	9.075,00
	TOTAL	374.950,00	215.575,00
Expenses			
	Network office		
	Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs	8.500,00	4.250,00
	Network officer W. Belabas	49.000,00	49.000,00
	Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)	13.500,00	13.500,00
	Network officer Adham Aly (Research Database)	10.500,00	10.500,00
	Travel costs NO	3.500,00	1.500,00
	Extended Network Office - personnel costs		
	Editorial Manager CMS	13.500,00	13.500,00
	Coordinator Editorial Committee	10.000,00	10.000,00
	Coordinator Training Committee	2.500,00	1.250,00
	Coordinator PhD Committee	2.500,00	1.250,00
	Coordinator External Affairs Committee	2.500,00	1.250,00
	Coordinator of CMS Board	2.500,00	0,00
	EUMIGS budget	5.000,00	2.500,00
	Members of Financial Committee	2.500,00	1.250,00
	ReSOMA travel budget	2.500,00	1.250,00
	Publications		
	Book series (Springer contribution)	29.040,00	29.040,00
	Extra book EC	2.722,00	2.722,00
	Journal CMS	28.600,00	28.600,00
	Events		
	Spring Conference	3.500,00	3.500,00
	Annual Conference	74.000,00	0,00
	Annual BD Diner	2.500,00	2.500,00
	PhD Summer School	10.000,00	10.000,00
	Research Infrastructure		
	Standing Committees	45.000,00	22.500,00
	Research Initiatives	10.000,00	0,00
	Communication		
	Website	12.000,00	12.000,00
	Communication material	2.500,00	0,00
	Annual report	2.500,00	0,00
	Clarivate subscription		
	Other		
	PhD Network - material costs and travel costs	2.000,00	2.000,00
	Maria Baganha Award	5.000,00	2.500,00
	Rinus Penninx Award	750,00	0,00
	New Awards	750,00	0,00
	Solidarity Fund	1.000,00	1.000,00
	Bank fee (paypal)	5.000,00	500,00
	Other costs	1.500,00	0,00
	TOTAL	366.862,00	227.862,00
BALANCE		8.088,00	-12.287,00

Parameters	2020
Nr. of conference participants	850
Nr. of member institutes	55
OA fee per book incl. VAT (if 8 books)	3630
Nr. of books published	5
Nr. of short books	3

IMISCOE Agenda

- **18th IMISCOE Annual Conference**

The annual conference in Luxembourg with the theme 'crossing borders, connecting cultures' has been postponed to July 7- 9, 2021.



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Colophon

IMISCOE is Europe's largest network of scholars in the area of migration and integration. The network involves 51 member institutes and over 700 scholars from all over Europe and focuses on comparative research, publications, the organization of events, PhD training and awards and communication. The network supports more than 30 research clusters and the IMISCOE annual conferences have become a key item in the agenda of most scholars in our field. Furthermore, the network publishes various book series (a Research Series and a Text Book Series) and the journal Comparative Migration Studies.

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