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Message from the Coordinator

IN 2019, IMISCOE CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY. A great opportunity to look back at the road that we have travelled not only during 2018 (the focus of this annual report), but also since the genesis of IMISCOE in 2004. How has the Network evolved and how have its various activities (research, publications, conferences, training, awards) developed over the years? Furthermore, this is also a great opportunity to look ahead; what are the main challenges to IMISCOE and how can we prepare IMISCOE for the next 15 years?

AT ITS VERY HEART, IMISCOE IS MORE THAN JUST A NETWORK; it is, and always has been, a community. Our core mission is to bring together scholars working on migration (and diversity, cohesion, etc.) from various countries, disciplines and methodological backgrounds. Also, to bring together scholars from across different career stages, in a context that is safe and inspiring. This way IMISCOE has always endeavored to promote the development of a scholarly community and to promote high quality academic research in migration studies.

TO ACHIEVE THIS MISSION, IMISCOE HAS DIVERSIFIED ITS ACTIVITIES OVER THE YEARS. The annual conferences and the support for research groups (nowadays called Standing Committees and Research Initiatives) have remained very important within IMISCOE. Publishing has also become an increasingly important part of the network, with a book series that has developed at an incredible pace over the past years, as well as with the journal *Comparative Migration Studies* that is now included in SCOPUS. One of the places with most 'energy' within IMISCOE, nowadays is the PhD Network, representing a very lively and important part of our community. Furthermore, IMISCOE continued to develop various training activities (especially at the PhD level), provide prestigious awards and nowadays also supports a European collaboration of master programs (EUMIGS).

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IS THE GROWTH OF THE FIELD OF MIGRATION STUDIES. Although this is largely a development beyond the network, it does have important effects on it. The network is growing rapidly (from 19 member institutes in 2004 to 45 in 2018 and probably 49 by the end of 2019). For some this growth goes too fast, putting strain on the community function of the network. For others, it goes too slow, as not keeping up with the growth of the field of migration studies means that IMISCOE cannot always be sufficiently 'inclusive' itself. For IMISCOE it is important to balance these two while keeping steady course in achieving its core mission and ambitions!

TO STRENGTHEN OUR NETWORK FURTHER FOR THE FUTURE, this report will outline several plans to develop IMISCOE's activities further. Various groups of IMISCOE members have worked together to reflect on challenges related to various activities of IMISCOE. I will outline these plans for 'IMISCOE 2020' on the next page.

I HOPE YOU ENJOY READING OUR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT! And let's all join together in the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the IMISCOE community that we have built together!

Prof.dr. Peter Scholten



Coordinator's message (continued)

"IMISCOE 2020": Preparing IMISCOE for the future

The growth of the field of migration studies provides opportunities as well as challenges to the IMISCOE Network. To make use of these opportunities as well as to face challenges, various working groups have been formed to discuss how to prepare various IMISCOE activities for the future. This includes five dossiers on which IMISCOE will put priority: the research infrastructure, the conferences, the website, the globalization of the network, and the integration of the interactive research hub that is being designed in the IMISCOE H2020 project CrossMigration. Together, these 'big five' form what I will describe as the plan for IMISCOE 2020, as 2020 is the year that many of the proposed developments are to take effect. You will find the original proposals from the working groups in the various relevant parts of this annual report. Let me briefly give a 'heads-up' here;

Support to Standing Committees and Research Initiatives

Research groups (now SC's and RI's) have been the backbone of IMISCOE's research agenda since the very beginning. The structure of research groups has been in need of some updating, in the light of broader developments in migration studies as well as in light of indications from research groups themselves. A research conference was held last November to provide a platform for current research groups as well as other IMISCOE members to raise ideas on how to strengthen research groups further. This led to a set of design principles but also revealed very different views on how to create a new structure of research groups. A working group elaborated these views into a concrete plan that should prepare IMISCOE's research infrastructure for the future.

Redesigning and Restructuring IMISCOE's Webpresence

A lot has happened since the last redesign of IMISCOE's website (6 years ago). The current website does no longer live up to what one would nowadays expect from a large network organization as IMISCOE. This limits us in the tools for reaching out to the migration scholarly community. Therefore, a working group has put together a first view on where and how the website should be redesigned and restructured. This was not limited to only the website; it also includes rethinking the Newsletter and social media presence, as well as thinking about new instruments such as podcasts.

Preparing the IMISCOE Conferences for the Future

Everyone will have noticed that the annual conference has grown significantly over especially the last 5 years. This growth requires a rethinking of how to manage such a growing conference. At the same time, the growth has not kept up to par with the growth of the field of migration studies; how to make sure the conference remains sufficiently inclusive. A working group has prepared very concrete measures to prepare the annual conference for the future, which also includes several recommendations in relation to the Spring Conferences.

IMISCOE's growth strategy

Migration studies is growing, and so is our network. However, this growth should always be balanced with the network's capacity to grow and to really include new institutes as full members. Furthermore, last year the network decided to for the first time explore how to include institutes from outside Europe as well. A working group has considered how to do this in an incremental and responsible manner. Whether IMISCOE should get rid of the 'E' in its name is far too early to tell; but this may be the start of yet another exciting stage in the development of the network.

Integration into IMISCOE of an interactive research hub and a research-social platform
Finally, IMISCOE has been active as a network in two H2020 (coordination and support) actions over the last years. First, with help of EU funds, IMISCOE is building an interactive research hub for migration studies in the project CrossMigration (www.migrationresearch.com). An integration of this hub in into the IMISCOE webpresence can strengthen the position of the network as well as reinforce various network activities. Secondly, IMISCOE is also involved in the construction of a research-social platform on migration and asylum (ReSOMA), in a consortium led by IMISCOE partner ISMU. This could help IMISCOE to position itself in broader societal dialogues on migration. A working group has discussed how to integrate the interactive research hub into IMISCOE as well as to explore whether and how the research-social platform on migration and asylum could be integrated into IMISCOE as well.

Of course, IMISCOE has other priorities beyond this 'big five' as well, on which the network will continue to focus. Think about the publication series (book and journal) which are doing very well, activities in the area of training (including but not limited to the PhD Network), the emerging EUMIGS master collaboration, a possible extension of the award schemes, and the emerging IMISCOE Solidarity Fund. All crucial activities for preparing IMISCOE for the future!

Prof.dr. Peter Scholten

Reflections on 15 years IMISCOE

by Rinus Penninx

Reading an Annual Report is normally not a thrilling work. But reading this one was really different for me. Why? In the first place, because it 'reports' important developments within IMISCOE in an unconventional, open way. The short white papers on topics like "Should IMISCOE drop its E of Europe to become more global?", or "How to restructure the networks of researchers (in standing committee and research initiatives)", for example, reflect the thinking out loud within IMISCOE. In general, the report does not only provide the facts and decisions of the year, but it gives also a vivid insight in discussions within and choices and dilemmas of the organisation.

There was a second reason that made my reading of the (draft of the) annual report different: the present coordinator, Peter Scholten, asked me to reflect on the state of the organisation fifteen years after its birth. That means that I read the Annual Report against the backdrop of IMISCOE's genesis, its original ambitions and its changes in the course of time. And yes, such a specific way of reading the Annual Report leads to reflections. My lead questions in these reflections will be: What kind of a beast was IMISCOE and what has it become? And what is the formula of its success?

The IMISCOE Network of Excellence

So first: as what kind of beast was IMISCOE born? It started on April 1st, 2004 as a cooperation of 19 research institutes in Europe in the field of migration studies. These 19 institutes did represent roughly the institutionalised research capacity in Europe at that moment. In the IMISCOE-project they formed a closed "consortium" with an agreement with the European Commission on what it should do. This consortium was funded as a "Network of Excellence" (NoE) by the EC's 6th Framework Programme for Research: 4,5 million euros for 5 years, extended later to 6 years. The task of such NoEs was to build a European infrastructure for research, in IMISCOE's case in the domains of International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion.

This general task was specified in three major elements:

- 1 building an integrated, multidisciplinary, comparative research programme;
- 2 establishing an infrastructure for training of researchers and stakeholders;
- 3 setting up a structure for the dissemination of research results to the public and to politicians and policy-makers in particular.

As to the first task: from the six detailed Annual Reports (2004-2009) one can conclude that IMISCOE was more than just a platform of exchange or a network of researchers. Indeed, serious efforts were made to steer research and to work towards an integrated research programme by establishing nine clusters of research whose subdomains supposedly covered the whole domain of migration (two clusters), integration (four clusters) and cross-cutting studies (three clusters). These clusters made state-of-the-art studies of their subdomain and from these overviews they were asked to come up with new research initiatives or at least directions for



research (see Penninx, Berger & Kraal, *The dynamics of International Migration and Settlement in Europe, A state of the Art*. Amsterdam: AUP, 2006). Furthermore, three cross-cluster Feasibility Studies were initiated to outline promising research lines on Europe as a Migration System (Eurolinks), on Integration Policies (Intpol) and on Social Cohesion in immigrant societies (Soco). Finally, five well prepared "Theory-Conferences" were organised and financed, after a public call, to promote development of research in certain sub-domains. The Annual Conferences functioned as the most concrete platform of cooperation and exchange between individual researchers. Leadership of all above-mentioned activities was assigned to a member institute that had the best qualifications and past performance for that task. Funds were made available to implement these tasks. As for the second and third task, special committees and persons were appointed with budgets to fulfil these tasks.

What did this closed organisation of major research institutes, with its ambitious programming, training and dissemination tasks and with its relatively comfortable funding deliver in the six years of its existence, and how did it develop as an organisation?

First of all, it was clear from the beginning that – in view of the rapid changes in the field of research - the consortium needed to be open for new important partners to reach its aims, but the contract-structure with the EC made that difficult. With some creativity the new status of "associated members" allowed – among others - important new institutes from Poland, Turkey and Albania to be drawn into IMISCOE to a certain extent, but that could not solve the problem completely.

Secondly, as to the realisation of the three major tasks one may conclude – with the benefit of hindsight – that the Network of Excellence had achieved a lot: while the NoE-formula turned out to be a failure overall (and was abolished after 2009), IMISCOE was seen as an exceptional success story. It had built a working infrastructure for research on migration and integration and it wanted to continue that work.

A more detailed and critical scrutiny of what was achieved, however, disclosed also some selectiveness in this success, to say the least. As to the first task - building an integrated, multidisciplinary, comparative research programme – for example, a lot of new initiatives for research had been taken and important networks of researchers had been formed, but the total of these efforts formed a mosaic reflecting interests of researchers rather than "an integrated research programme", notwithstanding the programming efforts of feasibility studies, state-of-the-art studies and theory-conferences. At the end of the NoE-period (and during the discussions on how to continue the work in a (self-financed) IMISCOE Research Network), there was a general feeling that the organisation of the 9 Research Clusters was too rigid and too much of a harness; top-down programming should be replaced by a much more bottom-up approach. The message seemed to be: building an infrastructure is not about building a programme, but making structures and creating conditions that stimulate researchers bottom-up to take initiatives.

As to the infrastructure for training, we also see selectivity: a system of PhD-training facilities was put in place and an inventory of training courses at the master-level was made. Training for non-research stakeholders, however, never came off the ground.

As for dissemination of research results: the most successful part of this was the Open Access Publication Series of IMISCOE with Amsterdam University Press which set the early trend of digital open access publication (later continued with Springer Open). Many experiments with dissemination to the general public, politicians and policymakers had been made, but here success had been far and between. The recipes for such dissemination, such as the policy briefs, did not work satisfactorily and there was no reception system for the messages.

The IMISCOE Research Network

That the IMISCOE NoE had been successful – at least in the eyes of the participant institutes – expressed itself in the decision in 2009 of the founding member institutes plus four associated members to continue IMISCOE as a self-financed International Research Network, independent from EC funding. Obviously, the cooperation of institutes on research, training and dissemination had added value for them, sufficient to pay significant membership fees to continue the work. But also some lessons had to be learned on how to organise the network and on the focus of the work.

Firstly, the structure of IMISCOE changed into that of an International Research Network, founded by a consortium agreement that was signed by all member institutes. It was to be funded by individual as well as institutional membership fees. That meant much more openness. Not only started IMISCOE to expand institutional membership (from 23 in 2009 to 35 in 2014 and 45 in 2018), it also opened its doors for individual researchers of non-member institutes. Individual membership, well expressed in participation in the Annual Conference rose to more than 700 in 2018.

Secondly, immediately after its establishment the Research Network began to restructure the “programming of research on a European and global level”. The task of programming research was still there, but the way that should be done was to be changed soon. The Research Clusters of the NoE were abolished as the framework for programming. The (few) Research Clusters that still functioned well for a larger research domain received the new status of Standing Committee, but much was expected from Research Initiatives, small groups of researchers that could apply for seed funding to develop a plan, or implement a research related activity. Such Research Initiatives could also become a Standing Committee eventually, if they had proved to function for a longer period. The result by 2017/18 was a list of 12 Standing Committees and 18 Research Initiatives. The research covered by these 30 units could not be called a programme, even not a mosaic; it was a patchwork of unrelated sub-networks and topics in which it was not easy to find your way and place as a newcomer. The platform-function and initiative-generating function of IMISCOE did function well, but even IMISCOE-itself lost oversight. The note on “Revision of the Research Infrastructure (see p. 25 ff of this Annual Report) and the November 2018 IMISCOE-conference on this topic asked for a new – clearer and more balanced – way of “bottom-up programming”; standing committees are selected and supported for tasks that come near the Research Clusters of the Network of Excellence. The pendulum goes forth and back, while the clock moves forward.

Thirdly, as for the task of training, the Research Network continued to build on the NoE-phase: the PhD-training and the organisation of PhD’s within IMISCOE have expanded, and (young) researchers once trained in IMISCOE-courses are more and more visible within the IMISCOE organisations and are moving between member institutes. Such mobility is nowadays also practised by master students who move between institutes during common master courses. It is particularly in this field of training of researchers that cooperation between institutes is an added value: in the quality of the courses and in the building of long-term networks of young researchers.

Fourthly, as for dissemination, the Research Network has continued and expanded its line of open access publication of scientific work. Results are accessible cheap and worldwide, while quality is secured internally. Surely, an important building stone of IMISCOE’s reputation.

IMISCOE’s future rooted in the past?

In my view, one of the most decisive characteristics that has contributed to IMISCOE’s success and continuity is that it is built on a cooperation strategy of institutes. IMISCOE is not a network or association of individual researchers, it is basically a consortium of research institutes that uses cooperation and complementary qualities to strengthen each other and the organisation as a whole. There may be competition internally in Open Calls and peer review on decisions which member institute is best placed to do certain tasks within the organisation, but that is competition in a cooperative context. The profitable application of this principle is easiest visible in the field of training where course content may be directly related to specialities of participating institutes. It has also been very visible in the success of IMISCOE-based consortia in winning large-scale, comparative research projects, such as those in the Framework Programmes of DG Research of the European Commission during the last ten years. But it is also important in what was called above “programming of research”. Cluster leaders in the NoE-phase represented actually institutes that specialised in a particular domain. The Standing Committees of the Research Network were also supposed to be based in a member institute. The recent new rules on Standing Committees (for the Open Call for Standing Committees as per June 1, 2019) stipulated explicitly that institutes should be leading Standing Committees, not individuals. In my view, that is right: institutes are more solid anchors for long-term interests of research (and programming of it) in our domain than individuals; continuity is better anchored in institutes. Cooperation of institutes is also of utmost importance in the domain of publication, as was proven by the IMISCOE Network in its negotiations with Springer on the (open access) book series and the new journal *Comparative Migration Studies*.

If this assessment on the importance of the cooperation strategy of institutes based on complementarity is

right, we may also evaluate the recent proposals on the future course of IMISCOE in that light. There is the new proposal on the “research infrastructure” of IMISCOE that aims to get more long-term programming and clear up the patchwork of too many and unrelated SC’s and RI’s. Yes, that proposal foresees fewer Standing Committees, but based in institutes that are able and willing to organise for a longer period enabling facilities for researchers that work together in a subdomain.

There is the proposal to make IMISCOE a global network. That ambition is in itself as good as IMISCOE’s ambition was in 2004 to get rid of the national borders and methodological nationalism that characterised European research at that time. But the crucial question is how to do so, with which institutes, on what basis of complementary cooperation? The proposal is cautious and rightfully so. It is better to experiment first on a smaller scale and see how such a cooperation strategy of institutes is possible, and on what issues.

If IMISCOE has learned from the past what the basis has been of its success, and when it tries to foresee what will happen to its success formula when new ways are taken, then I foresee a good future in the coming decades. The salience of our topic will certainly not be a problem, the cooperation of research institutes – in their own interest – and the trust built up in the network will be crucial.

Rinus Penninx



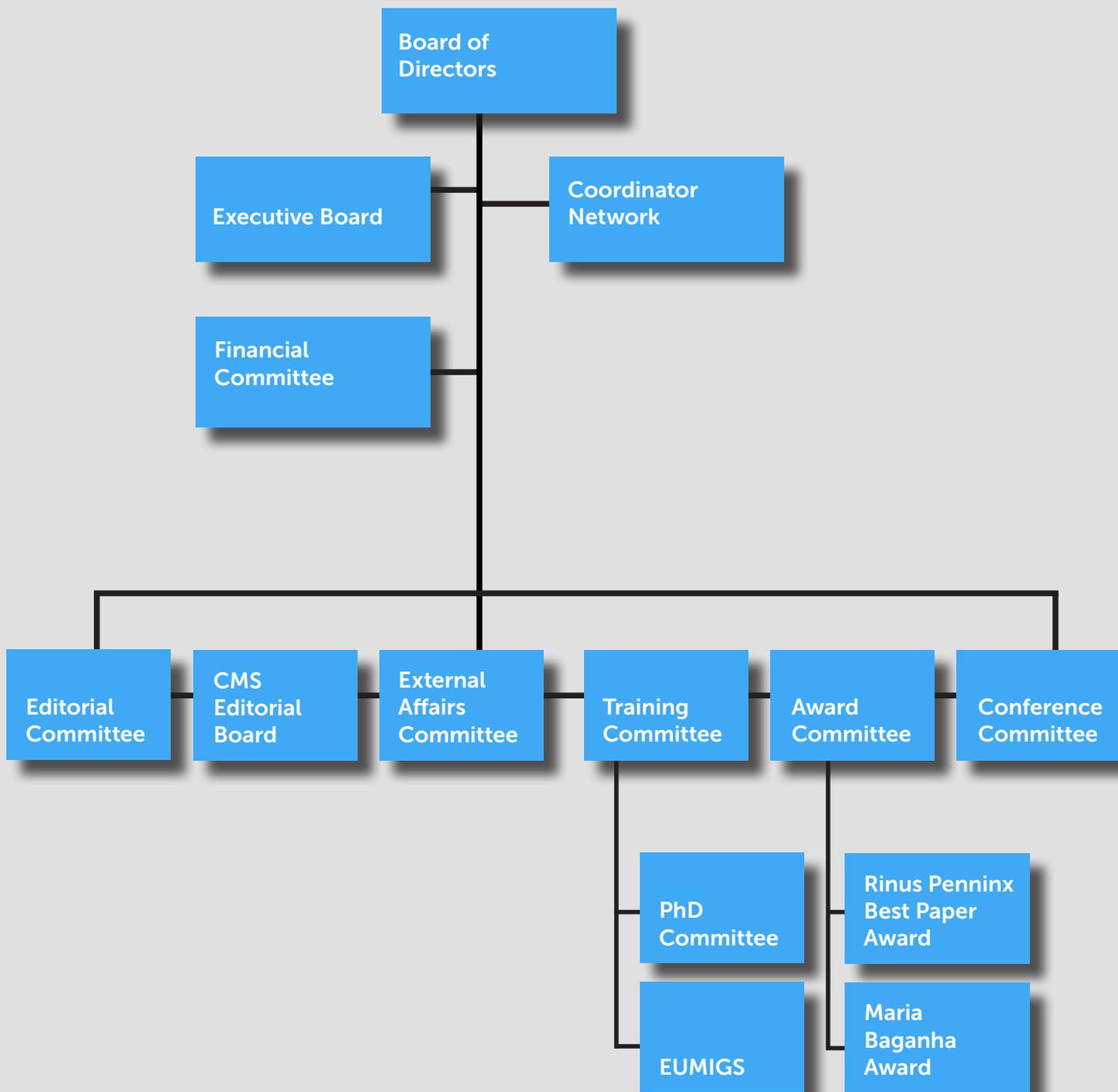
State of the Network

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 2018, the network expanded its participation and success to 45 institutes and more than 700 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.

Organisational Structure



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.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors 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) and Karin Milovanovic (website, journal CMS and communication).

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)
- Izabela Grabowska (University of Warsaw, CMR, (deputy chair) - Poland)
- Eleonore Kofman (University of Middlesex, MDX - United Kingdom)
- Helga de Valk (NIDI, The Hague - The Netherlands)
- 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
- 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 Kraller
- 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

Award Committees

Members of the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award Committee:

- Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award Chair: Rinus Penninx
Jury: Deniz Sert, Laura Oso, Pedro Gois, Ursula Reeger, Marta Bivand Erdal, Joaquin Eguren, and Blanca Garcés

Members of the Maria Baganha PhD Thesis Award:

- Chair: Rosa Aparicio
Jury: Han Entzinger Pawel Kaczmarczyk, Russell King, Albert Kraller, Endre Sik, Ferruccio Pastore, Janine Dahinden and Ilke Adam.

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

The PhD Representative for 2018-2019 is Giulia Mezzetti.

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

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.

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'.

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Rinus Penninx handing over the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award to Sarah Nimfuer and Buba Sesay (not present)



The Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award 2018 has been awarded to Sarah Nimfuehr and Buba Sesay for their paper entitled: "Lost in Limbo? Moving Contours and Practices of Settlements of Non-Deportable Refugees in the Mediterranean Area."



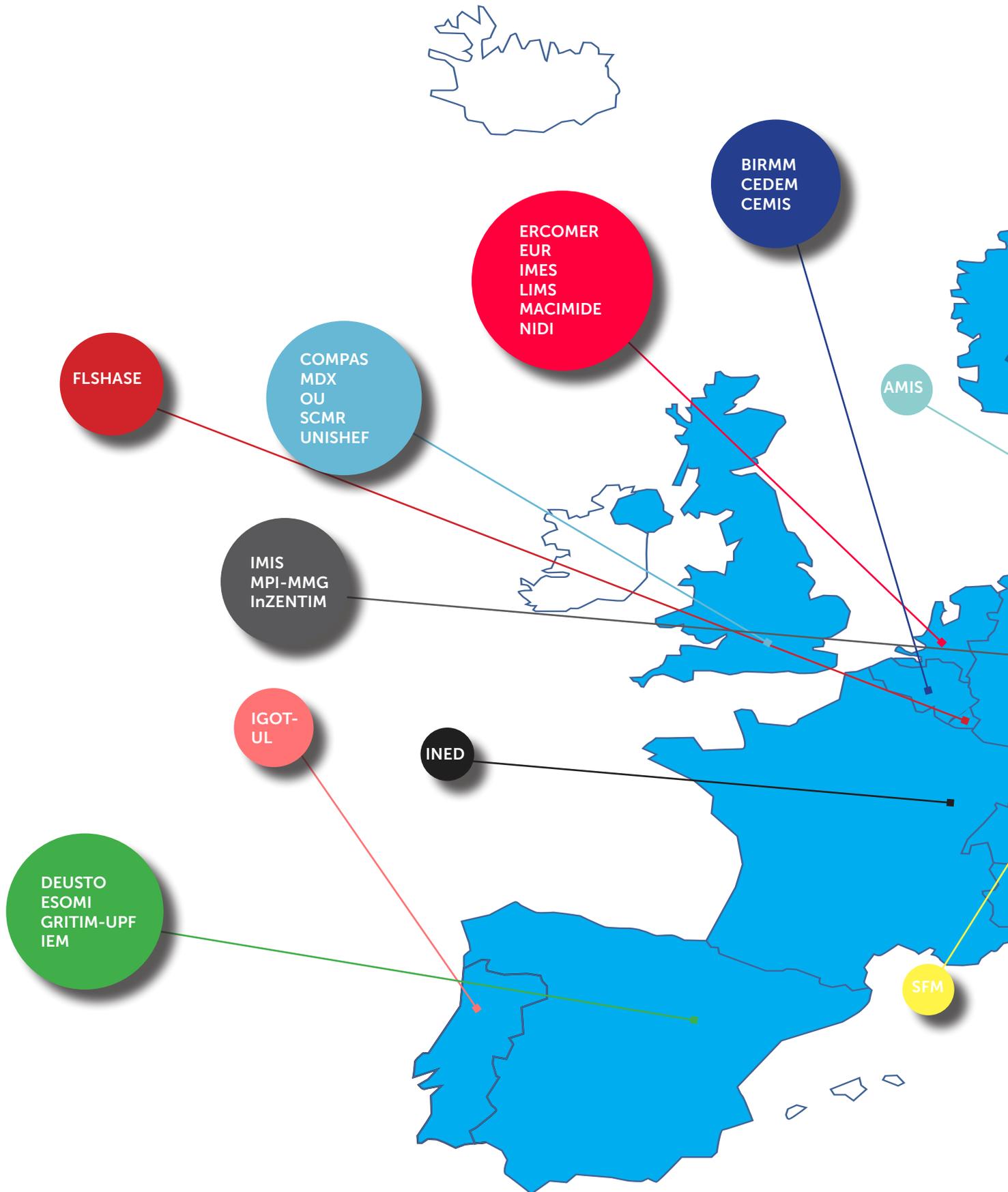
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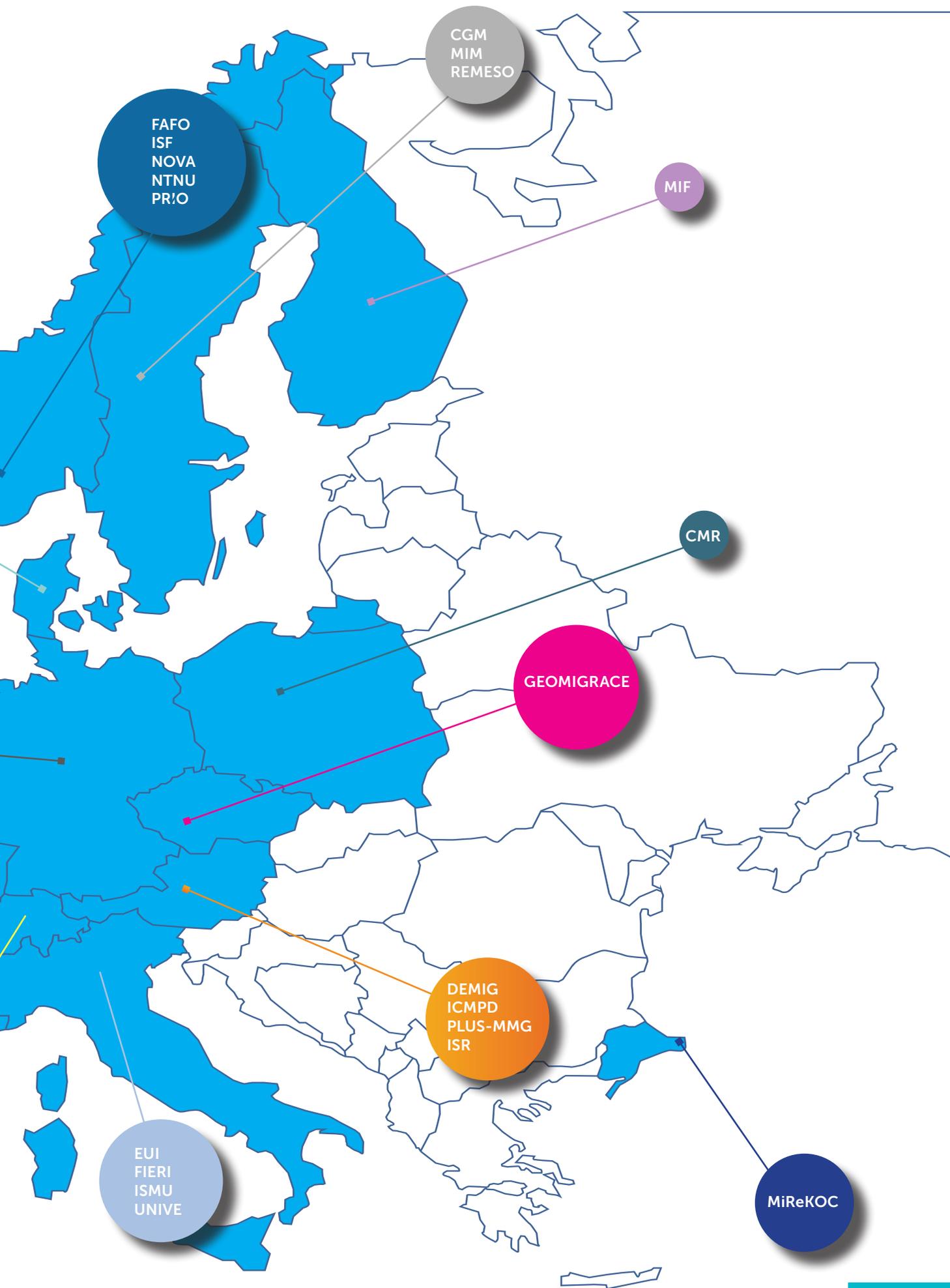
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Dr. Rosa Aparicio, Chair of the IMISCOE Award Committee

The winner of the 2018 Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award is :
Dr. Apostolos Andrikopoulos. His dissertation entitled "Argonauts of West Africa: Migration, Citizenship and Kinship Dynamics in a Changing Europe", was defended at the University of Amsterdam in December 2017.





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'Éthnicité 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
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
FLSHASE	Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education, 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 de Território, 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
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
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
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

Proposal for Globalization Strategy of IMISCOE

Participants

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- Ferruccio Pastore, FIERI, Turin
- Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute, Florence

**Proposal Accepted by BD
in Liege**

The situation

The BoD in Barcelona has decided that IMISCOE would pursue a globalization strategy and has asked for the Coordinator of the network to produce a short strategic document on how this globalization strategy would unfold in a responsible way.

Proposal for a Globalisation Strategy

Gradual: The expansion should be gradual – no more than 2 new non-European members per year so as to allow for absorption and consolidation of the relationship with the new non-European partners. The two new members should come from different world regions

Balanced: It should balance out membership in the neighborhood – membership where the aims are also to facilitate both institutional capacity and human capacities building, with membership of well-established and well-resourced Universities in the 'global North'.

Strategic: The expansion should be considered as a strategy: based less on offers and more on strategic considerations of how can IMISCOE benefit from the new members as well as the new members from joining the IMISCOE family. In addition this expansion should aim at strengthening IMISCOE in making it unique compared to other regional or international networks.

Excellence: Quality / excellence, past performance and team building of new members should remain an important criterion.

An IMISCOE Globalisation Strategy should have the following key features:

IMISCOE should seek to expand to the EU's immediate neighbourhood to the East and South, notably the Middle East, North Africa and Eastern Europe by inviting both single institutions but also where this is possible networks of institutions so they can share the membership fee and benefit widely from IMISCOE activities. Exploratory contacts have been taken for instance with research institutes in the Western Balkans, notably the WB-MigNet with a view to considering integrating it as an IMISCOE member in the near future. In such cases of networks of institutions, we need to consider the practicalities of who pays the fee. Also we could consider whether this is a good strategy for coverage of EU areas/countries where there is scarce membership (e.g. Greece, the Baltic states, etc).

IMISCOE should gradually expand to other continents beyond the EU's neighborhood such as North America for instance (the USA or Canada), or Australia.

The aim of this globalization strategy is to strengthen the outreach of the network to Universities and Research Centres that work on related or indeed common topics from different perspectives and which could thus contribute to our better understanding of migration and integration issues as well as allow for further analytical innovation. Likewise migration has become globalized, with multiple origins, destinations

and causes beyond established migration systems, modes and flows, our migration research network needs to reflect this and avoid to remain closed into a European imprint and viewpoint.

Naturally in pursuing such a globalization strategy we should be careful so that this strategy does not backfire in making IMISCOE feel too diluted, lose its dynamism or community spirit. The globalization strategy should be gradual and should be accompanied by due consideration of its effect on the IMISCOE governance and management structures.

Steps to be taken/already being taken

Ferruccio Pastore is exploring the ground in the southern and southeastern Mediterranean, including the Balkans.

We should consider the initiative already ongoing of Ricard Zapata to build a Euromedmig partnership. Interest has been expressed by two large and well established Universities: Monash in Melbourne (and its transnational network of campuses in the Asia Pacific) and Ryerson University in Toronto (and its establishment of a new programme under the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration).

Izabela Grabowska is exploring Eastern Europe- interests in Baltic States have been expressed; still questing for Ukraine. Majela Killkey will explore Serbia and Belgrade in particular.

Impact on Governance Structures

Board of Directors: structure and role remain as they are – each institution has one representative at the BoD and one vote. Any new partner comes in as a full member with same rights and duties as all other network members. We need to set a time for review – say in 2022 – to see where the expansion strategy has brought us.

We should also consider the fact that this will impact on the governance structure of the BD, but this is another discussion for the future.

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 (2019-2010). 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
- Nasce rete Euromed per la ricerca sulle migrazioni
- Un altro Mediterraneo è possibile - 1
- Un altro Mediterraneo è possibile - 2

Geographical coverage

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7. **Palestine:** Abdelrahman Alamarah Tamimi, Director General Palestinian Hydrology group for Water and Environmental Resources Development Ramallah, The Palestinian Authority.
8. **Spain:** Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Full Professor, GRITIM-UPF director, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.
9. **Norway:** Jørgen Carling is Research Professor of migration and transnationalism studies at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
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11. **Tunisia:** Hassan Boubakri, Professor of Geography / University of Sousse (Tunisia) Migration & CS (Civil Society) Forum Expert Chairman of the Centre of Tunis for Migration and Asylum (CeTuMA)
12. **Turkey:** Ahmet İçduygu, Director of the Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc).



Revision of IMISCOE Research Infrastructure

Gianni D'Amato, Eleonore Kofman, and Peter Scholten

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

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.

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.

Transition procedure

The following transition procedure is suggested:

- The BD in Liege discusses the new set of criteria as outlined in this memo..
- Subsequently, a call for SCs is announced publicly, based on the agreed criteria.
- The EB reviews the bids and makes a proposal for the BD in Malmo to approve 6-8 SCs on a structural basis.



At the conference: Towards the IMISCOE Research Infrastructure of the Future - IMISCOE meets CrossMigration 29 – 30 November 2018, Rotterdam

Proposal: Developing an IMISCOE Research-Social-Policy Nexus

Proposal Accepted by BD
in Liege

Memo on the integration of the H2020 CSA structures CrossMigration & ReSOMA into IMISCOE

Background

In 2018 IMISCOE launched the H2020 project Cross Migration to develop an interactive research hub for migration studies. The aim of this hub is to promote systematic knowledge accumulation in migration studies. Based on a newly developed taxonomy for migration studies, CrossMigration has developed a systematic topic-based database of experts, publications, projects and datasets. Amongst others via migrationresearch.com, the database should be accessible to anyone. This makes the CrossMigration hub a sort of crossover between a ResearchGate and a Google Scholar specifically designed for **migration studies**. From the start of the project, the intention has been to integrate this database within the IMISCOE structure in a sustainable way. (For more information, see www.crossmigration.eu).

In addition, IMISCOE was involved in the launch of another H2020 project to develop a research-social platform on migration and asylum; ReSOMA -Research Social platform on Migration and Asylum, (led by IMISCOE member institute ISMU). Together with NGO's (such as Eurocities, ECRE, PICUM, and Social Platform) and knowledge brokers (MPG, CEPS), ReSOMA has developed an interactive platform for dialogues between researchers, civil society stakeholders, and policymakers. The ReSOMA consortium has offered to IMISCOE the opportunity of integration of the ReSOMA platform into IMISCOE, with the intention to provide a sustainable future to the platform. (For more information, see www.resoma.eu).

On request of the coordinator and the EB, a working group has been formed to discuss the integration of ReSOMA and CrossMigration into IMISCOE. This working group includes representatives from CrossMigration (Lucinda Fonseca, and Peter Scholten), from ReSOMA (Guia Gilardoni) and from the External Affairs Committee (Ricard Zapata-Barrero). This memo contains recommendations to the IMISCOE Board of Directors concerning whether and how to integrate these H2020 CSA (Coordination and Support Actions) into IMISCOE.

Why integrating CrossMigration & ReSOMA into IMISCOE?

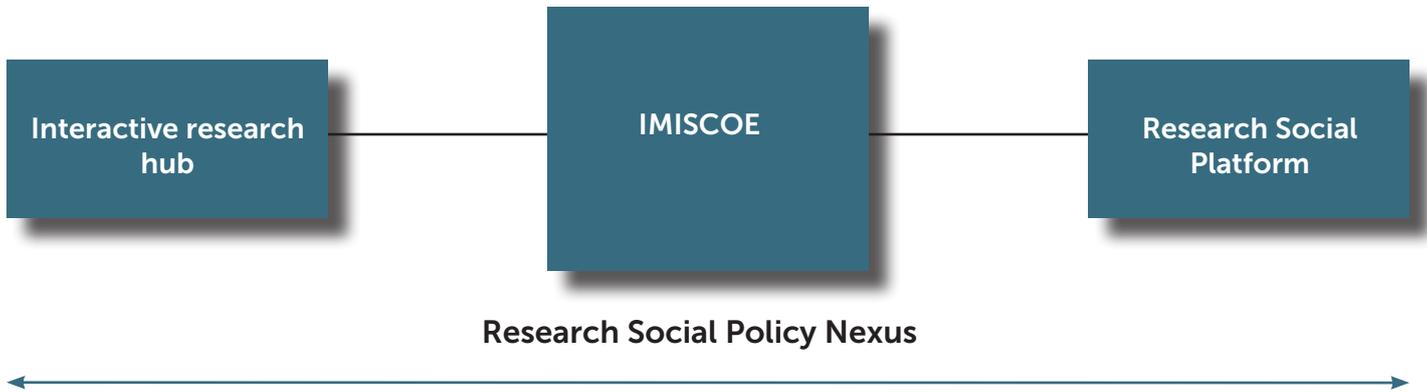
In general, the working group sees the integration of these two H2020 projects into IMISCOE as a significant opportunity to the network. There is a number of reasons why the working group supports the integration into IMISCOE:

- Integrating both projects provides IMISCOE (finally) with a unique opportunity to position itself centrally not only within the broader field of migration studies (via CrossMigration) but also in relation to the **broader societal debate** on migration (via ReSOMA). Benefiting from the H2020 investments in the infrastructures that have been created for both projects, this can strengthen the position of IMISCOE considerably. Also, it reinforces several activities in which the Network is already involved, such as the research infrastructure and the publication series.
- Furthermore, the integration **promotes** IMISCOE's broader mission to promote high quality research (knowledge accumulation) and making knowledge broadly available to migration scholars (CrossMigration) as well as to broader society throughout knowledge exchange (ReSOMA).
- However, to make sure that this integration really benefits the various activities of IMISCOE (and the position of IMISCOE itself), the integration should be a **full** integration. This would mean at least for CrossMigration that the interactive migration research hub migrationresearch.com should be fully integrated into IMISCOE's webpresence.

Also, the name CrossMigration then does no longer serve a specific purpose. Similarly, the Research Social platform on Migration and Asylum

should also be fully integrated, although here the rather general name of the platform could be maintained (the IMISCOE Research Social Platform on Migration & Asylum).

- Sustaining the two structures also depends on this full integration into IMISCOE. The working group recommends exploring further how sustaining the interactive research hub can be embedded into IMISCOE's renewed research infrastructure (this recommendation will be linked to the activities of the working group on the research infrastructure). Furthermore, it recommends that the External Affairs Committee liaises further with the current ReSOMA consortium (including the NGOs) on how to maintain the ReSOMA platform within IMISCOE.



How to integrate CrossMigration and ReSOMA into IMISCOE?

The working group does see various concerns concerning how to integrate both projects into IMISCOE. In order to make the integration work, the working group suggests attending closely to the following points:

- Integration should be connected to the redesign plans for the website. This is to make sure that the two structures get a proper and logical place, but also to make sure that the integration actually benefits the other activities of the network.
- Before integration, decisions have to be taken on how to sustain the two structures on the longer term.
- For CrossMigration, a suggestion is to give the new Standing Committees a role in sustaining the key 'landingpages' on topics in the research hub that fall within their research areas. Also, they could be given a role in the coordination of the parts of the taxonomy that fall in their research areas. This gives the SC's a central role not only within IMISCOE but also a central responsibility within the field of migration studies.
- For ReSOMA, a key relation should be developed between the External Affairs Committee and the current ReSOMA consortium on how to maintain the platform. The ReSOMA consortium also includes non-IMISCOE partners, including various NGOs. The EAC and ReSOMA should come with a plan that has mutual support.
- More information is required as for the costs that sustaining the two new structures within IMISCOE would involve. There is no room within the current budget for a very significant long-term investment. This means (1) that the costs for integration should be limited, and more importantly, (2) that IMISCOE should be able to maintain the platforms at relatively low cost. In general, the working group suggests that annual costs for IMISCOE should never exceed 10k. Furthermore, the combination of this integration within IMISCOE and the redesign of the website can save costs.

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.

An overview:

- Refugees in European localities: Reception, Perceptions and Policies (RELOCAL)
- Changing migration dynamics in the world and their impact on the diversification of migration around Europe
- Contested Childhoods: Growing up in Migrancy
- Immigration, Immigrants and Labour Markets in Europe (IILME/IITUE)
- Migrant families, children and youth
- Ageing Migrants
- Education and Social Mobility
- Interaction of Migrant Integration and Transnationalism
- Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation
- Popular Art, Diversity and Cultural Policies in Post-Migration Urban Settings (POPADIVCIT)
- Research-Policy Dialogues on Migration and Integration in Europe (DIAMINT)
- The Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policies

Refugees in European localities: Reception, Perceptions and Policies (RELOCAL)

Coordinators:

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- Birgit Glorius, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany

Memo on RELOCAL as an IMISCOE Standing Committee (BG/JD 5-6-2018)

The IMISCOE research group RELOCAL (Refugees in European localities: Reception, Perceptions and Policies) was initiated in 2014 by Jeroen Doomernik (University of Amsterdam) and Birgit Glorius (TU Chemnitz). Observing increasing refugee flows and growing hostility against refugees throughout Europe, the research group has set out to initiate comparative case studies on the multilevel governance of refugee reception in Europe with a special focus on variations at the local level. Since its inception, the research group convened a number of very well attended workshops as well as IMISCOE conference panels.

Several dozens of researchers, many of whom are junior, are actively engaged. As its first output RELOCAL produced a special issue of the *Journal of Refugees Studies*. In 2017, a consortium of group members successfully applied for a HORIZON2020 grant for carrying out a critical evaluation of the Common European Asylum System.

This project (CEASEVAL) runs from November 2017 until October 2019. Birgit Glorius is CEASEVAL's coordinator.

Considering the ongoing and future significance of refugee migration in Europe, the research group received the status of an IMISCOE standing committee in 2018, thus being able to consolidate research, academic debate and policy oriented output on the topic.

Future plans for 2019 and beyond include the finalization of a joint volume to be published by Springer on *Geographies of Asylum in Europe and the Role of European Localities*, further research within the CEASEVAL project and its dissemination activities. Further plans include the identification of upcoming research questions within the wider field of refugee migration, which could promote further joint grant applications, as well as the expansion of the researchers' network beyond the borders of Europe, in order to widen and open up comparative perspectives as well as to embed the European debates in those at the global level.

Changing migration dynamics in the world and their impact on the diversification of migration around Europe

Program leaders

- Christiane Timmerman, CeMIS, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Lore Van Praag, CeMIS, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Godfried Engbersen, CIMIC, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

This Standing Committee proposes to look into the impact of micro-, meso and macro level factors on migration flows and mobility patterns to and from Europe using a case study approach in relevant source and destination countries. Special attention goes to the effect of the social changes, political, digital and ecological transformations on other processes of change, particularly political conflict, economic growths and recessions, (un)employment levels and gender (in)equality. These changes in turn have a structural impact on migration patterns not only in the Euro-African and Euro-Asian migration system and the intra-European mobility flows, yet through global interconnectedness on the Afro-Asian and Afro-American migration systems as well. The core idea is the conceptualization of migration as an intrinsic part of broader exogenous processes of social, economic and political changes and transformations, usually embodied in the concept of 'development'. In addition, there will be ample attention going to the maximal incorporation of the concepts of structure and agency into the analysis through the use of the concepts of 'migration opportunity structures', 'migration capabilities' and 'migration aspirations'. There is a particular focus on how

interconnected political and development transformations have affected and continue to affect mobility and migration patterns between Europe and its significant source countries. Therefore, we will build further on existing large databases, results and insights generated by European research projects in which several research centres and members of IMISCOE were involved: e.g. the FP7 EUMAGINE project 'Imagining Europe from the outside' (2010 – 2013) and the NORFACE project 'Theorizing the Evolution of Migration Systems' (THEMIS), the Belgian project MIGRADAPT 'Making Migration Work for Adaptation to Environmental Changes. A Belgian Appraisal' and the H2020 CROSS MIGRATION project. With the IMISCOE network, the members of this standing committee cluster were active in the organization of the International IMISCOE 3C PhD Winter School Programme "Changing Europe – Changing Migration" 2014-2018 - Antwerp (2014), Rotterdam (2015), Princeton (2016), Liège (2018) - in cooperation with Erasmus University (Netherlands) and the Université de Liège (Belgium). This standing committee has started in March 2013 as research cluster and has shown consistency in the organisation of projects, conferences and books over the past years. In doing so, this standing committee has always looked at new, emerging topics that would be interesting to focus upon. The changing nature of the topics discussed in this standing committee makes it innovative and increases its attractiveness for new members to join this research cluster.

Activities

As a research cluster, we have been participating at the Annual IMISCOE conferences (Madrid, 2014; Geneva, 2015; Prague, 2016; Rotterdam, 2017; Barcelona, 2018). During these conference meetings and workshops, we have discussed new initiatives, new topics to further elaborate on and used these workshops as the starting point to discuss the next themes and activities. We have organised several PhD workshops (Antwerp, 2015; Lisbon, 2016; Antwerp, 2017; Liège, 2018) and prepared publications based on these meetings. Soon the following book will be published, based on the workshop held in Lisbon:

Christiane Timmerman, Maria Lucinda Fonseca, Lore Van Praag, Sónia Pereira (Eds., 2018). 'Gender and Migration. A Gender-Sensitive Approach to Migration Dynamics'. Leuven: Leuven University Press.

More publication initiatives are being prepared, on innovative themes such as a book proposal in the IMISCOE research series on climate change migration, an overview of the workshop on migration aspirations, held in Antwerp 2017 on the Allegra lab.

The meetings organised by this standing committee are always open for new members and those interested in the current themes we discuss.

Contested Childhoods: Growing up in Migrancy

Coordinators:

- Elżbieta M. Goździak (ISIM, Georgetown University)
- Marie Louise Seeberg (HiOA-NOVA)

The IMISCOE Research Group originally named Contested Childhoods and Multiple Crises, established in 2013, was promoted to Standing Committee in 2017 and at the same time changed its name to the current Contested Childhoods: Growing up in Migrancy. Our research brings different conceptualisations of childhood to centre stage in research on migration and integration. It does so by proposing that childhood is a complex, changing, and normative concept in complex and changing environments, where families, nation-states and markets as well as children themselves are central actors engaged in contesting the meaning of childhood. Further, the concept of migrancy is useful in capturing the ascribed identities of many children: not just a category, not quite a social field, but perhaps something in between, it may constitute a social space. Increasing numbers and proportions of the world's children are growing up in this space, either because they themselves have migrated or because one or both of their parents or even grandparents once did. We ask what migrancy means for children and young people in terms of identities, opportunities, and

practices as well as querying the positions of children in migration and integration processes.

In addition to the many individual activities linked to the Committee's topic of research, our main joint achievement to date has been the book *Contested Childhoods: Growing up in Migrancy. Migration, Governance, Identities*, that brings together the work of several of our members and was published in the Springer IMISCOE Research Series in late 2016.

In January 2018, this edited volume was selected as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2017 by Choice magazine. Two Horizon 2020 applications– one in 2014 and one in 2018 - linked to the group have been submitted. We have established an active Facebook Group, organized seminars and guest lectures, and we have organized one or two sessions at each of the IMISCOE annual conferences in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. At the upcoming Annual Conference in Barcelona in 2018, we are organizing two sessions: "Reproduction, Nationality and Belonging: Migrants, their Children and contested Europeanisation" organized by Francesca Decimo and Elisabetta Zontini, and "Contested childhoods: Investigating the positions of undocumented children growing up in migrancy" organized by Jacob Lind, Elzbieta M. Gozdzia, and Marie Louise Seeberg.

In 2019, we aim to organize two to three sessions at the Annual Conference, we will continue looking into the possibilities for finding external funding, and will plan an interdisciplinary PhD course based on our research topic.

Immigration, Immigrants and Labour Markets in Europe (IILME/IITUE)

Coordinators:

- Stefania Marino (University of Manchester)
- Rinus Penninx (University of Amsterdam)
- Judith Roosblad (Inspectorate for Social Affairs and Employment, The Netherlands)

The research group Immigration, Immigrants and Trade Unions in Europe (IITUE) was founded in 2011 with the aim to promote a broad understanding of the relationship between trade unions and immigrant workers in Europe from a cross-disciplinary and comparative perspective. From 2013 to 2017, IITUE's major project has been a state of the art book on trade unions and migrant workers in Europe during the last two decades. This 17 chapter state-of-the-art publication, written by 23 authors from Migration Studies and from Industrial Relations Studies was edited by Marino, Roosblad & Penninx and published in 2017 under the title *Trade Unions and Migrant Workers: New Contexts and Challenges in Europe*. Cheltenham, UK/ Northampton, MA, USA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

The publication of the book in 2017 coincided with the promotion of the Research Group to the status of Standing Committee. These two events led to a renewed definition and broadening of the research field to Immigration, Immigrants and Labour Markets in Europe (IILME), analysing attitudes and strategies of a wide set of labour market actors relevant in shaping the position of migrant workers in the host labour markets and promoting equal rights and working conditions: governments and institutional bodies that regulate access to labour markets, set the legal framework for work and employment and control the implementation of regulations (inspectorates); employers and their organisations which have an important regulatory role, together with trade unions, in industrial relations field; several type of third agencies and intermediaries, including subcontractors and recruitment agencies used to facilitate the match between labour demand and supply but, in some cases, also to circumvent regulations. The IITUE expertise in the field of Industrial Relations and Labour Studies will be used to its full extent in this expanded field of study.

IILME/IITUE intends to use (two sessions at) the 15th IMISCOE-conference in Barcelona in July 2018 as a starting point for its work as a new Standing Committee in the coming years. To do so, an Open Call for papers in the enlarged study field has been published, inviting scholars to develop proposals for a coordinated action on certain topics: a research proposal for cross-national comparative research on a specific issue, a

thematic issue of a journal or a book on a specific topic, or any other research or publication activity that brings researchers from Industrial Relations, Migration and Labour studies together in a specific project.

Migrant families, children and youth

Coordinators:

- Joaquín Eguren (Universidad de Comillas)
- Martha Montero-Siebuth (Amsterdam University College)
- Rosa Mas Giralt (University of Leeds)
- Noemi García-Arjona (Université de Rennes 2)

During 2017-18, the Standing Committee Migrant Families, Children and Youth has progressed with several activities which have resulted in: Publications:

- an open access special issue in English in the journal *Migraciones*, vol. 42 (Nov. 2017), entitled “*Innovative research methodologies with Migrant Families, Children and Youth in diverse contexts*” coordinated by Martha Montero-Sieburth, Rosa Mas Giralt and Joaquín Eguren - accessible from: <https://goo.gl/h4wYoc>;
- in August 2018, a special issue entitled “*South to North Intercultural Dialogues: Cases and Experiences of the Second Generation*”, guest editor Martha Montero-Sieburth will be published in the journal of *Intercultural Education*;
- 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Rotterdam: a well-attended workshop entitled “*Critically exploring conceptualizations of ‘the family’ and recruitment methodologies in research with migrant/transnational families*” was held;
- Participation in IMISCOE activities by mentoring between Junior and Senior Researchers: two of the coordinators of the Standing Committee took part in the Intergenerational Feedback (IF) sessions during the 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference as senior scholars in line with the Standing Committee’s aim to provide mentoring opportunities for junior scholars;
- Working meetings: during the 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference a working meeting was held to discuss future plans and explore synergies with the research group ‘*Global mobility and intimate and familial relationships*’ – this meeting enabled progress on a prospective edited book on migrant families;
- in March 2018, another working meeting of the Coordinating Committee members took place in Madrid to identify publishers and draft a proposal for the edited book and a pre-call for chapters was circulated ahead of the Barcelona conference.
- During the summer 2018 and to continue into 2019, the Standing Committee has programmed several activities.
 - 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Barcelona: an open invitation workshop entitled “*Contemporary perspectives on migrant and transnational families*” has been organized to attract contributors for the prospective edited book. Participants’ input will inform the final Call for Chapters which will be circulated in September 2018;
 - three of the members of the Standing Committee are going to take part in the IF sessions as senior researchers;
 - and a panel session entitled “*Emic Interpretations of Transnational Families and Youth in their Everyday Lives derived from the Field Research and Practices: Life Histories, Reflexivity and good practices*” has been organized which will include graduate to doctoral and senior researchers in a process that fosters intergenerational learning between junior and senior scholars.

We envision expansion of these activities into 2019 and the development of a training session that utilizes our extensive editorial experience to help researchers in our Committee interested in publishing in English. Prospective edited book: working meetings and potential seminars are planned for December 2018

in Madrid and March 2019 in Amsterdam to progress with this publication.

Ageing Migrants ('Older Migrants')

Coordinators:

- Tineke Fokkema (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, University of Groningen, Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu (University of Geneva)

Members of the Standing Committee 'Older Migrants' have been active over a sustained period in organising events, publishing and coordinating research on different themes related to the reference population.

Regarding publications, 2016 was exceptionally productive, with 5 books and 2 special issues. 2017 proves no less productive, with 26 peer-reviewed articles and 3 special issues.

Concerning research, some ongoing projects deal with: transnational grandparenting (Mihaela Nedelcu), transnational care arrangements (Anita Böcker, Vincent Horn and Cornelia Schweppe), social vulnerability of ageing migrants (Oana Ciobanu, Tineke Fokkema and Jolien Klok), resilience in young-old Turkish and Moroccan migrants (Silvia Klokgieters), death and diversity (Alistair Hunter) and new frontiers for international retirement migration (Eralba Cela, Tineke Fokkema and Russell King).

For the period 2018–2019, we are planning a series of events and joint publications. Regarding events Eva Soom Ammann, Roos Hoekstra-Pijpers and Nina Concova plan a conference on ethno-specific / diversity-sensitive care, and Oana Ciobanu and Tineke Fokkema plan a workshop on loneliness. In addition, we will host three panels in the IMISCOE Annual meeting in Barcelona. With regard to publications, there are several recently published books (e.g. Hunter, A. 2018. *Retirement Home? Ageing Migrant Workers in France and the Question of Return*. IMISCOE Research Series, Springer), forthcoming books (e.g. Sandra Torres is finalising a book on ethnicity and old age) and special issues (one in the *Journal of Ageing Studies* and another in the *Swiss Journal of Sociology*), among others.

Interaction of Migrant Integration and Transnationalism

Coordinators:

- Godfried Engbersen (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
- Özge Bilgili (Macimide)
- Jørgen Carling (Peace Research Institute Oslo)
- Marta Bivand Erdal (Peace Research Institute Oslo)
- Melissa Siegel (Maastricht University)
- Erik Snel (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

This standing committee focuses on the various ways in which migrants' integration in societies of destination interacts with transnational ties to countries of origin. This overall theme is reflected in more specific lines of inquiry, for instance related to return mobilities, transnational lives, membership in welfare states, and citizenship, as reflected in our conference sessions and seed funding initiatives. The Standing Committee on Interactions of Migrant Integration and Transnationalism in Europe (IMITE) has produced publications, special issues, research projects, conference sessions, workshops and PhD courses, involving more than a hundred scholars, since its establishment in 2011.

The IMITE standing committee is built on long-term collaboration, which has four pillars: research collaboration on particular research projects; joint publications; collaboratively organised conference sessions at the

annual IMISCOE conference, and research symposia with PhD courses embedded, organised on an annual basis. During 2018-2019 the IMITE standing committee's activities reflects the above, with two special issues of peer-reviewed journals in progress, both of which relate to past conference sessions and to the ongoing PRIO-led research project 'Transnational lives in the Welfare state' (TRANSWEL).

A conference session at the annual IMISCOE conference in Barcelona, takes its cue from a roundtable discussion organised at the IMISCOE conference in Rotterdam (2017), to explore new directions in research on the interactions of migrant transnationalism and integration.

With support from IMISCOE seed funding, and in collaboration with two research projects, a research symposium and PhD course foregrounding connections between citizenship and the IMITE standing committee's core focus, will take place at PRIO in November 2018.

Plans for future activities for IMITE for 2019 (and beyond) will be discussed in conjunction with the annual conference in Barcelona, exploring fresh perspectives on the standing committee's core interests, which appear as promising future directions to explore jointly.

Education and Social Mobility

Coordinators:

- Jens Schneider (University of Osnabrück; IMIS)
- Elif Keskiner (University of Amsterdam; IMES)

The financial responsibility rests at IMIS, Osnabrück.

Report activities in 2017/18 and outlook on 2019

Activities and developments

The SC mostly followed up on the two themes and activities that were started in 2016:

- refugee youth in education: coordinator Maurice Crul undertook a research trip to Lebanon and two articles were written by him and Jens Schneider for a forthcoming special issue of Comparative Migration Studies on "Second Generation Refugees in Europe: Education, Intergenerational Mobility and Feelings of Belonging", edited by Milena Chimienti, Laurence Ossipow and Catherine Wihtol de Wenden. Maurice Crul also held various speeches and lectures for academic and non-academic audiences, while Jens Schneider was part of an EU-funded network of scholars, NGOs and practitioners for organising exchange activities on policies, concepts and good practices in refugee education across Europe.
- transitions from higher education to work: The joint research proposal on the topic from three SC partners in Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany to the NORFACE-Program was not granted. In Turin, in March 2017, a workshop was held with Italian and SC-colleagues on the topic of "Transitions from Higher Education to Work in Comparative Perspective".

Another important development in the SC is that several of the long-term participating PhD-students received their doctoral degrees in the past months: Sara Rezai, Ali Konyali and Ismintha Waldring in Rotterdam and Christine Lang in Osnabrück.

Both coordinators (and other members of the SC) also participated in a special issue "Navigating Pathways in Multicultural Nations: Identities, Future Orientations, Schooling, and Careers" for the journal *New Directions for Child and Adolescent Developments* (No. 180, Summer 2018).

Perspectives for 2018-19

- In the field of refugee youth in education, Maurice Crul will become part of new research project on Syrian refugee children in the educational systems of Germany, Turkey, Lebanon and Australia, funded by the Ford Foundation. He will also participate in a summer school in Palermo, Italy, organised by Marcelo Suárez Orozco.
- transitions from education to work: The workshop in Turin led to a publication initiative under the lead of Elif Keskiner and Louise Ryan with the working title "Re-visiting Granovetter: on the role of strong and weak ties in ethnic networks". The initiative will have a first exploratory workshop at the IMISCOE Conference in Barcelona and then look for fitting journal.
- Pathways: Now that several more countries have produced data within their respective Pathways-projects, the SC will take up again the task of a joint book publication on these data.

Another important development will be the shift of the leadership of the Standing Committee to a younger generation of scholars which will be decided at the SC-meeting in Barcelona.

Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation (MIGCITPOL)

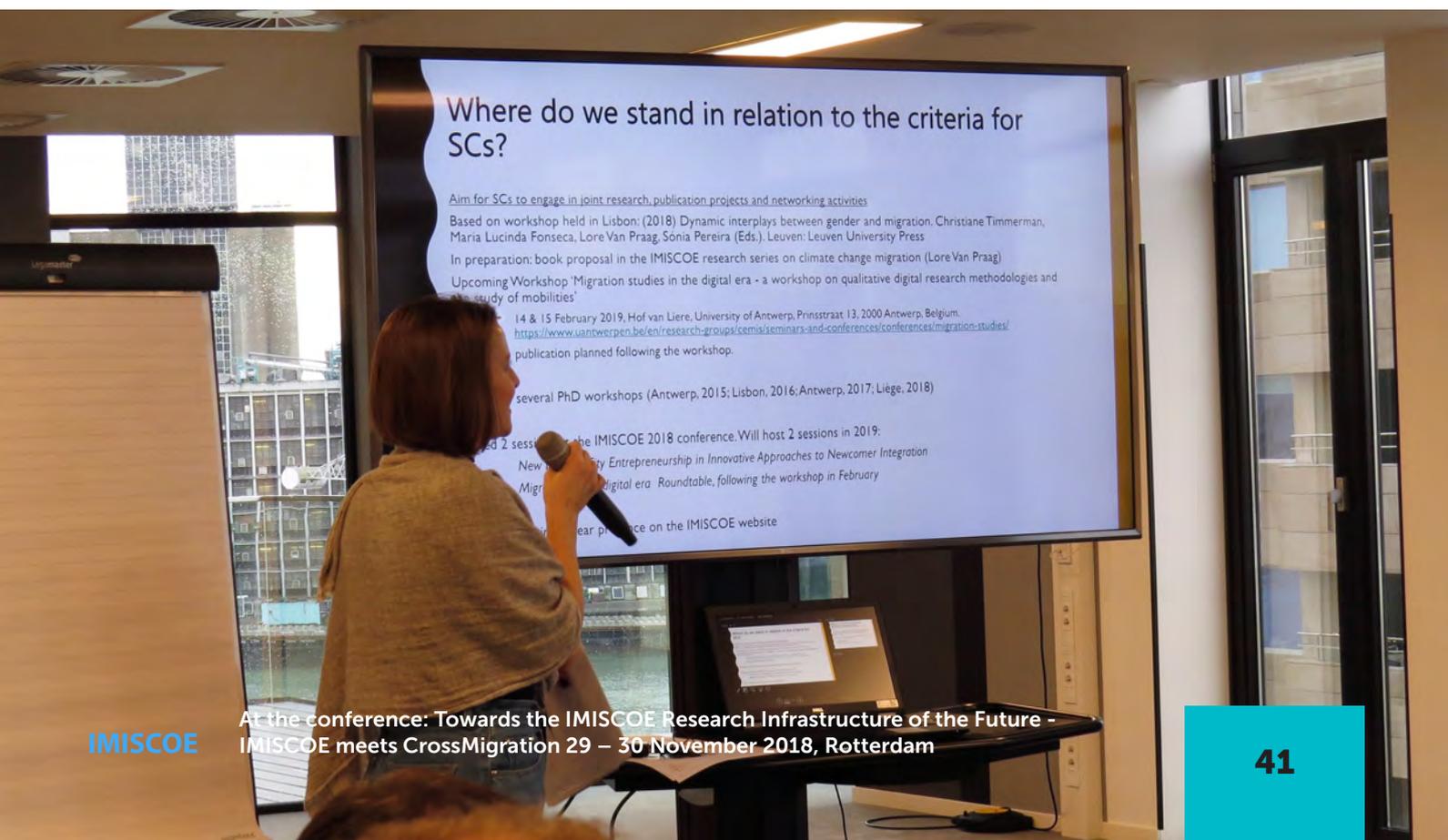
Coordinators

- Ana Margheritis (University of Southampton)
- Luicy Pedroza (GIGA Hamburg)
- Daniela Vintila (Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liege)

Annual report 2018

In 2018 the MIGCITPOL standing committee's main activity has been its involvement in the organization of the Annual Conference in Barcelona. First of all, the Standing Committee co-directors were involved in the selection of paper proposals submitted within the theme of migration, citizenship and political participation. Second, the SC organized two panels within the reserved SC slots: one panel on 'The Politics and Sociology of Immigrant Naturalisation' and one panel on "Protecting Diasporas": Immigrant Social Protection and the Sending State'. In total, there are 7 panels/workshops organized within the MIGCITPOL theme at the Annual Conference in Barcelona.

MIGCITPOL has also been involved, through Maarten Vink, in collaborating with the IMISCOE standing committee on Interactions of Migrant Integration and Transnationalism (IMITE) in the organization of a Research Symposium and PhD course on migrant transnationalism and integration which will take place in Oslo 21-23 November 2018.



Popular Art, Diversity and Cultural Policies in Post-Migration Urban Settings (POPADIVCIT)

Coordinators:

- Marco Martiniello, Centre of Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège
- Wiebke Sievers, Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
- Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

POPADIVCIT analyses the links between migration, diversity and culture. It tries to understand a) if and how cultural policies, cultural institutions and artistic activities have changed in response to migratory processes and b) if and how immigrants and their descendants use cultural activities as a form of mobilisation and participation. The standing committee focused on two topics in 2017: first, the specific possibilities of rap, slam and spoken word as tools of representation and mobilisation in migration and post-migration societies (workshop at the IMISCOE annual conference); second, the impact of the increasing social diversity on literary canon formation (conference "(Re)Creating the Global Literary Canon" in Vienna). In addition, the standing committee published a special issue of the journal *Crossings: Journal of Migration & Culture* entitled "Diversity incorporation in the cultural policy mainstream: Exploring the main frameworks and approaches bridging cultural and migration studies" (edited by Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Marco Martiniello and Wiebke Sievers). We also resubmitted a Marie Curie ITN proposal in January 2018 (ITEC – Immigrants Transform European Cultures). We plan to use our workshop at the 15th annual IMISCOE conference in Barcelona in July 2018 to discuss future avenues of interest. For this purpose, we invited our members and other interested researchers to propose papers based on recent research results in our area of interest. Departing from these presentations and further expressions of interest gathered from our members, we aim to discuss a short- and long-term research agenda for our standing committee.

Research-Policy Dialogues on Migration and Integration in Europe (DIAMINT)

Coordinator:

- Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

The Standing Committee Research-Policy Dialogues on Migration and Integration is a group of scholars from various IMISCOE institutes that work together on issues of knowledge production, knowledge utilization and research-policy relations. In the past, the group ran a comparative research project on research-policy dialogues and their impact on migration studies (DIAMINT). This has led to various publications in the IMISCOE research series, as well as to various journal publications and a successful IMISCOE conference on this topic (in Enschede 2008). After a couple of years with more open panels at IMISCOE conferences, this standing committee provided a first network of mobilization for the development of the CrossMigration H2020 project that is currently led by IMISCOE.

Key topics in this standing committee are:

- Research-policy structures. This involves a comparative analysis of how research-policy relations are organized in various countries and on various levels of government.
- The use of knowledge and expertise in migration and integration policy making. This involves the policy role of expertise in different stages of the policy process (problem framing, policy formulation, policy implementation, policy evaluation) and different types of knowledge utilisation (instrumental, symbolic, conceptual, etc).
- Policy dialogues and the development of migration research. This topic covers the impact of diverse

policy settings on the development of migration research, in terms of structural (knowledge institutes, research infrastructures, degree of consensus or fragmentation in a field), methodological (quantitative/qualitative, desk research/in-depth research, etc.) as well as disciplinary developments (dominant disciplines, knowledge conflicts, knowledge paradigms).

The Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policies

Coordinators:

- Tiziana Caponio (University of Turin, Collegio Carlo Alberto and FIERI),
- Peter Scholten (Erasmus University)
- Ricard Zapata-Barrero (Universitat Pompeu Fabra , GRITIM)

The Standing Committee on the “The Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policies” continues the work started by the Cluster C9 in the context of the IMISCOE Network of Excellence (2004-2010). Chaired by Giovanna Zincone (FIERI), Cluster C9 promoted initiatives and publications aimed at developing a research programme on the policymaking of immigrant integration and immigration policies in complex, multilevel political contexts. In line with this programme, the Standing Committee intends to provide an original contribution to the theorizing of the relationships between local, regional, national and supranational policies from a multi-level governance perspective.

Since 2014, a particular attention has been devoted to the local level and to the role of cities in the multi-level governance of migration and integration, with the goal of developing a specific research agenda on “The Multilevel Governance of Diverse Cities”. As a consequence of migration flows and globalisation, European cities are becoming more and more diverse. Such a diversity includes not only the presence of people with a migration background, but also second generations born in the host country, mixed couples and families, foreign students and professionals etc. So far, local level policies have been studied primarily through the lens of immigrant integration policies. The SC research initiative proposes to take a different approach, to focus the attention on how cities respond to increasing diversity. In other terms, we intend to explore the MLG strategies of diverse cities, i.e. how local policy-makers deal with the challenges of increasing diversity by linking to other levels of government and/or to other actors at a local level, and which kind of policy approaches towards diversity emerge as a result of these multiple vertical and horizontal relations.

Research Groups/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.

An overview of groups that have been funded the last few years. The list also contains research initiatives that have received funding after the most recent call of 2017-18 :

- Conceptual and Qualitative Research
- Welfare and Culture: Attitudes of immigration, Party Political Transmutations and Civil Society engagement
- Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective
- Diversity, Migration and Social Cohesion (Div/Mig/Soc)
- Global Mobility and Familial and Intimate Relationships
- Highly skilled migration in the European labour market: Brain waste or brain gain?
- Information and Communication Technologies and Migration
- Integration crises. Analysing integration processes in an age of global instability
- International Migration and Social Protection: Mobility and Diversity as Challenges to Welfare Rights and Provision
- International Student Mobility and Migration
- The IMISCOE Southeast European Migration research group (iSTEM)
- Migrants and social organisations
- Nationalist populism in contemporary Europe – ideological transformations, organizational development and mainstream reactions
- Revisiting mobilities between Europe and Latin America: the transnational circulation of people, ideas and practices in the 21st century
- TRANSMIG (Transnational Practices in Migration)
- Ukrainian migration to the EU
- Wealth Formation by Temporary Migrants: Case Study of Polish Migrants to European Union
- Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis. The Way Forward



Conceptual and Qualitative Research

Coordinators

- Ricard Zapata-Barrero - GRITIM - UPF
- Evren Yalaz - GRITIM-UPF
- Dirk Jacobs - ULB

This research cluster brings together the researchers who are interested in the issues of Qualitative and Conceptual Research in Migration Studies. Its central aim is to review and map a research agenda addressing the following questions: when and why qualitative methodology becomes essential for researching migration, how it takes different shapes, adopts different logics, and uses different techniques, what kind of innovative qualitative research tools better serve to migration research, what kind of conceptual, theoretical and methodological challenges researchers in this field face, and how these challenges can be addressed and possibly lessened. This research cluster draws on the premise that the migration-related concepts are not cut in stone, nor value-free. Therefore, it aims to promote qualitative and conceptual research on new and old concepts related to migration studies such as integration, super-diversity, transnationalism, multi/interculturalism, cohesion, solidarity, equality, justice, secularism etc. In the context of these scientific objectives, this research cluster serves as a platform of researchers that come from diverse disciplinary and international backgrounds, work on conceptually different topics of the migration research agenda, use different research designs (comparative, single-case study, historical analysis etc.), and are at different stages of their professional careers.

The research cluster has three main objectives:

- to promote a network of researchers interested in the issues of qualitative and conceptual research in migration studies;
- to support research activities and collaborations of its members, knowledge production and its dissemination; and to contribute to methodological training of young researchers

Welfare and Culture: Attitudes of immigration, Party Political Transmutations and Civil Society engagement

Coordinators:

- Anders Hellström (Malmö University, MIM - Sweden)
- Ov Cristian Norocel (Université libre de Bruxelles, AGS - Belgium)
- Martin Bak Jorgensen (Aalborg University, CoMID - Denmark)

In 2017 we, the co-ordinators, developed the framework for a planned anthology Hope and Nostalgia at the intersection between welfare and culture. We have previously organized and chaired several workshops that have been well-attended and highly appreciated on the wider topic of politics of migration at various IMISCOE conferences. More precisely, we have approached this topic from the perspective of the somewhat elusive concept of populism as a threat or conversely a corrective to democracy.

We initiated this at a workshop part of the 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference (Rotterdam, June 2017). Later in the year we organized a dedicated book workshop (Malmö, November 2017), which was financially supported through the IMISCOE seed funding for research clusters scheme. In 2018 we have been finalizing the book, which we plan to publish as part of the Springer IMISCOE series.

The anthology is organized in 3 sections, which contain a total of 12 chapters, authored by both established and emerging scholars in the field, from various universities from across Europe. The book project explores the interplay between such concepts as hope and nostalgia, at the intersection between welfare and culture. The socio-cultural cleavage is presently juxtaposed to the traditional cleavage structure opposing welfare (left) and capitalism (right), leading to a polarization between (closed) demarcation and (open) integration.

We argue that socio-economic analyses must take into account also the socio-cultural aspects, and by the same measure all socio-cultural analyses must be aware of the socio-economic elements on the matter. In other words, it is not a question of either or, but of both one and the other.

We hope to be able to publish the book in the first half of 2019. As a follow-up of the book, we plan to arrange a panel debate on our book at the 16th IMISCOE Annual Conference in 2019.

Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective

Coordinators:

- Rosita Fibbi (SFM, University of Neuchâtel)
- Arnfinn H. Midtbøen (ISF, Oslo)
- Patrick Simon (INED, Paris)

The research cluster Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective was formally established at the 2015 IMISCOE conference in Geneva. The main rationale of creating the research cluster was to close the gap on this topic within the IMISCOE network, emphasizing the role of discrimination in migrants' integration processes. The first goal of the research cluster was to establish IMISCOE as the key arena for discrimination research in Europe by organizing panel sessions on the topics in the IMISCOE annual conferences.

Our panel sessions bring together discrimination scholars from across Europe and beyond engaging in critical debates about methods and results. Many scholars responded positively to our timely initiative. We have organized panels in each IMISCOE conference since the research cluster was established; three in Geneva in 2015, one in Prague in 2016 and three in Rotterdam in 2017. In the upcoming 2018 conference in Barcelona, we will organize five panel sessions, bringing together scholars from all over Europe as well as the US. The success of the calls for papers account for the expectations of the growing research community studying discrimination: IMISCOE has an important role of incubator and stimulator to play in this context. At the moment we are well in line to meet our first goal. To further consolidate our research cluster in 2018, we have undertaken two initiatives. First, we plan to write a short reader on migration and discrimination as part of the IMISCOE books series. The three chairs have written a proposal for the Editorial committee which is currently under evaluation. If approved, the book will provide its readers with a state of the art overview of the discrimination research field, with particular focus on discrimination against immigrants and their descendants. Structured as a reader available to undergraduate students, as well as graduate students, scholars, policy makers and the general public, it will cover the ways in which discrimination is defined and conceptualized, how it is measured, how it may be theorized and explained, and how it might be combated by legal and policy means. The book will also present recent empirical results from studies of discrimination across the world to show the magnitude of the problem – and the difficulties of comparison across national borders. Second, we have positioned the research cluster in the European COST action initiative: the three chairs joined the International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities' Survey Data Network, which aims at improving standards in the collection of data on the economic, social and political integration of ethnic and migrant minorities (EMMs).

Diversity, Migration and Social Cohesion (Div/Mig/Soc)

Coordinator:

- Aneta Piekut (Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield)

Association:

June 2017-May 2018

Organising a panel session during the 14th Annual Conference of IMISCOE, 28-30 June, in Rotterdam

Panel: Social cohesion revisited – community cohesion and ethnic diversity

Chair: Aneta Piekut (Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield, UK)

The speakers included:

- Conrad Ziller presented a paper written with Hans-Jürgen Andreß (both University of Cologne, Germany) entitled 'Ethnic diversity, institutional capacity, and social cohesion in European cities' extending current social cohesion research by looking at the citizens satisfaction with urban services.
- David Bartram (University of Leicester, UK) in his talk 'Social cohesion and natives' happiness: What is the real "threat" posed by immigration?' provoked some heated debate in relation to the undertaken by him happiness-studies perspective on attitudes towards immigration.
- Monique Borsenberger (University College London, UK, and Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research) presented a novel conceptualisation of social cohesion in a paper entitled 'Values of social cohesion and their evolution in a multicultural society. The case of Luxembourg, 1999-2008'.

Finally, James Laurence (Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research and the Department of Sociology, University of Manchester, UK) as a discussant wrapped up the session by pointing to the complexities of measuring social cohesion and interplay – as well as a related analytical challenge – between indicators of 'perceived' and 'actual' nature.

Plans for June 2018 – May 2019

Organising a panel session during the 15th Annual Conference of IMISCOE, 2-4 July, in Barcelona

Panel: Social networks in migration studies: theories, methods and research results

Chairs: Marta Kindler (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw) and Aneta Piekut (Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield)

Discussant: Janine Dahinden (University of Neuchatel)

Four empirical papers will be presented. We will work towards developing a journal Special Issue inviting some speakers and developing a call for papers.

Global Mobility and Familial and Intimate Relationships

Coordinator:

Eleonore Koffman (University of Middlesex - MDX)

In the past few years, theoretical and policy-oriented research on family migration has emerged as an important sub-area within migration studies. However a distinct separation exists between the studies of third country national (TCN) migration and the mobility of European citizens. There is also the underlying assumption that family and labour migration represent two distinct analytical categories and, further, that family migration largely occurs within and is only ever problematic for ethnic minority residents and citizens. Beyond Europe, more intense global mobility opens up opportunities for study, travel and work, generating more multifaceted and complex circulations of different durations and involving diverse categories (students, tourists, workers, including working holiday makers). Thus, the existing academic literature tends to be segmented with groups of scholars who are already familiar with each other's research working together but with little breaking down of existing boundaries.

The objectives of this research cluster are to:

- (a) bring together scholars working within the disparate categories in which familial and intimate relationships (TCN, intra and extra-European) may arise and examine the connections between family and other forms of migration (labour, student);
- (b) bring together scholars from different disciplines so as to transcend the usual conceptual, legal and political boundaries within which family migration is discussed;
- (c) explore the effect of global mobility on how intimate relationships can be sustained and how families may be formed or brought together at a time of economic crisis and national closure, and the impact of legal and policy changes on migrants and citizens alike.

Highly skilled migration in the European labour market: Brain waste or brain gain?

Coordinators:

- Marco Pecoraro (SFM, University of Neuchâtel)
- Didier Ruedin (SFM, University of Neuchâtel)

Investment Fund

In the past 12 months, the IMISCOE research group on highly skilled migrants and brain waste has organized its annual panel at the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Rotterdam. As in previous years, we attracted many high-quality papers and high-level discussions were carried on well beyond the presentations. We are happy to contribute to an increasing presence of quantitative papers at the Annual Conference, insisting that a dialogue across disciplines and research traditions can be mutually productive. The research group was also active in co-organizing three events to spread the mission of the research group and IMISCOE: a workshop jointly with the NCCR 'on the move' in Geneva, Switzerland ("Causes and Consequences of Highly-Skilled Migrants in the Labor Market"), a panel at the Annual Conference of the Swiss Sociological Association jointly with the research network migration—minorities of the Swiss Sociological Association (Zurich, Switzerland), and a workshop jointly with a SNIS-funded project on attitudes and discrimination in the labour market (Geneva, Switzerland). In the workshop on attitudes and discrimination we welcomed a delegation from international organizations to discuss research findings beyond the traditional academic audience. For the next 12 months, we will continue building the network, and be present at the Annual Conference in Barcelona.

Information and Communication Technologies and Migration

Coordinators:

- Maren Borkert (University of Vienna)
- Pedro J. Oiarzabal (University of Deusto)

Objectives

Since 2011, with the support of IMISCOE RN, the Research Group on ICTs and Migration aims at consolidating and reinforcing existing lines of research on the aforementioned topic at the crossroad between technologies and migrants and ethnic minorities -- with particular emphasis in the European context -- while exploring new research themes by diversifying them through comparative and interdisciplinary scope.

Integration crises. Analysing integration processes in an age of global instability

Coordinators:

- Ferruccio Pastore (FIERI)
- Irene Ponzio (FIERI)

Objectives:

This Research Group has gone through two stages:

- Stage I (2014-2015): From the Economic Crisis to an Integration Crisis? Assessing Trends and Exploring Theoretical Implications. A Southern European Perspective.
- Stage II (2016-ongoing): Integration in Turbulent Contexts. Analysing the impact of exogenous factors on integration dynamics and intergroup relations.

The Research Group's objectives have been evolving over time. In Stage I, our main empirical focus was on Southern Europe and our main objectives were:

- a) to gather, assess and compare the existing quantitative and qualitative evidence on the integration impact of the current economic crisis in southern European countries;
- b) to explore new conceptual approaches to the understanding of the seemingly ever more volatile and reversible nature of integration processes in contemporary European societies;
- c) to promote scholarly dialogue and networking aimed at innovative project-development.

In Stage II, in the midst of the so-called 'European refugee crisis', we widened our empirical and theoretical scope by using the concept of 'exogenous shock', with a view to analyse and theorize how factors external to integration processes (not only economic crises but also, for instance, wars in the EU's neighbourhood and repeated jihadist attacks on European cities) affect migrants' inclusion and inter-group relations in European societies.

Members:

- Joaquin Arango (Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset)
- Tiziana Caponio (University of Turin, Collegio Carlo Alberto and FIERI)
- Alessio D'Angelo (Middlesex University)
- Claudia Finotelli (Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Fundación Ortega Marañón)
- Maria Lucinda Fonseca (IGOT- Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território, Universidade de Lisboa)

- Birgit Glorius (Chemnitz University of Technology, Department of European Studies)
- Sophie Hinger (University of Osnabrück, IMIS (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies))
- Eleonore Kofman (Social Policy Research Centre, Middlesex University)
- Albert Kraler (International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD))
- Jorge Da Silva Macaista Malheiros (Centre for Geographical Studies and Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning of the University of Lisbon)
- George Mavrommatis (Department of Geography, Harokopio University, Athens, Greece)
- Simon McMahon (Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University)
- Ferruccio Pastore (FIERI - Forum of International and European Research on Immigration)
- Irene Ponzo (FIERI - Forum of International and European Research on Immigration)
- Andreas Pott (University of Osnabrück, IMIS (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies))
- Roberta Ricucci (University of Turin, dept. of Culture, Politics and Society and FIERI)
- Sebastian Rinken (Institute for Advanced Social Sciences, Spanish Council for Scientific Research (IE-SA-CSIC), Córdoba, Spain)
- Philipp Schäfer (University of Konstanz, Department of History and Sociology and University of Leipzig, Institute for the Study of Culture)
- Marie Louise Seeberg (Research Professor at NOVA)
- Nando Sigona (Birmingham Fellow, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of IRiS)
- Robert Stojanov (Charles University in Prague)
- Giovanna Zincone (FIERI - Forum of International and European Research on Immigration)

International Migration and Social Protection: Mobility and Diversity as Challenges to Welfare Rights and Provision (IMASP)

Coordinators:

- Erica Righard (MIM, Malmö University),
- Paolo Boccagni (University of Trento)

The research cluster IMASP began to take shape in the IMISCOE Amsterdam conference in 2012, in a workshop on social work and international migration. The group has organized one or two workshops/panels in each annual conference since. Thanks to IMISCOE seed money, which the group has received four times since 2014, and combined with some other funding, researchers have met not only in the annual conferences but also in-between these in roundtables, symposia and workshops in Malmö, Brussels and Neuchâtel. The different IMASP activities have functioned to strengthen the network and they have primarily been focused on joint publications.

Based on paper presentations in IMASP activities, in 2015 the research group had a special issue published in *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* and a special section in the *Transnational Social Review – A Social Work Journal*. The group is currently working on a special issue proposal, which has been formally accepted for future publication in the *European Journal of Social Work*.

IMASP did not apply for additional funding for the current period, but is organizing a workshop in the Barcelona conference. It intends to continue its work, and the next output is the forthcoming special issue.

International Student Mobility and Migration

Coordinators:

- Christof Van Mol (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute)
- Yvonne Riaño (University of Neuchâtel)
- Parvati Raghuram (Open University)
- Nicolai Netz (German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies)

The research cluster on 'International Student Mobility and Migration' targets the most pressing empirical and theoretical gaps in the International Student Migration (ISM)-literature. The research cluster was initiated in 2016, and focused on ISM-policies in 2016-2017, the gender gap in study abroad in 2017-2018, and in 2018-2019 we will focus on the role of ISM within broader life course trajectories. The research cluster adopts a similar format each year: a closed meeting as well as two thematic sessions at the Annual IMISCOE Conference, and a follow-up workshop in Fall in order to elaborate papers further and prepare them for publication. This way, our research cluster makes significant contributions to developing the sub-field of ISM within the general discipline of migration studies. For example, in Summer 2018 a special issue on ISM-policies will be published in *Globalisation, Societies and Education*, and several individual contributions on the gender gap in study abroad are currently under consideration in different international journals. The IMISCOE network is an ideal platform to further develop the field of ISM, as an increasing interest of IMISCOE scholars in studying international student mobility and migration towards, from and within Europe can be observed. Consequently, the cluster brings together a range of early and mid-career, as well as senior IMISCOE researchers from different European countries, disciplinary and methodological angles, to combine their respective expertise and further advance our empirical and theoretical understanding of ISM each year.

The IMISCOE Southeast European Migration research group (iSTEM)

Coordinator:

- Majella Kilkey (Migration Research Group, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom)

iSTEM received IMISCOE funding in the 2017-18 to achieve three objectives: 1) to link the IMISCOE network with the activities and research outputs of the MIGRATE Jean Monnet Network; 2) to expand the MIGRATE network, within the framework of the IMISCOE network, by including a leading regional think tank in the activities of iSTEM; and 3) to facilitate the research group in putting together a Horizon 2020 Twinning proposal on migration in Southeast Europe.

All objectives have been met through the following activities. Objective 1 - a research panel linking the MIGRATE Jean Monnet Network and iSTEM is planned for the IMISCOE Barcelona conference in July 2018. Objective 2 – the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), which is a Greek leading think tank in Southeast Europe, has partnered with us in iSTEM and MIGRATE research activities. Objective 3 – following a fact-finding visit to the University of Belgrade, a Horizon 2020 Twinning proposal – led by the University of Belgrade in partnership with the University of Sheffield, South East European Research Centre (SEERC) and ELIAMEP – was developed and was submitted in November 2017. The proposal – Migration, Integration and Governance Research Centre (MIGREC) - is for a 3-year research capacity building project in field of Migration Studies at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade. Despite scoring highly, the proposal was not successful, but we will submit to the next round.

Migrants and social organisations

Coordinators:

- Concha Maiztegui, (University of Deusto)
- Sónia Pereira, (IGOT-Universidade de Lisboa)
- Diana Mata-Codesal, (Pompeu Fabra University)

The aim of the research group “Migrants and Social Organisations” is to examine collaborations between academia and other relevant actors in the field of migration research. By bringing together scholars with expertise on participatory methods and research experiences carried out in liaison with institutions and groups beyond academia, this group intends to continue the discussion of the possibilities, limits and challenges of making use of participatory methods in migration research. This is particularly relevant at a time when not only scholars but also different institutions are currently promoting participation and societal involvement in research. There has been however little discussion on how participation is actually understood and the limits and challenges of participatory research projects. Building on the reflections and debate already initiated we seek to expand them and actively engage in this debate to build knowledge around the value of collaborative and participatory mechanisms in migration research. The research group creates a space for interdisciplinary discussions between different actors and aims to increase the visibility of the growing network of scholars interested in participatory approaches in migration research

To accomplish these goals this research group sets out the following agenda:

- To prepare focused meetings and workshops (from and within IMISCOE) to work on the challenges of participatory research. At Barcelona Conference we are organising a panel and a workshop. Based on the discussions held in Rotterdam, IMISCOE 2018, we plan to further the discussion by fine-tuning central concepts, linking with broader theoretical strand on identified common cross-cutting topics in participatory projects in migration research.
- To prepare publications from existing knowledge on these topics. Particularly during the IMISCOE Conference we aim to discuss a joint publication on participatory methods in migration research.
- To create a platform for future collaborations and information exchange via yahoo:
<https://uk.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/participamethods/info>

Nationalist populism in contemporary Europe – ideological transformations, organizational development and mainstream reactions

Coordinators:

- Anders Hellström (MIM)
- Martin Bak Jørgensen (Aalborg University)
- Ov Cristian Norocel (MIM)

This is what we currently do

In the next IMISCOE conference in Rotterdam we will discuss and disseminate works, both officially in the conference and unofficially in an appendix, based on our work with the book: “Welfare and Culture: Attitudes of immigration, Party Political Transmutations and Civil Society engagement.” Editors for this volume are Anders Hellström, Ov Cristian Norocel and Martin Bak Jørgensen. We will devote time in Rotterdam to discuss current matters and future plans for the book. The basic idea is to gain substantial knowledge of the current political landscape in Europe. We wish to emphasise the interaction between welfare & culture in three spheres; hence party-politics, civil society and attitudes. We have collected contributors from previous

experiences at the IMISCOE conferences and also elsewhere in order to constitute a perfect blend of contributors, which cover many parts of Europe, and also the world.

For the forthcoming book seminar to be organized in late 2017 in Malmö (received IMISCOE seed funding) to take place in Malmö, we will devote a whole day (additional funding is applied for to ensure at least one author for each potential chapter would have their expenses covered) to allow for a continuation of the Rotterdam conference, bringing together as many of the chapter contributors as possible. This event will precede a joint workshop on Right Wing Populism and the refugee crisis in Malmö (MIM) organized by Ruth Wodak and Pieter Bevelander.

Future activities:

We will submit a book proposal on welfare and culture, based on our meetings in Rotterdam and Malmö. Additionally, based on the work with the book we will write a joint research application, to be submitted in spring 2018. Abstracts and a list of names will be attached to this message.

Revisiting mobilities between Europe and Latin America: the transnational circulation of people, ideas and practices in the 21st century

Coordinator:

- Anastasia Bermudez (Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liege)

The Research Cluster 'Revisiting mobilities between Europe and Latin America: the transnational circulation of people, ideas and practices in the 21st century' groups together researchers from institutions in Europe and Latin America interested in advancing knowledge on new developments in migration and other flows linking these two world regions.

During our first year functioning as an IMISCOE Research Cluster (2017-2018), our main objectives were to provide a formal structure and means of regular exchanges and collaborations for the group and start working on a joint project proposal. As a means to achieve this, we organised a workshop at the University of Seville (Spain) in November 2017, as well as other informal meetings coinciding with events attended by members of the Cluster (such as LASA 2017 in Lima, or SLAS 2018 in Winchester).

We used these occasions to publicly announce our Cluster among international colleagues and start discussing common synergies regarding plans for joint research, publications and other outputs.

As a result, we have identified two broad strands of research to pursue in the context of recent transformations in migration and other linkages between Latin America and Europe: cross-regional policies, cooperation and governance; and migrant sociocultural practices and networks. Product of these discussions is also a number of joint conference panels (LASA 2017, IMISCOE 2017, ICE 2017) and publications, including *Shaping Migration between Europe and Latin America. New Perspectives* (Ed. A. Margheritis, ILAS, 2018) and *Voto Externo* (special issue ed. A. Bermudez & A. Escriva, *América Latina Hoy*, 2017).

Our aims for the Cluster year 2018-2019 are mainly to expand and consolidate our Cluster, and progress on the putting together of at least one research proposal ready to apply for funding. As part of our work schedule, we have planned a two-day international conference/Cluster workshop for November 2018, as well as conference panels and in-between meetings during the LASA and IMISCOE 2018 annual conferences. In addition, members of the Cluster are planning research stays and joint publications related to our main work. The long-term objective will also be to continue strengthening our cooperation in order to become a more established Standing Committee.

TRANSMIG (Transnational Practices in Migration)

Coordinator:

- Brigitte Suter

The research cluster TRANSMIG (TRANSNATIONAL PRACTICES IN MIGRATION) promotes a transnational perspective in migration research and deals with the methodological challenges posed by research on institutionalized and grassroots practices that transgress national borders. In 2009-11 TRANSMIG has been placed at Stockholm University and coordinated by Erik Olsson. Since 2012 it is placed at MIM, Malmö University, where it was coordinated by Maja Povrzanović Frykman. From 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference on the coordination will be taken over by Brigitte Suter, researcher at MIM.

Two TRANSMIG panels are convened by Joëlle Moret and Apostolos Andrikopoulos for 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Barcelona, both: "Social class in transnational space: Transnationalising social inequalities (TRANSMIG Panel 1, discussant: Nicholas Van Hear) and "Social class in transnational space: Mobility, social class and gender (TRANSMIG Panel 2; discussant: Eleonore Kofman). Moreover, Louise Ryan and Maja Povrzanović Frykman convened a panel "Place Matters: The experiences of highly skilled migrants in particular local contexts" that focuses on practices of emplacement in the context of high-skilled transnational migration.

Information on TRANSMIG members' projects and publications is updated in connection to the annual conferences. A joint publication Migration, transnationalism and development in South-East Europe and the Black Sea Region was published by Routledge in 2017, co-edited by Russell King, Maja Povrzanović Frykman and Julie Vullnetari.

A joint publication project for 2018 concerns a special issue of Nordic Journal of Migration Research (forthcoming in December 2018), entitled "Transnational paradigm in current Nordic migration research: Revisiting relations of unequal power" and edited by Nina Glick Schiller and Maja Povrzanović Frykman.

A book on highly skilled migrants in Sweden (co-edited by Maja Povrzanović Frykman and Magnus Öhlander) was published in Swedish by Arkiv förlag in May 2018, with several contributions of TRANSMIG members.

In 2019, Maja Povrzanović Frykman will pursue the networking that started at the occasion of the TRANSMIG workshop at the 13th IMISCOE conference, with the goal of outlining joint publications and research proposals with the novel research agenda concerning highly skilled migrants. A meeting with Louise Ryan - with the purpose of a joint publication proposal - has been scheduled for April 2019.

Brigitte Suter will organise at least one TRANSMIG workshop at the 16th IMISCOE Annual Conference and explore the possibilities of further joint publications.

TRANSMIG will continue to support the members' publications and research applications by making use of intra-group peer-reviewing.

Ukrainian migration to the EU

Coordinator:

- Marta Kindler (CMR)

My plan is to potentially start a new research cluster, but no longer focused on a particular migrant group, but a social process related to migration - probably around social networks, although I remember that there was a research cluster with a similar topic at some point

The Research Group Ukrainian Migration to the European Union developed thanks to the seed funding provided by the IMISCOE network (<https://www.imiscoe.org/>). The activities carried out as part of this initiative led to the development of a research network of international scholars and experts, including those from Ukraine, which allowed to exchange ideas and research findings regarding migration of Ukrainian

nationals to the EU. The network members are listed below.

The co-operation in the research network led to the organisation of a number of workshops: “Current State of Research on Ukrainian Migration: topics, methods and theoretical approaches” during the 8th Annual IMISCOE conference in Warsaw in 2011 (leading to the development of new initiatives, such as the Annotated Bibliography of Recent Ukrainian and Russian Language Sources on Ukrainian Labour Migration developed as part of the CARIM-EAST Research project), “Changes in Migration of Ukrainian Nationals to the European Union: Two decades of research” organized during the 9th Annual IMISCOE conference in Amsterdam in 2012, “Patterns of Ukrainian Migration during the Economic Crisis” during the 10th Annual IMISCOE conference in Malmo in 2013, and the workshop on policies addressing irregular migration discussing the case of Ukrainian migrants in the EU, organised in Warsaw in March 2015.

Researchers from this network have contributed to a book *Ukrainian Migration to the European Union: Lessons from Migration Studies*, edited by Marta Kindler and Olena Fedjuk, published as part of the IMISCOE-Springer Research Series in 2016. The book brings together leading scholars on Ukrainian emigration flows from 9 countries (including the leading Ukrainian migration research scholar from the US Cinzia Solari, University of Massachusetts), making it truly a transnational publication and the most comprehensive analysis of the Ukrainian migration flows in the EU and beyond. The volume is a cross-disciplinary project; as it bridges the gaps on national and linguistic knowledge production in respective countries as it scrutinizes Ukrainian migration from economic, historic, legislative, gender studies and migration studies perspectives. The volume consists of two parts: the first takes a disciplinary approach, while the second provides selected country analysis of the migratory trends. The second part provides an overview of data available on migration of Ukrainian nationals to six EU countries: Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain.

Wealth Formation by Temporary Migrants: Case Study of Polish Migrants to European Union

Coordinators:

- Stefan Markowski (CMR)
- Pawel Karczmarczyk (CMR)

Peoples’ decisions to migrate temporarily or permanently in search of employment or better living conditions depend in part on their accumulated wealth, which includes human and social capital and portfolios of financial and physical assets. As migrant wealth increases, decisions to move increasingly depend on how migrant mobility impacts the value of different assets (e.g., income gained from foreign employment may be largely offset by depreciation of migrant human capital). On the other hand, migration could lead to accumulation of physical assets back home, funded by migrant remittances. The effectiveness of migration policies, especially those dealing with legalization/normalization of migrant status in host countries largely depends on good understanding of such processes. However, little is known how migrants accumulate, value and manage different components of their wealth and it impacts subsequent migration decisions. This applies in particular to temporary, forced and pendulum-style forms of migration. There appears to be a significant gap in migration literature.

To address this gap, we aim to develop later in 2014 a proposal for a research project focused on asset formation by international migrants and its impact on migrant mobility. Our initial objective is to survey the extant literature survey to identify knowledge gaps, select principal and subsidiary research questions, develop data sourcing strategies and outline the appropriate research methodologies. This is to be followed by a scoping study of the post communist migration from Poland to the European Union, particularly the United Kingdom.

The current initiative will produce the following outputs:

- standalone literature survey to determine the extant knowledge gaps and research questions to be addressed by the project (the state-of-the-art);
- scoping study report outlining project aims, methodology, data sourcing strategies, expected outputs and outcomes, vulnerabilities, and resourcing;
- presentation at the Madrid IMISCOE conference (conditional); and
- funding application (-s) late in 2014 early 2015.

Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis. The Way Forward (YAMEC)

Coordinators:

- Sandra Silva (CEG, IGOT-UL)
- João Sardinha (CEMRI)
- Joana Sousa Ribeiro (CES-FEUC)

The Young Adult Mobility and Economic Crisis (YAMEC) Research Cluster lead by Sandra Silva (IGOT-CEG, Universidade de Lisboa), João Sardinha (ICS - Universidade de Lisboa) and Joana Sousa Ribeiro (CES, Universidade de Coimbra) has aimed to bring together researchers and stakeholders to analyse new emergent mobility flows, options and survival strategies influenced by the economic crisis the European continent recently found itself struggling with.

The YAMEC Network particularly set out to research how the hardest hit population group – that of young adults – coped with this economic downturn, and how national policies reacted to their hardships. With the aim of providing a platform for the sharing of research on these issues, a number of key initiatives and activities have particularly dominated the cluster's activities since its inception in 2013. Among these activities we particularly highlight the awarding of two IMISCOE Initiatives, the first entitled Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis (2013/14); the second named Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis. The Way Forward (2014/15).

- Workshop: Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis, 10th Annual IMISCOE Conference, August 26-27, 2013, Malmo, Sweden.
- YAMEC (Young Adult Mobility and Economic Crisis) Workshop: Mobilities in Times of Economic Crisis (an IMISCOE Initiative event), February 27-28, 2014, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Workshop: Young Adults and Diverse Forms of Spatial Mobility in Times of Economic Crisis: Creating Social Cohesion and Innovation or more Inequalities?, 11th Annual IMISCOE Conference, August, 27-29, 2014, Madrid, Spain.
- Workshop: The Risk of Becoming Lost: Practices and Policies on Youth Migration and Labour Market Incorporation, 12th Annual IMISCOE Conference, June 27-28, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Workshop: EU Youth Mobility in a Time of Crisis: Causes, Contexts and Consequences, 14th Annual IMISCOE Conference, June 29-30, 2017, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Furthermore, to assist with dissemination of research, we created the YAMEC Network Research Cluster site found here: <http://yamecnetwork.wix.com/yamec>.

Currently we have no planned activities for either this year nor next.

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.

Book Series

- Anna Triandafyllidou and Irina Isaakyan
5 February 2019

The IMISCOE Editorial Committee has continued its intensive work between summer 2018 and early 2019.

Major developments include:

Competitive Call for Book Proposals 2018

The call was launched at the conference and received significant attention. We prolonged the deadline to 25 October 2018 (instead of 15 October) so as to give some more time to several people who were interested and saw it only after the summer.

We received 14 proposals of which 2 were rejected, 1 was invited for revision but eventually decided not to re-submit, and 11 were approved.

Three winners were selected, and eight more proposals were proposed for acceptance without a prize.

Author(s)	Title(s)
1. Karolina Nikielska-Sekula and Amandine Desille (1st winner)	Visual Methods in Migration Studies: New Possibilities, Theoretical Implications, and Ethical Questions
2. Carmelo Danisi, Moira Dustin, Nuno Ferreira and Nina Held (2nd winner)	Queering Asylum in Europe: Legal and social experiences of seeking international protection on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity
3. Veronica Federico and Simone Baglioni (3rd winner)	Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers' Integration in European Labour Markets. A Comparative Approach on Legal Barriers and Enablers
4. Zvezda Vankova	'Circular Migration and Rights of Migrant Workers in Central and Eastern Europe: The EU promise of a triple win solution'
5. Ayca Arkilic	The Politics of Emigration: Turkey and Its European Diaspora: Diaspora Diplomacy: Turkey's Engagement with Its Expatriates in Europe
6. Laure Sandoz	Intermediaries, channels and privileges. A journey into the mobility of the highly skilled towards Switzerland
7. Polina Palash	Managing social protection across multiple countries in post-crisis times: The case of Ecuadorian transnational families between Ecuador, Spain and England
8. Agnieszka Radziwinowiczówna	Living/Leaving the Deportation Regime: The Removed and the Immobile in Rural Mexico
9. Julija Sardelić	Their refugee crisis and the politics of diversity in Europe : Transit Countries and Temporary Migration along The Western Balkan Route
10. Catherine Lejeune, Delphine Pagès-El Karoui, Camille Schmoll, Hélène Thiollet	Cosmopolitanism as Urbanity: Situating Migration and Mobilities in a Globalised World
11. Lore Van Praag	Migration and Environmental Change in Morocco: In search for linkages between migration aspirations and environmental change

The Migration Reader Series

We have already commissioned 15 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 late 2019/early 2020. 3 Reader proposals in review. 2 more proposals for Readers are in the pipeline.

Author(s)	Title(s)	Status
1. Oliveira, Catarina	Migration & Entrepreneurship	Contracted
2. Dines, Nick	Migration & Cities	Contracted
3. Pecoud, Antoine	The Global Governance of Migration	Contracted
4. Christou, Anastasia & Kofman, Eleonore	Gender & Migration	Contracted
5. Otterbeck, Jonas & Magdalena Nordin	Migration & Religion	Contracted
6. Rigoni, Isabelle; & Lazzaret, Christine	Migration & Media	Contracted
7. Nori, Michele	Migrations and Rural Development.	Contracted
8. Fibbi, Rosita; Arnfinn H. Midtbøen; & Patrick Simon	Migration & Discrimination	Contracted
9. Weinar, Agnieszka; & Klekowski von Koppenfels, Amanda	Highly-skilled migration	Contracted
10. Gorny, Agata & Jystina Salamonska	Migration & Quantitative Methods	Contracted
11. De Valk, Helga & Raymer, James	Migration & Demography	Contracted
12. Martiniello, Marco	Arts & Migration	Contracted
13. Delgado Wise, Raul	Migration & Development	Contracted
14. Siegel, Melissa & Merkel, Ortrun	Migration & Corruption	Contracted
15. Kuschminder, Katie	Migration & Return	Contracted

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 would like therefore to consider two options:

- (a) To invite at least three more people to join the EC and bring our total number to 13.
- (b) 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.

These issues will be discussed at the EC meeting in Liege.

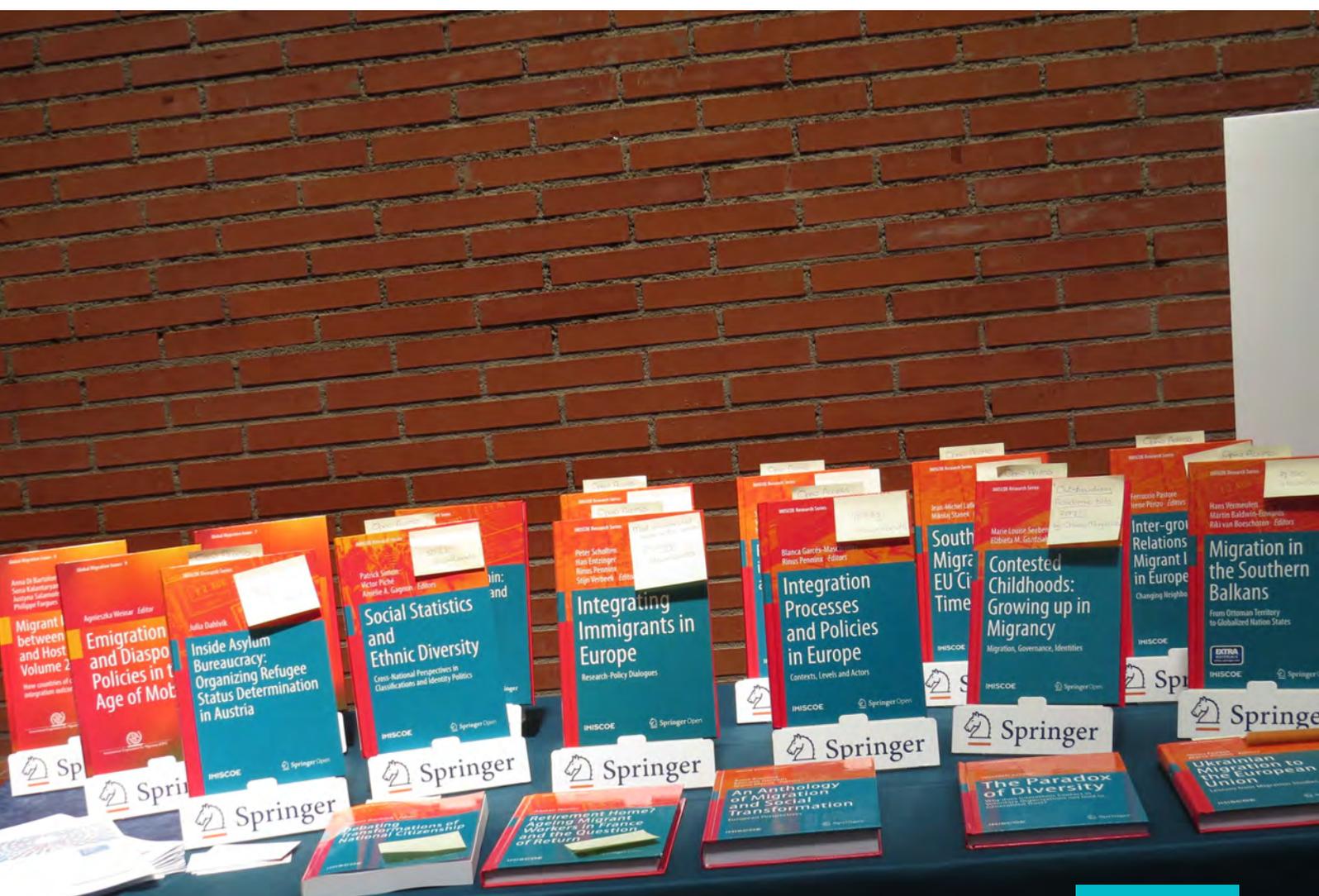
The workflow is huge as each book proposal is read by THREE members of the EC and each MS is read by ONE EC member and ONE external – and we are currently publishing more than 8 books per year.

We have managed to produce 9 books for 2018 and we expect 8 or 9 for 2019. Six are already published!

ANNEX

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List of books published or in production

Author(s)	Title(s)	Production date
1 . Hunter, Alistair	Retirement Home? Ageing Migrant Workers in France and the Question of Return	Apr 2018
2 . Dahlvik, Julia	Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria	May 2018
3. Rosenberger, Sieglinde; Verena Stern; and Nina Merhaut	Protest Movements in Asylum and Deportation	Apr 2018
4 . Scholten, Peter and Mark Ostajien	Between Mobility and Migration: The Multi-Level Governance of Intra-European Movement	June 2018
5 . Zapata, Ricard; and Evren Yalaz	Qualitative Research in European Migration Studies	June 2018
6 . Baubock, Rainer	Debating Transformations of National Citizenship	Sep 2018
7 . Moret, Joelle	From Migration to Mobility Capital: European Somalis' Cross-Border Movements and the Transnational Circulation of Resources	Fall 2018
8 . Scholten, Peter; Maurice Crul; and Paul van de Laar	Coming in terms with superdiversity: The case of Rotterdam	Fall 2018
9 . Slooman, Marieke	Soulmates: Reinvention of ethnic identification among higher educated second-generation Moroccan and Turkish Dutch (MON)	End 2018
10. Vickstrom, Eric	The Production and Consequences of Migrant Irregularity: Senegalese in France, Italy and Spain (MON)	2019
11. Magazzini, T. and Piemontese, S.	At the Edge of Solidarity. Securitization of the policies for 'Roma' and the deservingness of rights (EV)	2019
12. Baubock, Rainer	Debating European Citizenship	2019
13. Keskiner, Elif	Generation in Transition: Youth Transitions among descendants of migrant from Turkey in Amsterdam and Strasbourg (MON)	2019
14. Pereira, Claudia. and Joanna Azevedo	Generation in Transition: Youth Transitions among descendants of migrant from Turkey in Amsterdam and Strasbourg (MON)	2019
15. Steiner, Ilka & Philippe Wanner	From Migrants to Expats: The Swiss Case	2019

Books in-review/revision which we expect to be ready by 30 June 2019 and to be published in late 2019

Author(s)	Title(s)	Production date
1. Sandoz, Laure	Intermediaries, Channels and Privileges: A Journey into the Mobility of the "Highly Skilled" towards Switzerland	2019
2. Vankova, Zvezda	'Circular Migration and Rights of Migrant Workers in Central and Eastern Europe: The EU promise of a triple win solution'	2019
3. Spencer, Sarah & Anna Triandafyllidou	Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe: Evolving Conceptual and Policy Challenges	2019
4. Doomernik, Jeroen & Birgit Glorius	Geographies of Asylum in Europe and the Role of the Local (EV)	2019
5. Hinger, Sophie and R. Schweizer	Regimes of disintegration	2019
6. Hellstrom, Anders; Norocel, Cristian; Jorgensen, Martin	Hope and Nostalgia at the Intersection between Welfare and Culture (EV)	2019
7. Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond: Volume 1: Comparing Access to Welfare Entitlements	2019/2020
8. Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond, Volume 2: Comparing Consular Services and Diaspora Policies	2019/2020
9. Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila	Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond, Volume 3: A Focus on Non-EU Sending States	2019/2020

List of Readers already commissioned (MS writing in-progress)- 15 Readers

Author(s)	Title(s)	Date of completion
Nori, Michele	Migration and Rural Development	End 2019
Oliveira, Catarina	Migration and Entrepreneurship	End 2019
Christou, Anastasia and Kofman, Eleonore	Gender and Migration	End 2019
Otterbeck, Jonas	Migration and Religion	2019/2020
Rigoni, Isabelle and Christine Larrazet	Migration and Media	End 2019
Dines, Nick	Migration and Cities	End 2019 / Early 2019
Pecoud, Antoine	The Global Governance of Migration	2021
Delgado Wise, Raul	Migration & Development	2020
Salamonska, Justyna and Agata Gorny	Migration and Quantitative Methods	Early 2020
Weiner, Agnieszka and Klekowski von Koppenfels, Amanda	Highly Skilled Migrations	Early 2020
Fibbi, Rosita, Arnfinn H. Midtbøen and Patrick Simon	Migration and Discrimination	Early 2020
de Valk, Helga & Raymer, James	Migration and Demography	Early 2020
Siegel, Melissa & Merkel, Ortrun	Migration & Corruption	End 2019
Kuschminder, Katie	Migration & Return	Early 2020
Martiniello, Marco	Migration and Cultural Production	Early 2020

List of Readers already commissioned (proposal in-review) – 3 proposals

Author(s)	Title(s)	Date of completion
Mascarenas, B. & Penninx, R.	Migration & Employment	2020
Klikey, M. & L. Merla	Migration & Families	2020
Marchetti, Sabrina	Migration & Domestic Work	2020

List of Readers agreed with – we wait for Authors to submit in 2019 – 2 proposals

Author(s)	Title(s)	Date of MS completion
D'Amato, Gianni	Migration & Populism	2020
Grabowska, Izabella	Migration and Skills	End 2020 / Early 2021

Journal Comparative Migration studies (CMS)

The journal CMS has been publishing high-quality, comparative and interdisciplinary work on migration since 2013. Last year, 2018, was an important year in the development of the journal, as CMS was included in **SCOPUS**. Now, the journal aims to obtain an impact factor in **SSCI Web of Science soon (2020)**. Also, the journal intends to increase its global coverage as well as to globalize its editorial board further.

In 2018 the number of issues has increased from 5 to 6. This includes one special issue that will be designed around the annual conference of IMISCOE. Furthermore, it includes at least one special issue on a selected topic that the Editorial Committee considers to be of central importance to the development of migration studies.

The number of article submissions to IMISCOE has increased (see table 1). The editorial board also notices an increase in the quality of submissions. This is also manifest in a growing acceptance rate in 2018 (to 43,5%), which is higher than in the years before (partly also due to more special issues in 2018).

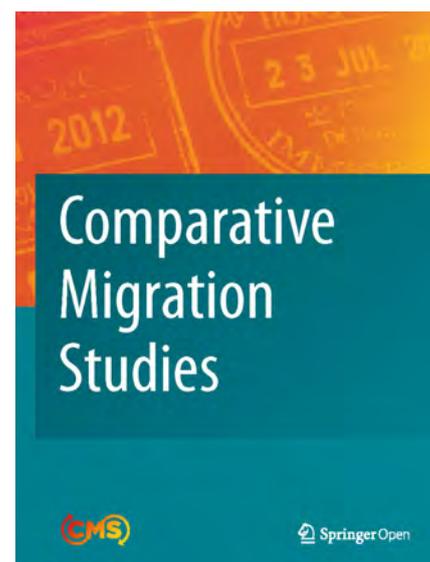


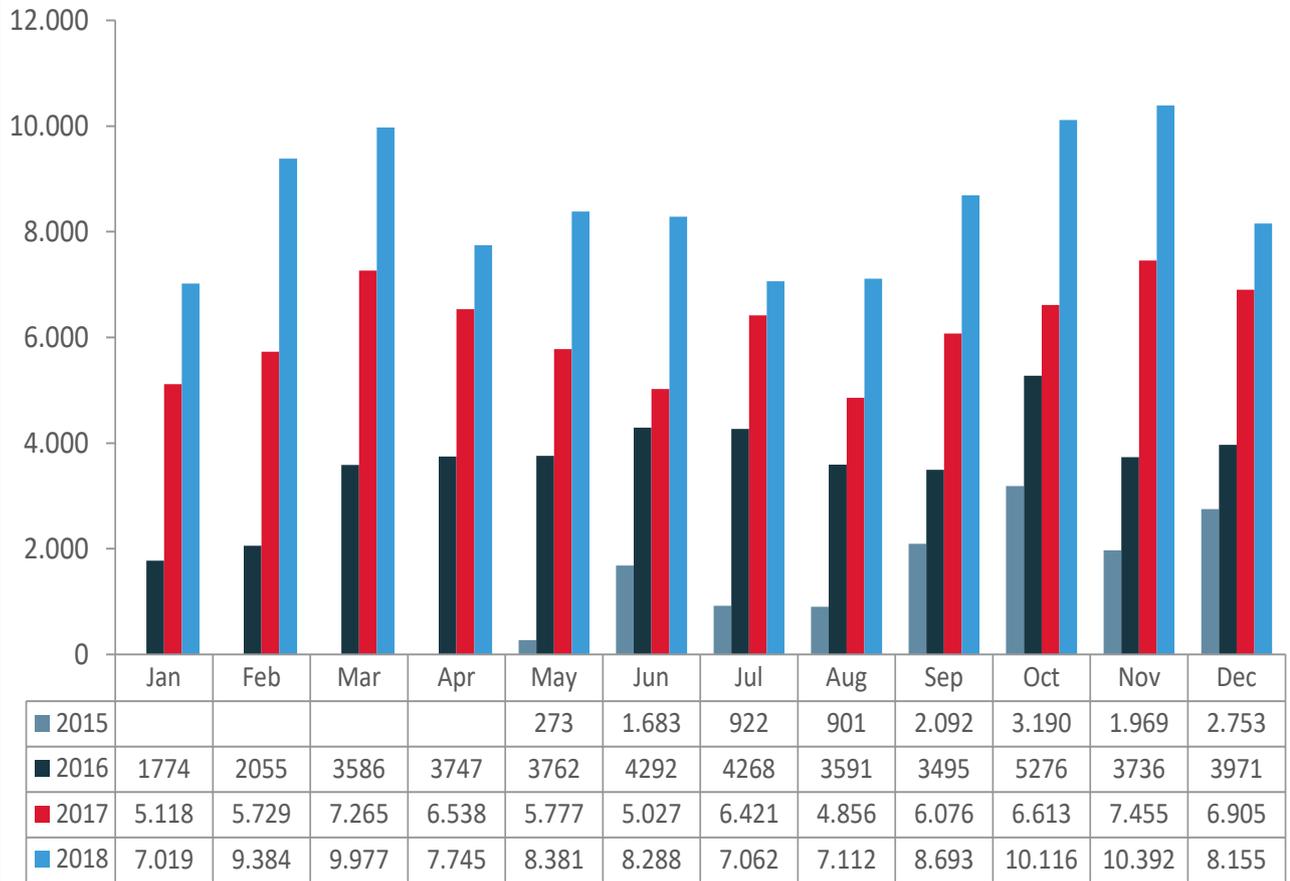
Table 1: Submissions and acceptances since 2015

Submissions	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total submitted	58	80	85	93
Total decided	39	80	62	55
Accept	20	26	18	26
Reject	19	54	44	29

Important for the impact factor of the journal is how much people actually manage to find the journal. Here, the Open Access strategy is still clearly paying off, and gradually also becoming more widely known in Migration studies. CMS still is the only journal in migration studies that provides SCOPUS publications without asking article processing fees. This open access strategy translates itself directly in more accesses to the publications in CMS. The number of article accesses has increased to over 100.000 in 2018 (see figure 1). Figure 2 shows that this also increasingly manifests itself in the number of publications that actually refer to CMS publications (including only publications > 2015).

Figure 1: Article accesses (including publications >May 2015)

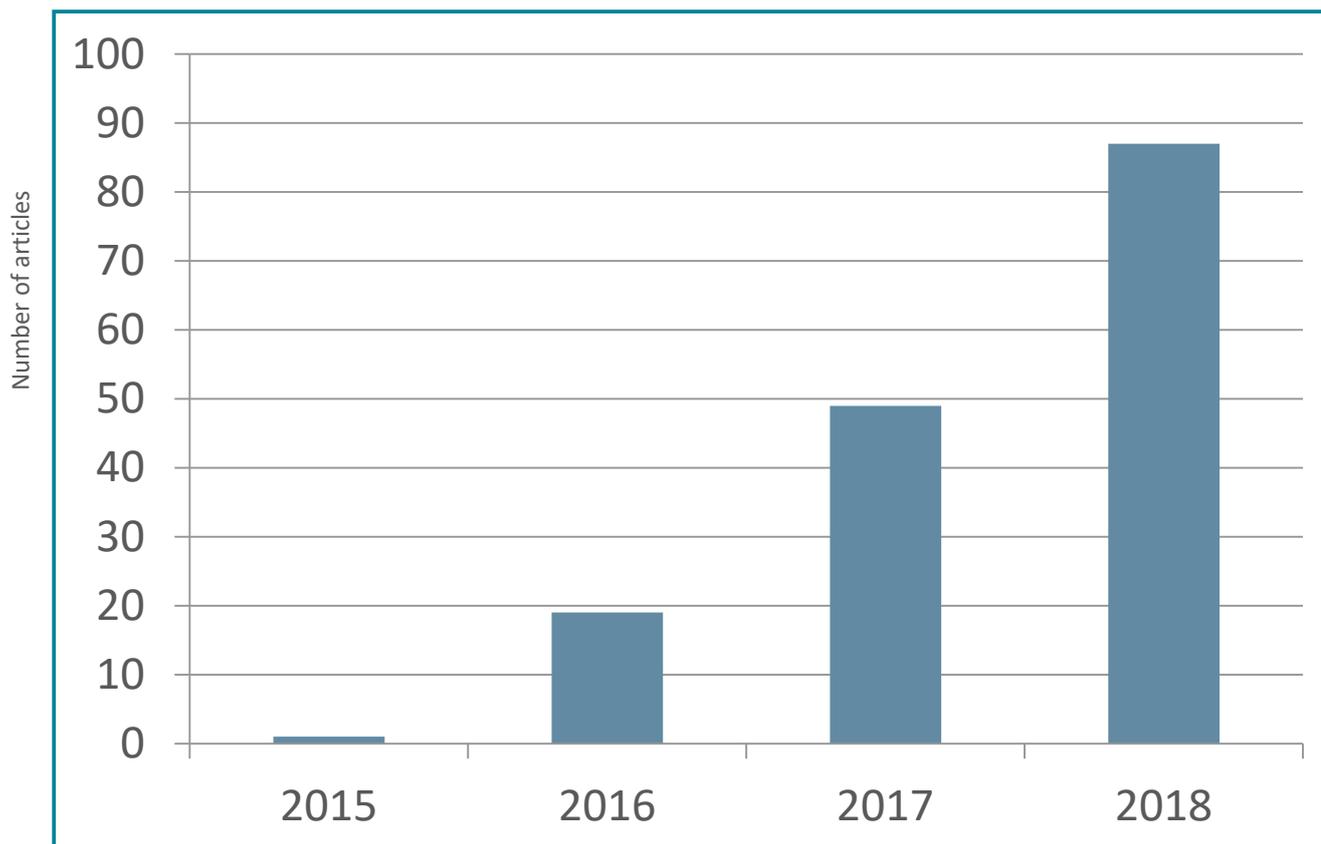
BMC and SpringerLink Full-Text Article Requests 2015 – 2018



Totals	
2015	13,783
2016	43,552
2017	73,780
2018	102,324

Figure 2: Publications indexed in Web of Science that cite publications in CMS

Citations



For the impact factor, it is important that articles in CMS are found and referred to. Here we can see that there is a growing number of articles that has received >5000 article requests via the journal website (see table 2). Interestingly, some of the most requested and referred to articles, include articles that have received an IMISCOE Best Paper Award in the past (Flahaux and De Haas in 2015, Kreichauff in 2017). Also, table 3 gives a sneak preview of articles published only in 2018 and that have already received quite some impact and references (Altimetric score); these may be top-impact papers for the journals' future.

Table 2: Article requests at www.comparativemigrationstudies.com

Title	Author	Volume	Year	Article Requests
African migration: trends, patterns, drivers	Marie Laurence Flanaux and Hein de Haas	4	2016	48,082
Solidarity in diverse societies: beyond neoliberal multiculturalism and welfare chauvinism	Will Kymlicka	3	2015	12,924
Trade unions, immigration and immigrants in Europe revisited: Unions' attitudes and actions under new conditions	Stefania Marino, Rinus Penninx and Judith Roosblad	3	2015	7,893
Family involvement and educational success of the children of immigrants in Europe. Comparative perspectives	Philipp Schnell, Rosita Fibbi, Maurice Crul and Martha Montero-Sieburth	3	2015	6,906
Pragmatism, moral responsibility or policy change: the Syrian refugee crisis and selective humanitarianism in the Turkish refugee regime	Umut Korkut	4	2016	5,367

Table 3: top ten mentioned articles that were published in 2018 (Altimetric scores)

Article title	Author	Year	DOI	Altimetric score	Mentions
From forced migration to forced arrival: the campization of refugee accommodation in European cities	René Kreichauf	2018	10.1186/s40878-017-0069-8	62	41
Shifting vulnerabilities: gender and reproductive care on the migrant trail to Europe	Vanessa Grotti	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0089-z	34	30
Against 'immigrant integration': for an end to neocolonial knowledge production	Willem Schinkel	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0095-1	17	26
Rethinking immigration policy theory beyond 'Western liberal democracies'	Katharina Natter	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0071-9	13	20
Narratives of meaningful endurance – how migrant women escape the vicious cycle between health problems and unemployment	Jasmijn Slootjes	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0088-0	10	16
From discourse to practice: the circulation of norms, ideas and practices of migration management through the implementation of the mobility partnerships in Moldova and Georgia	Martine Brouillette	2018	10.1186/s40878-017-0066-y	9	15
Combining transnational and intersectional approaches to immigrants' social protection: The case of Andean families' access to health	Jean-Michel Lafleur	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0073-7	9	15
Segmented socioeconomic adaptation of New Eastern European professionals in the United States	Nina Michalikova	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0077-3	9	15
Migration and child health in Moldova and Georgia	Victor Cebotari	2018	10.1186/s40878-017-0068-9	8	14
Tightening early childcare choices – gender and social class inequalities among Polish mothers in Germany and the UK	Karolina Barglowski	2018	10.1186/s40878-018-0102-6	7	14

An important aspect of the strategy of CMS has been to globalize the journal further. Figure 3 shows that the global impact of the journal has improved slightly, but has thus far remained largely limited to Europe, N-America and India. Therefore, the journal has recently announced a call for new editors to be added to the Editorial Committee.

Figure 3; impact of CMS in terms of article accesses per country



(Source: Google Analytics total sessions = 42,339)

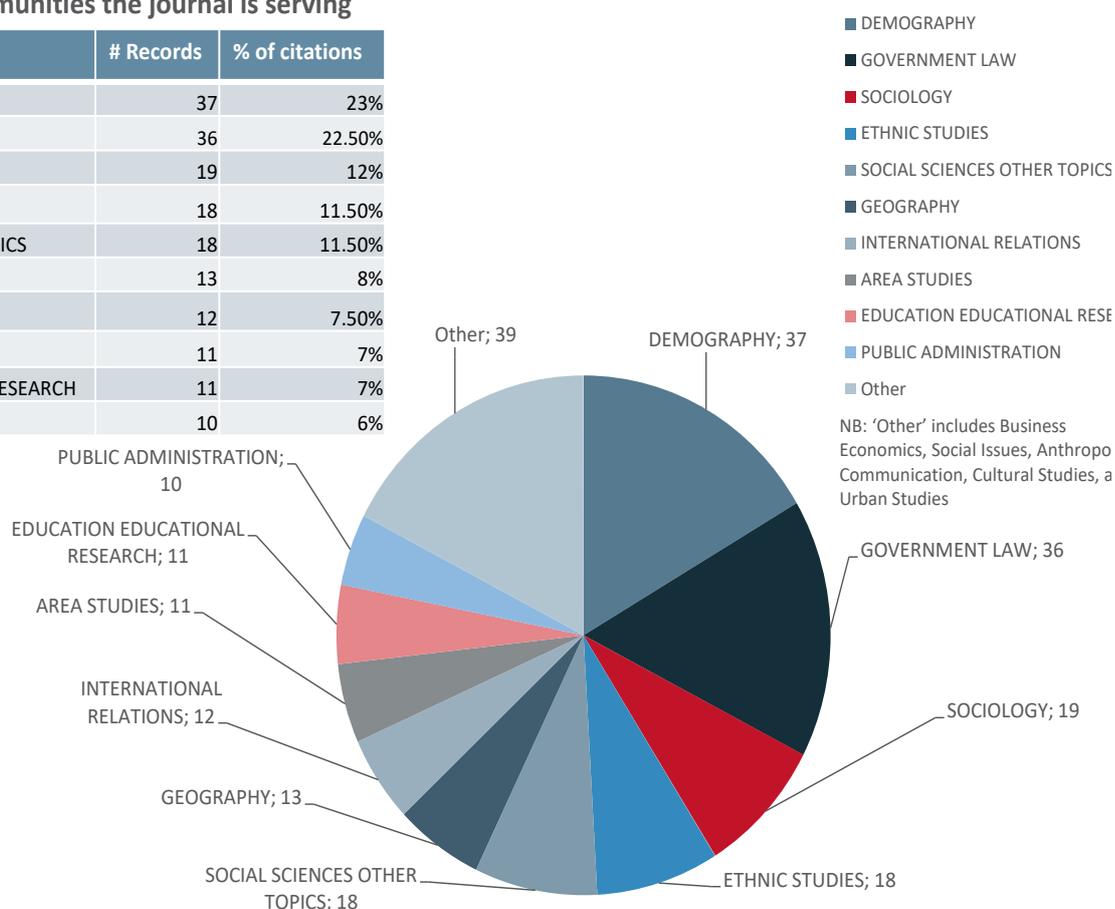
The interdisciplinary character of the journal is clearly manifest in figure 4, which captures the number of references per discipline. Demography and Government/Law remain important areas of study with references to CMS, however other areas as geography, international relations, area studies (such as urban studies) and education research also increasingly find their way to CMS.

Figure 4: Number of references to CMS articles per discipline

Impact

Citations – Communities the journal is serving

Source Title	# Records	% of citations
DEMOGRAPHY	37	23%
GOVERNMENT LAW	36	22.50%
SOCIOLOGY	19	12%
ETHNIC STUDIES	18	11.50%
SOCIAL SCIENCES OTHER TOPICS	18	11.50%
GEOGRAPHY	13	8%
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	12	7.50%
AREA STUDIES	11	7%
EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH	11	7%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	10	6%



Source: Web of Science

Finally, the journal has had some success in bringing down the turn around time per article. Especially in 2017, this turn around time had increased due to the growing number of submissions. In, this has come down to within 3 months (73 days) for the first decision on an article (see table 4). For the editorial board this is a very acceptable figure, and the EB will continue to endeavor to remain within 3 months. One of the measures will be to expand the editorial board of CMS.

Table 4; turn around time for articles submitted to CMS

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Average Days to First Decision	47	68	106	73
Average Days to Final Disposition Accept	23	167	215	166
Average Days to Final Disposition Reject	38	67	131	78

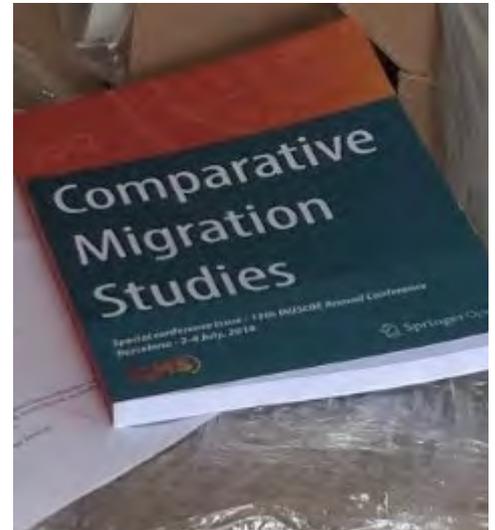
What can we expect in 2019?

Commentary series:

After the successful publications of 2 commentary series with **Will Kymlicka** (2016, *Solidarity in Diverse Societies: Nationhood, Immigration and the Welfare State*) and **Ricard Zapata-Barrero & Tariq Modood** (2017, *Multiculturalism-Interculturalism* we now will publish (around beginning of April) a commentary series with **Willem Schinkel** entitled: "Who needs integration? Debating a central, yet increasingly contested concept in migration studies". (2019).

Special Issues (to be published in 2019)

- Second Generation Refugees in Europe: The Legacy of Refugee Backgrounds
Edited by: Milena Chimienti, Alice Bloch, Laurence Ossipow and Catherine Wihtol de Wenden
- Gendered dynamics of migration and transnational social protection
Edited by: Başak Bilecen, Karolina Bargłowski, Thomas Faist, and Eleonore Kofman
- Externalization at Work: Responses to Migration Policies from the Global South
Edited by: Aysen Ustibici
- Migration research in the Mediterranean in perspective: variable focal length
Edited by: Ricard Zapata-Barrero & Luisa Faustini
- Open Call won by Caroline Oliver: "Innovative strategies for the reception of asylum seekers and refugees in European cities".
Editors: Caroline Oliver, Jacqueline Broadhead, Karin Geuijen & Rianne Dekker
- Special Issue around the theme of the 16th Annual Conference
Edited by: Pieter Bevelander



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2018

Middlesex Summer School 2017

26-30 June 2018, University of Barcelona
Eleonore Kofman

Theme: (Dis)Entangled mobilities

Theorisation of migration has increasingly reflected the complexity and the tensions arising from spatial and temporal parameters of human mobilities. However, many academics and policy makers still tend to operate with singular categories and binary divisions without recognising the articulation between forms of migration and the fluidity and mixedness of categories.

Conventional classifications such as economic migrant, refugee, student, family, do not acknowledge the fact that individuals and groups are often confronted by fluctuating circumstances and respond strategically to them, nor the fact that their legal status and circumstances evolve in time and space.

Such simplistic typologies do not capture, for example, the realities of mixed flows across the Mediterranean and or the hybrid situation of other groups, such as international students who may also be workers. Furthermore, membership in a particular category of migration, such as 'labour', may emanate from different sources. Thus, labour in the care sector may be derived from those migrating for work, as family migrants, refugees or students. Initial categorisations can subsequently facilitate or impede life-choices and indeed movement between categories. For example, the availability of free movement within the European Union for its citizens has meant that settled migrants with an EU citizenship have capitalised on this possibility to embark in secondary migrations.

State policies often differentiate explicitly between types of migrants (e.g. refugee, labour and family) and their provenance (e.g. colonial); they also differentiate explicitly and implicitly according to social categories of analysis, such as gender, class, nationality, religion and ethnicity. The impact of these approaches can be extremely deep, complex, sometimes unintended and often deeply entangling for individual migrants.

Organisation

The Summer School was held at the Faculty of Law, University of Barcelona. It was organised jointly by Middlesex University and GERM, a migration research centre across the University of Barcelona and the Autonomous University of Barcelona. It was attended by 13 students (3 dropped out just before the start of the summer school) based in Belgium (1), France (2), Germany (1), Italy (1), Netherland (4), Norway (1), Portugal (1), Spain (1) and UK(1).

The programme consisted of sessions around the theme of (Dis)Entangled (see full programme) taught by three academics from Middlesex University (Prof. Eleonore Kofman, Associate Prof. Anastasia Christou and Dr. Alessio D'Angelo) and GERM (Prof. David Moya, Prof. Silvia Carrasco, Drs. Georgios Milios and Alisa Petroff). A second set of sessions consisted of presentations where students were paired with another student with a similar topic (as far as this was possible) and each presented their own work as well as serving as discussant. Two further sessions were organised with NGOs, one with the Catalan Refugee Association, the other a discussion on strategic litigation between an NGO and a political science academic in relation to refugees.

Student Presentations

Bishnu Maya Adhikari - "Non-western Immigrant Women's Access to Norwegian Skilled Labor Market" - Nord University, Norway

Carmen C Draghici - "Experiences of young children in preschool:: exploring links between transnational migration and education" - Sorbonne Paris Cité, Université Paris 13

Morgan Etzel - "Precarity in Housing for Syrian Refugees in Germany" - LMU Munich.

Helene Grøn - "Dis/Embodied Homes and Compromised Belongings: How theatre and storytelling can reshape stories of home and belonging" - University of Glasgow

Abdullah Hamidioglu - "Asylum seekers' freedom of movement and humanitarian visa discussions" - Paris-Saclay University

Rik Huizinga - "Does the Dutch government currently undervalue the interaction between refugees and place in the context of refugee spatial dispersal policy"-University of Groningen

Julia Reinold - "Disentangling Categories of Highly-Skilled Migration in a European Context" - Maastricht University

Anne-Iris Romens - "Migrant women in a polarized labour market: a conditioned access to employment" - Università degli Studi di Padova

Alèxia Rué - "How through uses of concepts such as that of 'asylum seeker' and 'vulnerability' the discourse and practice of NGOs' asylum reception professionals produces, reproduces and/or resists the asylum system" - Universitat Autònoma Barcelona

Laís Saleh - "Gender and Policies towards high skilled migrants"-University of Lisbon

Sarah Smit - "How to deal with legal categorization in the host country? Social resources of adult migrants with educational projects in Belgium" - Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)

Anna Tokar - "I don't want anyone to know: experience of accessing healthcare of Eastern European none - EU female sex workers in Amsterdam, Netherlands" - Barcelona Institute of Global Health

Armela Xhaho - "Reconciling work and family conflicts in migration: Care circulation and transnational caring practices among Albanian migrants" - University of Groningen

Feedback

A form was distributed in the final session and filled in by 12 students (one had to leave before the session). Questions were ranked from strongly disagree to strongly agree and students were asked what they enjoyed the most, what could have been improved or done differently and other comments.

Question	Agree	Strongly agree
Method expectations	5	7
Valuable learning	0	12
Methods of delivery	0	12
Well organised	5	7
Interested in attending another course	2	10

Enjoyed the most: PhD students from different fields; supportive and safe environment for discussion; diversity of topics; presentations. The best comments were "its been a great learning experience" and "it was a wow to participate".

Improvements: more fieldwork, working in smaller groups; more information before the summer school; stretched out over longer period with less intensive days; organisation of Saturday when catering facilities were not available on site.

Spring Conference - 2018

IMISCOE Spring Conference organized with the Centre of Migration Research (University of Warsaw) took place on **1-2 March 2018 in Warsaw**. The conference was focused on the topic: Migration and labour market: Patterns and challenges of immigrants' labour market incorporation in contemporary Europe. The main aims of the conference were:

- To discuss and to challenge existing theoretical and conceptual views on economic integration of migrants considering importance of temporary migration, position of a given country in the migration cycle or tension between opportunities and aspirations (structure and agency);
- To present and to discuss empirical studies on immigrants socio-economic integration/assimilation/labour market incorporation;
- To analyze links between various spheres of integration;
- To explain the role of human and social capital in immigrants economic performance;
- To assess the importance of migration policies as shaping multiple levels of socioeconomic integration

On the first day of the conference, participants took part in the panel discussion: British and Irish insights into labour market incorporation of immigrants. Prof. Stephen Drinkwater was a keynote speaker, and Prof. Paweł Kaczmarczyk was a chair of the discussion.

On the second day of the conference, Prof. Costanza Biavaschi from Norwegian University of Science and Technology gave the lecture: Labour market integration: Lessons from the past. Izabela Grabowska was chairing the discussion after the lecture. Yves Bream from OECD organized a workshop: OECD approach to measurement of migrants' integration for the conference participants.

Afterward, four parallel sessions took place: (1) Integration and assimilation of migrants, chaired by Prof. Peter Belevander, (2) Selectivity of migrants, chaired by Dr. Justyna Salamonska, (3) Human and social capital of migrants chaired by Prof. Maurice Crul and (4) Labour market, policy and employment of migrants, chaired by Prof. Peter Scholten. In total, almost 20 papers had been presented. There were fascinating discussions related to challenges of immigrants' labour market incorporation in contemporary Europe: e.g. European models of economic integration of migrants, Labour market mobility and social networks, Integration of highly skilled migrants.





Annual Conference Barcelona - 2018

15th IMISCOE Annual Conference Rapport – September Summary

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2. Partnerships and collaborations
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Brief outline of the event

The Mediterranean is the centre of migration studies in Europe and is currently a focal point for large-scale human displacements. It is part of a global and local challenge with major effects on the countries of origin and destination in terms of society and politics, and with major implications for policies on borders and diversity and geopolitical strategies.

Therefore, Pompeu Fabra University, through the GRITIM-UPF research group, organized the 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion), the biggest network of researchers in Europe in the field of migration and integration. Under the title "Europe, migrations and the Mediterranean: human mobilities and intercultural challenges", the congress took place from 2 to 4 July 2018 on the Ciutadella campus.

As a major result it has been the creation of The Euromediterranean Research Network on Migration "EuroMedMig" will be an independent interdisciplinary network of research institutions from both shores of the Mediterranean fostering research exchanges and knowledge building on key issues related to migration and diversity in the region. It will be coordinated by the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration of the Barcelona-based University Pompeu Fabra (GRITIM-UPF), with the support of IMISCOE, Europe's largest network of scholars in the area of migration and integration, and the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM). The core mission of the EuroMedMig network is to promote research, training, and knowledge transfer on the key current issues and main challenges connected with the migratory

research Agenda in the Mediterranean the network is conceived as a platform to facilitate working together between research institutions of the South and the North. It seeks to contribute to the analysis of the root causes of migration and their interdependences, diversity management and intercultural relations, as well as to the development of migration studies and Mediterranean studies. It also aims to highlight the geographical dimension of migration and approach human mobilities as a reality, a resource and an opportunity to connect societies and cities in this area.

The meeting was successful in creating synergies between the experts that facilitate the development of public research programmes and policies on migration in the Mediterranean

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Euro MedMig network kickoff meeting

The Congress had 656 participants registered participants, including both young and senior researchers, at an event that will feature more than 130 sessions including research panels, workshops on immigration, book workshops and working sessions for IMISCOE research groups and permanent committees. The congress looked at specific areas of migration studies, such as transnationalism, superdiversity, solidarity, dispersion and co-development, and link them with broader ideas about human rights, democracy and liberalism.

The issues relating to refugees have been central and have been analysed from a multidisciplinary perspective, according to the philosophy of IMISCOE, all fundamental aspects regarding the social and political agenda. Other key issues have been addressed at the round tables: intercultural relations between north and south, with the coordination of Barcelona City Council; the research carried out by IEMed, with experts from north and south, and the work of the United Nations University and of La Caixa, which presented their intercultural programmes in more than 25 cities in the state.

Barcelona congress meet the larger research network in Europe on migration research

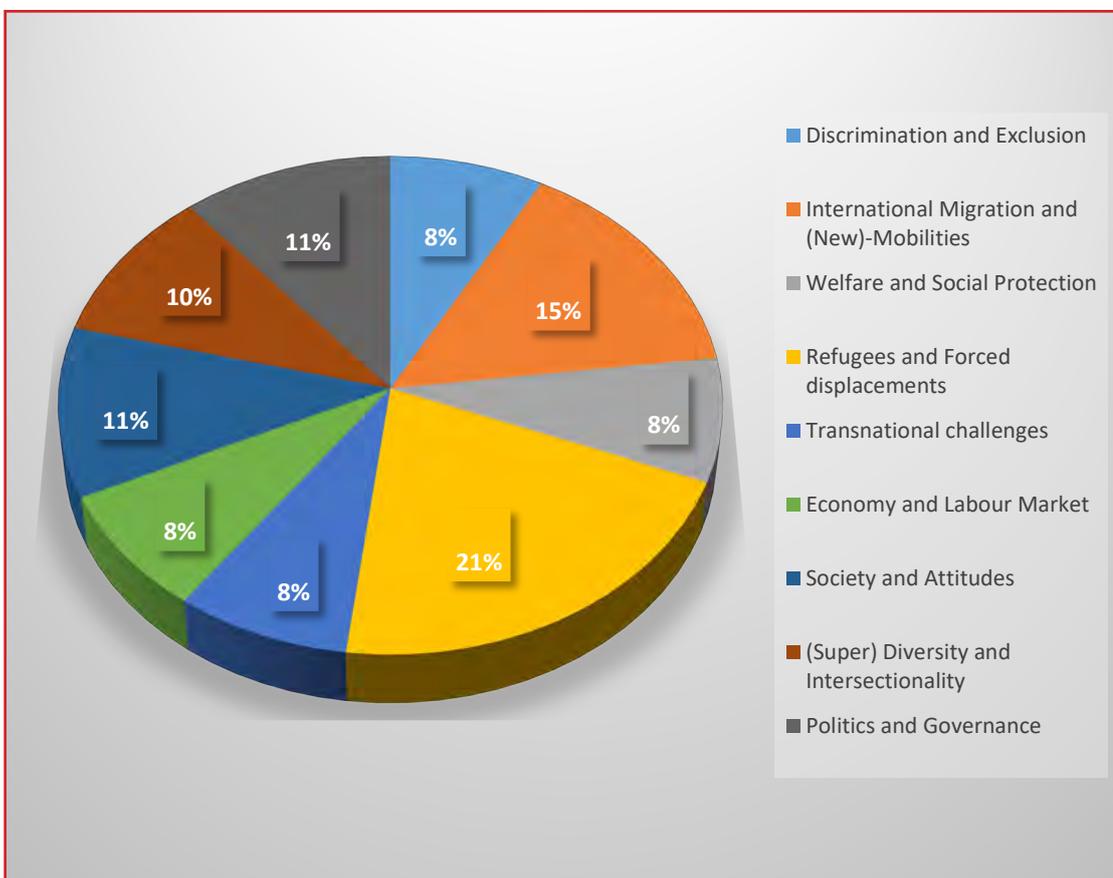


Semi Plenary sessions and Workshops



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2 July	13:30 - 14:30	1, 2	3, 8	4, 12	5, 13	6	7	10, 14	11	15	
	14:50 - 16:20		21, 28	24	20	18, 22	17		16, 23, 26	25, 27, 30	
3 July	9:00 - 10:30	31	34, 44	36, 40	39		17	33, 42, 43	35		32, 35, 41, 45
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	15:20 - 16:50	61	63, 64	69	62, 65, 66, 70, 74, 75	71	73			64, 72	67
4 July	9:00 - 10:30		77, 78, 81, 84		79, 83, 87		76		86, 88, 90	80, 82	
	10:50 - 12:20	96, 97, 99			101, 103	83, 95	91, 92	88, 100, 104	100	102	94
	13:30 - 15:00	112		109	118	111, 117	105	107, 119, 120	115		105, 110, 113, 114, 116
		124	128, 134	123	126, 127, 130, 13		121	129, 133	135		122, 125, 131

Conference structure by topics



Distribution of topics

The opening of the Conference took place on Monday, 2 July, in the auditorium of the Ciutadella campus, presided over by Oriol Amorós, secretary of equality, migration, and citizenship for the Government of Catalonia, and Jaume Casals, UPF rector. The opening was presented by Ricard Zapata-Barrero, conference chair, and Peter Scholten, IMISCOE coordinator. The session was led by Lluís Caelles, adjunct professor of the Department of Communication at UPF and deputy director of the International section of TV3.



Ricard Zapata-Barrero

Linking Mediterranean and migration studies and expanding the availability of disciplines involved was crucial to identify the major challenges for migration in this area



Keynote lecture has been provided by Rainer Bauböck (Chair in social and political theory at the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the European University Institute in Florence) introduced by Parvati Nair (Director of UNU-GCM).

Cultural event with the participation of a Castellars team has been organised in the UPF and a Conference gala dinner took place in the Museu Maritim de Barcelona (Maritime Museum of Barcelona). During the dinner, a concert was offered by the Algerian musician Yacine Belahcene.

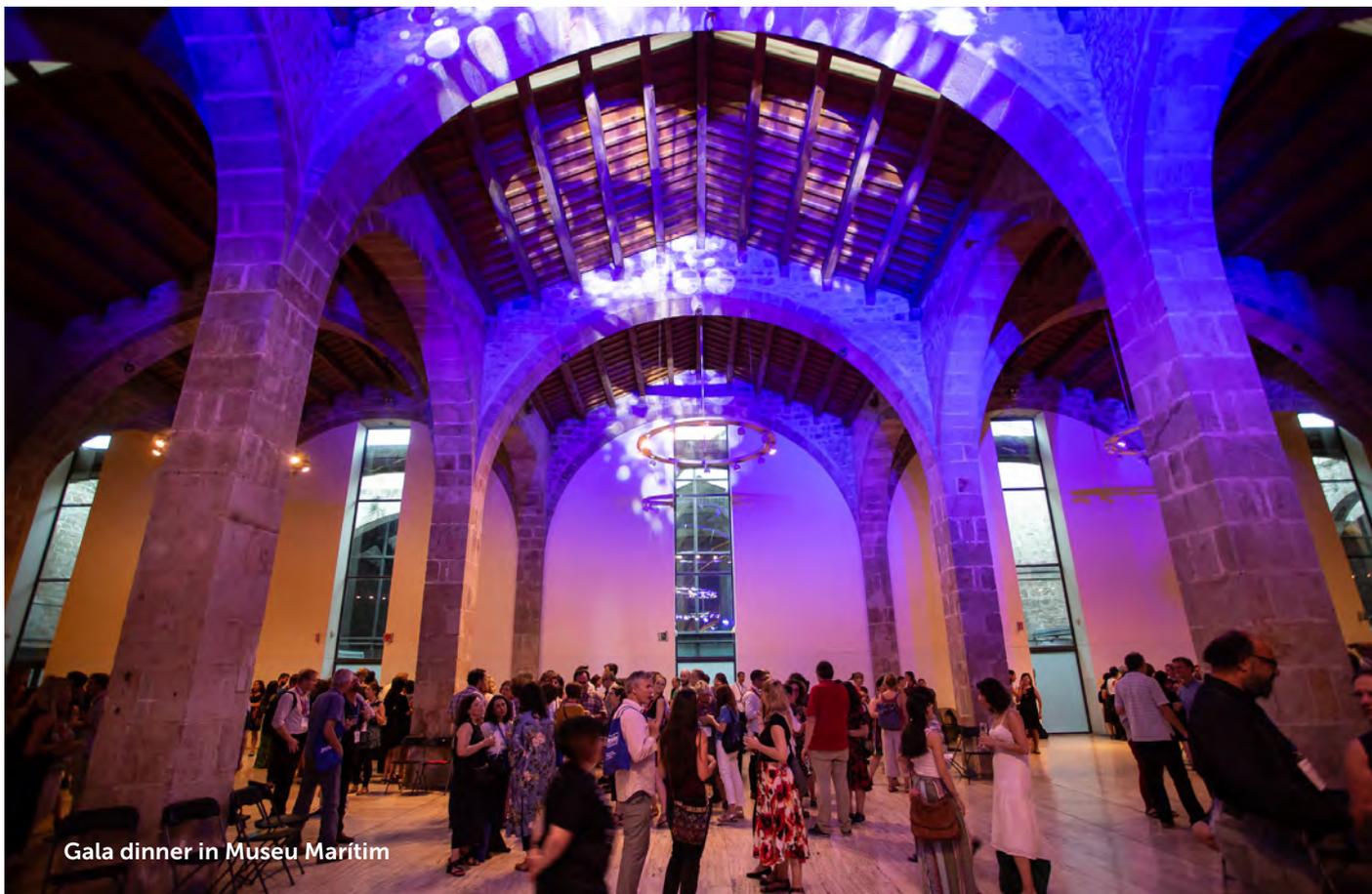


Institutional and visibility Side events have been organised

The Closing session about Linking Mediterranean and Migration studies took place with conclusive remarks about international institutions and researchers on the nexus between research, policy and society interactions in terms of transfer and development of knowledge in the Mediterranean. The session was chair by Ambassador Ayse Asya from the UfM.

Awards Rinus Penninx best Paper has been awarded to Sarah Nimführ and Buba Sesay for their paper entitled "Moving countours and Practices of Settlements of Non-Deportable Refugees in the Mediterranean" and The winner of the 2018 Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award is Dr. Apostolos Andrikopoulos. His dissertation entitled "Argonauts of West Africa: Migration, Citizenship and Kinship Dynamics in a Changing Europe".

Rainer Bauböck



Gala dinner in Museu Marítim



Dancing in Museu Marítim

Partnerships and Collaborations

The 15th IMISCOE Conference enjoyed the collaboration of the Union for the Mediterranean (UpM), the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), the United Nations University (Institute on Globalisation, Culture and Mobility) and the La Caixa Banking Foundation, and the support of the Department of Labour, Social Affairs and Families of the Government of Catalonia, Barcelona City Council, Barcelona Provincial Council and Springer.

Partners	Participation
IMISCOE	PhD, Editorial, Board of Directors meeting
Fundació CAIXA Bank	Workshop, Concert
Catalan Governement	Workshop, Plenary
Diputació Barcelona	Participation
Ajuntament Barcelona	Semi-Plenary, Dinner
IEMed	Workshop, Concert
UFM	Plenary Round Table MENA Grants, EuroMedMig net
UNU	Inauguration, Side Event, Workshop

The Organisation

The Congress has been organised in the Universitat Pompeu Fabra that provides all the administration and services and offered the venue premises with all the technical support. The organisation of the congress has been assured by the GRITIM-UPF (the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration at the Department of Political and Social Sciences at UPF).

The Conference Committee has been composed by members of the IMISCOE board of Directors Rosa Aparicio Pieter Bevelander Tiziana Caponio Godfried Engbersen Tineke Fokkema Zenia Hellgren Jean-Michel Lafleur Laura Oso Eva Ostergaard-Nielsen John Palmer Jens Schneider Peter Scholten Wiebke Sievers Ana Triandafyllidou Ricard Zapata-Barrero (chair)

The Organizing Committee were composed by members of the GRITIM-UPF group, IMISCOE network office and volunteers from the students of the University: Ricard Zapata-Barrero (chair) Gemma Aubarell (coordinator) Juliana Fornasier (coordination support) Mayyar Skhita (coordination support) Begüm Dereli (core team) Gülce Özdemir (core team) Laura Wassermann (core team) IMISCOE Coordinator Peter Scholten IMISCOE Network Office Warda Belabas Karin Milovanovic Sevgi Yilmaz



Promotion Materials

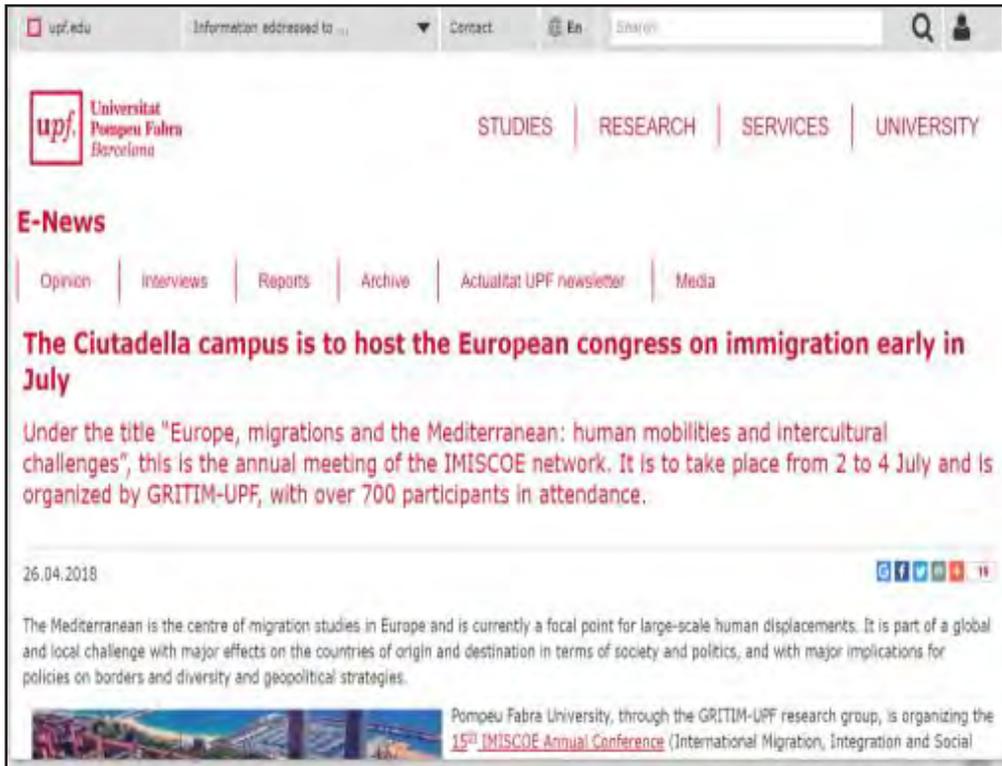
The Congress pays special attention to the image and the visibility of the partners. Promotional materials such as bags, notebooks, panels and others have been elaborated.

In terms of materials the booklet of the conference containing all the information has been delivered to the participants.

A Promotional video edited by the Communication team of the University has been promoted through the web. <https://www.imiscoe.org/.../843-visual-representation-of-the-1>



The Congress has been promoted in the partneSrs and migration networks News page



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.imiscoe.org/what-imiscoe-does/events/770-15th-imiscoe-annual-conference-barcelona-2-4-july-2018>. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'about', 'research', 'publications', 'events', 'phd network', and 'training', along with a search bar and a 'login' button. The main heading reads '15TH IMISCOE ANNUAL CONFERENCE (BARCELONA, 2-4 JULY, 2018)'. Below this is a promotional graphic for the conference, including the IMISCOE logo, the text '15th Annual Conference', the dates '2 - 4 July 2018 / Barcelona', and the theme 'Europe, migrations and'. To the right of the graphic, there are three paragraphs of text:

The Mediterranean lies at the heart of migration studies in Europe and, currently, it is a focal point of large-scale human displacement.

This is both a global and a local challenge with major effects on origin and destination countries in terms of society and politics, and with important implications for border and diversity policies, and geopolitical strategies.

The 2018 IMISCOE Annual Conference raises the theme "Europe, migrations and the Mediterranean: human mobilities and intercultural challenges" and will take

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL ufmsecretariat.org/ufm-supports-launch-euro-mediterranean-research-network-migration/. The page includes a language selector (English, Français, العربية), social media icons, and a navigation menu with links for 'Who we are', 'What we do', 'Work with us', 'Info center', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a video player showing a panel discussion on a stage. Below the video, the text reads 'UfM supports the launch of a Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration' and 'Higher Education & Research'. At the bottom of the page, there is a cookie consent notice: 'This website uses cookies to improve your experience. We'll assume you're ok with this, but you can opt-out if you wish. Accept Read More'.

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llevat que el futbolista no pugué acudir al servei a les 9.00 hores, com és habitual, perquè les filtracions de aigua en la via provocades per la línia de la maridatge del llanes al marxes impedia connectar el sistema elèctric. Com a alternativa, els assaïats podrien utilitzar el servei de autobusos entre les estacions de Paral·lel i Parc de Montjuïc, i també podrien arribar a la Plaça de Miramar amb la línia regular de autobusos 150.

Nuevo polideportivo
El nuevo equipamiento polideportivo situado en la confluencia entre el paseo Terres i Reges y el paseo Santa Coloma de Barcelona ha comenzado a funcionar esta semana, según informó ayer el Ayuntamiento en su comunicado. El polideportivo cuenta con dos pistas de tenis, con una cobertura no permanente para que se pueda utilizar en todas las condiciones climatológicas, y se han construido en el edificio vecinarios, dos pabellones ultraceros, que en total supone una superficie de 1.641 metros cuadrados.

Los obras han contado con un presupuesto de 179.602,89 euros y lo utilizará el club de fútbol Sant Joan de Munt, que se beneficiará de sus instalaciones, que se destinaron para hacer una ampliación de la escuela infantil Iglesia. El Consistorio explicó que esta nueva construcción "permitirá favorecer la continuidad y la relación" entre los barrios de Sant Andreu de Palomar y Trinitat Vella para que se dinamice un espacio entre los dos barrios que hasta ahora era un solar.

Congreso en la Pompeu Fabra
El campus de la Ciutadella de la Universidad Pompeu Fabra acogerá el próximo mes de julio el congreso europeo de referencia en migraciones, en el que se espera la participación de unos 700 especialistas que analizarán las causas y consecuencias de la movilidad humana en Europa. El congreso lleva el título Europe, Migration and Mediterranean: multilateral human and intercultural.



Estación de esquí de La Moixa

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El Faro de Meililla 02/05/18
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Difusió: 879 Exemplars

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Barcelona acogerá en julio un congreso europeo sobre inmigración

El Faro MEILLILLA
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Bajo el título "Europa, Migraciones y el Mediterráneo: multilateral human and intercultural", el congreso, que es el encuentro anual de la red de IMISCOE (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion), se celebrará del 2 al 4 de julio, organizado por el grupo de investigación en migraciones CRITIM de la UPF.

El presidente de ese congreso, Ricard Zapata-Barrero, señaló ayer que el objetivo del encuentro es crear sinergias entre los expertos para desarrollar programas y políticas públicas de investigación sobre migraciones en el Mediterráneo.

El Faro 2/5/2018

Diari de Girona

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Libres Cinema Agenda Música Art Teatre CinemaForum Girona

Siente el alma del Mediterráneo HASTA 55% DTO +100€ BONO THE LEVEL

La UPF acollirà del 2 al 4 de juliol el congrés europeu de referència en immigració

L'esdeveniment comptarà amb 130 sessions, que inclouran panells d'investigació, tallers de llibres o sessions de treballs per a grups d'investigació, entre altres activitats

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Diari de Girona 3/5/2018

El Periódico de Madrid - Titular sigue en el debate el pacto de la Liga Santander

MASTERS Y CURSOS Contabilidad y Finanzas Marketing Jurídica Recursos Humanos Laboral Titulación

Expertos piden agenda migratoria que tenga en cuenta intereses norte y sur

Barcelona, 2 jul (EFE).- Expertos en movimientos migratorios consideran necesaria una "gobernanza multilateral" de las migraciones en el Mediterráneo, que tenga en cuenta los intereses del norte y del sur para establecer vías legales y seguir en vez de basar toda la agenda política en el control de las fronteras.

Así lo han explicado en un debate organizado por el Instituto Europeo del Mediterráneo (IEMed) en el marco del congreso internacional IMISCOE, que se abre en Barcelona este 2 y el 4 de julio a la participación de grupos de investigación sobre migración.

Durante el debate también han reclamado una estrategia de gestión de la migración que tenga en cuenta el aumento en los últimos años de los desplazados por el cambio climático, que causa fenómenos como la desertificación o la inundación de algunas zonas.

Según ha explicado en declaraciones a Efe el coordinador del debate e investigador del IEMed, Javier Azaña, las migraciones "no se pueden abordar de manera bilateral y reactiva", sino que es necesario "escuchar a los países del sur más afectados" y tener en cuenta al "cambio climático".

Por encima de las cambiantes entre países y la entrega de "grandes paquetes de dinero" que, a menudo, acaban en manos de administraciones corruptas en los países de origen y tránsito, Azaña sostiene que es necesario apostar por "las soluciones micro, a través de las nuevas tecnologías que tienen un coste muy bajo y permiten cambios importantes en zonas agrícolas o apartadas".



La Vanguardia 2/7/2018

<http://www.lavanguardia.com/1/5/2018/05/01/443158474831a-upf-acogera-en-julio-el-congreso-europeo-de-referencia-en-inmigracion.html>

CONGRESO INMIGRACIÓN
La UPF acogerá en julio el congreso europeo de referencia en inmigración








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Barcelona, 1 may (EFE).- El campus de la Ciudadella de la Universidad Pompeu Fabra (UPF) de Barcelona acogerá el próximo mes de julio el congreso europeo de referencia en inmigración, en el que se espera la participación de unos 700 especialistas que analizarán las causas y consecuencias de la movilidad humana en Europa.

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Según ha avanzado el catedrático del Departamento de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales de la UPF, director GRITIM-UPF y presidente del congreso, Ricard Zapata-Barrero, el objetivo del encuentro, que ya ha abierto sus inscripciones (el plazo termina el 1 de junio), es crear sinergias entre los expertos para desarrollar programas y políticas públicas de investigación sobre migraciones en el Mediterráneo.

También quiere remarcar la dimensión geográfica de la migración y acercarse a las movildades humanas como una realidad, un recurso y una oportunidad para conectar sociedades y ciudades en esta zona.

Según Zapata-Barrero, "en este encuentro se analizarán las causas y consecuencias de la movilidad humana mediterránea y la importancia de tener un enfoque basado en la ciudad, en contacto con la gestión de la diversidad, a través de un paradigma de política intercultural".

Por otra parte, el congreso también prestara atención a ámbitos específicos de los estudios de migración, como el transnacionalismo, la superdiversidad, la solidaridad, la diáspora y el codesarrollo, y los relacionará con ideas más amplias sobre derechos humanos, democracia y liberalismo. EFE









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La Vanguardia 1/5/2018

Budget of 2018 Annual Conference

General Budget

Budget item	Item description	Total Euro	IMISCOE
HUMAN RESOURCES	Coordination and Assistance	9.700	7.700
PARTICIPANTS LOGISTICS	Travels/Hotels/ Fees/ Registration	18.154	2.369
LUNCHES	Caterings participants	49.810	20.469
EVENT LOGISTICS	Organisation and preparation fees, Photographer, office materials, Technicians, Music Material, rent, taxes UPF rent	19.438	7.878
BOOKLET AND PROGRAM	Booklet and copies	8.215	1.756
BADGES AND SIGNAGE	Badges & lanyards & Rollups& Signage	1.526	
MATERIAL DELEGATES	Materials & T-Shirts	4.734	
AMENITIES	Human Tower & Music	4.459	2.459
INCIDENCES	Venue Rent / Taxes	10.000	8.000
TOTAL CONFERENCE		126.225	50.691

Budget by Partnerships

Budget item	Item description	Total Euro	IMISCOE	CAIXA	CATALAN GOVERN.	DIPUTACIO	BCNA CITY COUNCIL	IEMED	UFM	UNU
HUMAN RESOURCES	Coordination and Assistance	9.700	7.700		2.000					
PARTICIPANTS LOGISTICS	speakers / Network membes/ fees/ registration	18.154	2.369			1.600	1.987		8.679	3.469
LUNCHES	Caterings participants	49.810	20.469	15.136				8.500		5.705
EVENT LOGISTICS	Organisation and preparation fees, Photographer, office materials, Technicians, Music Material, rent, taxes UPF rent	19.438	7.878	8.000			3.500			
BOOKLET AND PROGRAM	Booklet and copies	8.215	1.756	2.014	4.445					
BADGES AND SIGNAGE	Badges & lapyards & Rollups & Signage	1.526			841	685				
MATERIAL DELEGATES	Materials & T-Shirts	4.734		4.734						
AMENITIES	Human Tower & Music	4.459	2.459					2.000		
INCIDENCES		10.000	8.000			2.000				
TOTAL CONFERENCE		126.225	50.691	29.881	7.286	4.285	5.487	10.500	9.174	9.174

List of news related to IMISCOE 2018 Conference mentioned on GRITIM-UPF's Website

1. Title: Call for papers released by the IMISCOE Research Cluster on Qualitative and Conceptual Research.
Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/215102076/maximized#.W5u5ts4zblU
2. Title: In July 2018 took place in Barcelona the 2018 IMISCOE Annual Conference Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/215046945/maximized#.W5u2Yc4zblU
3. Title: Call for participation of young researchers from the Euro-Mediterranean region: Imiscoe Annual Conference (Deadline: 11 June 2018) Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/213468282/maximized#.W5u2hs4zblU
4. Title: GRITIM-UPF launches a new IMISCOE Research Cluster on 'Qualitative and Conceptual Research in Migration Studies' Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/213145170/maximized#.W5u2ms4zblU
5. Title: UPF News: The Ciutadella campus is to host the European congress on immigration in early July Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/209711245/maximized#.W5u2oc4zblU
6. Title: Registration portal for IMISCOE's 15th Annual Conference is open Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/198858844/maximized#.W5u2q84zblU
7. Title: CFP: Workshop organized by the IMISCOE Standing Committee POPADIVCIT to be held at the IMISCOE annual conference in Barcelona 2018 Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/139199105/maximized#.W5u3h84zblU
8. Title: Reminder for IMISCOE Annual Conference 2018 in Barcelona: Call for Papers, Panels and Workshops. Deadline: December 15 Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/- /asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/136883825/maximized#.W5u3jc4zblU
9. Title: IMISCOE and GRITIM-UPF invite participants from Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries to the IMISCOE Annual Conference 2018
Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/133705264/maximized#.W5u8zc4zblV
10. Title: The 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference (July 2-4, 2018) will be hosted by GRITIM-UPF
11. Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/7769814/maximized#.W5u6t84zblU
12. Title: CFP by the IMISCOE Standing Committe POPULAR ART, DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL POLICIES IN POST-MIGRATION URBAN SETTINGS (POPADIVCIT) Link: https://www.upf.edu/web/gritim/news/Asset_publisher/GcldyAQFCyDE/content/id/7632878/maximized#.W5u6u84zblU

Proposal Preparing the IMISCOE Conferences for the future

Proposal Accepted by BD
in Liege

Helga de Valk, Pieter Bevelander, Birte Nienaber, Nicole Holzapfel Mantin, Peter Scholten and Warda Belabas.

Background:

The organization of an annual conference has always been one of the core activities in the IMISCOE Research Network. The IMISCOE conference has developed into one of the key items on the agenda of every migration scholar. However, the conference faces several challenges, which come (amongst others) in relation to the growth of the field of migration studies (and the network itself), as well as the urge to maintain conferences of (very) high quality.

The ambition of this memo is to prepare the IMISCOE conferences for the future! We will focus on 3 challenges and come with 3 proposals for innovation, which focus respectively on: size of the conference, manageability of the conference, and costs/finance.

1. **Size of the conference:** The conference has grown from an average number of 300-400 participants before 2014, to a number of 800 in Malmo. In upcoming years, because of the growth of interest in migration studies, we expect a further increase of interest in the IMISCOE conferences. This is also illustrated by the current rejection rates for the Malmo conference (over 60% for individual paper proposals).
However, the growth also creates various forms of 'friction'. One is that the fact that the conference has grown much more slowly than the field of migration studies, leads to the risk of IMISCOE being perceived as a relatively exclusive network. Another is that the growing conference is difficult to fit in the current 2,5 day program, which can offer a maximum of 10 slots and 16 to 17 parallel sessions.
To address this challenge, the conference working group therefore suggests the following measures:
 - a. *Going to a full 3-days conference:* this means that we can accommodate more panels and workshops. A 3 day conference means that whereas the conference now usually starts at noon on day 1, we propose to start at 9:00 on day 1, parallel to the meeting of the Board of Directors. In the current format, the panel sessions only start after lunch on day 1. To avoid overlap with PhD activities, the suggestion is to moving the PhD activities to the day before the conference. This suggestion shall be further discussed with the training working group and PhD-network – to see if and how we can arrange this.
In addition, 3 day conference means that we can maintain the tradition of having several semi-plenaries, which in Malmo were not organized due to lack of space in the program (whereas the semi-plenaries have always been evaluated very positively).
 - b. *The working group believes that a redesign of the annual conference,* in order to accommodate further growth of the annual conference, should go hand in hand with a redesign of the Spring conference. The Spring Conference has evolved as a very successful additional meeting at the IMISCOE agenda. It plays and should continue to play a key role in enhancing the community feeling within IMISCOE. The working group suggests to institutionalize the Spring Conference further as a high-level but small-scale conference organized by but also primarily for IMISCOE members (especially BD and Standing Committees). This should bring a maximum of about 100 people to a spring conference. Also, IMISCOE should try to raise additional funding for the Spring Conference, to maintain the social function of that conference in the IMISCOE community.

- c. *Moving to a 2-stage procedure for panel and paper proposals for the annual conference.* This means that in the call for papers, we only welcome full panels and workshops proposals, and we do no longer accept individual paper proposals separately in stage 1. In the first round, we welcome scholars to submit panel/workshop proposals. In the second round, panel and workshop organizers are responsible for recruiting papers for their panels through a call for papers. This call for papers will then be centrally organized via the IMISCOE webpage. All paper proposals need to fit in accepted panel proposals. To guarantee the quality of the panel/workshop submissions, there should be several criteria that need to be developed, for example at least 2 submitters (from 2 different places/institutes) per panel, mix of senior and junior researchers, etc. These criteria will be further discussed and developed
- d. *Panels should again be allowed to include a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 papers.* This reverts the decision from last year to bring down the number of papers per panel from 5 to 4, and leaves the decision to the panel organizers. This allows the conference to accommodate more papers within the 3 day program.
- e. *Rethink whether discussants are worth the time for every session.* If so provide clear instructions to discussant what their role is and how to make sure the audience can be sufficiently involved
- f. *Rethink the option of flash sessions* in which short presentations of a larger number of papers is provided (e.g. 10 presentations of 5 min with afterwards one to one discussion time with presenters, so no plenary discussion on the papers).
- g. *Increase the size of the annual conference* further up to 1000-1200 participants. Conditional upon the other measures suggested in this memo, we believe that the size of the conference could and should increase further to about 1000-1200. Given the experiences from Rotterdam, Barcelona and Malmo, this still leaves a fair rejection rate, while doing more justice to the narrative that IMISCOE is indeed an open network.

2. Manageability of the conference: Related to the growth of the conference, the manageability of the conference at a practical level has become more challenging. This goes both for the network office and for the local hosting institute. While some of the above-mentioned measures will also improve the manageability of the conference, we also do the following suggestions:

- a. *In the current organization of the conference,* the network office is very much responsible of many tasks that are being done 'manually'. The working group suggests to professionalize the back office of the conference organization further. By going to a 2-step-procedure as suggested in the above, there is no longer a need to cluster individual papers to panels based on topic (which is manual work, which costs a lot of time and also very difficult to make sure that everyone is content with the result). Moreover, for other tasks – such as the scheduling of the sessions, there will be investment in software, which is already started in 2019. In addition, we need to invest in a clear website where the conference program can be easily found and also be searched (by names of the contributors). The conference program should go online in a more user-friendly format at an earlier stage. We encourage more measures to professionalize and replace manual work with automated support.
- b. *There should be a standard and formalized check* to make sure that the annual conference does not coincides with other migration conferences. In 2019, Metropolis is having its conference in the same period, which is very unfortunate. We suggest to make a formal agreement with Metropolis, but possibly with more networks, to guarantee that there is no overlap between key conferences in the field of migration studies.

- 3. Finance/Costs of the conference:** The conference is growing in size, which means that host organizations are confronted with more costs in organizing the event (think about in particular lunches/ dinner etc.). We suggest several measures to increase the budget for the hosting institute, so we can make sure that the conference organizer reaches at least a break-even point in terms of costs:
- a. *An increase of the conference fee up to 250 or 275 euro (PhD-students are exempted from this increase).* Such an increase is not only necessary as a means of covering the costs, but it would also be more market-conform, as other similar conferences in the field are asking a much higher fee (without offering what IMISCOE offers, such as 2 day lunches and 1 walking dinner). This should make it more attractive to find host institutes from the IMISCOE research network to organize future conferences.
 - b. *The conference working group also suggest to investigate if IMISCOE can find structural sponsors that are willing to support the annual conference (regardless of the place/country, where the conference takes place). In the current situation, local host institutes are generating sponsorships from local actors, which is very much encouraged. However, it would be interesting to investigate if there are actors – on a more European or global level – who would be willing to support our annual conference.*



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IMISCOE - 15th Annual Conference - Barcelona - Opening plenary



Closing Plenary





Proposal Rethinking the role of IMISCOE's Executive Board

The Executive Board (EB) fulfills a central role in the IMISCOE Network. It consists of six delegates that are nominated by the Board of Directors, which is the supreme decision-making authority within the IMISCOE Research Network. Its central role is to supervise and advise the Coordinator of the Network in the scientific and administrative operation of the Network. It does so by frequently discussing developments in the Network with the Coordinator and the Network Office, and preparing decisions to be taken by the Board of Directors. The role of the EB is codified in the Consortium Agreement of IMISCOE.

Background

Several developments in the Network ask for a rethinking of the role of the EB in the Network. Two developments stand out in this respect:

- Growth. The IMISCOE Network has expanded significantly over the last 10 years in particular, also in terms of number of member institutes and members. This growth reflects more generally on the management of the Network, which has become more demanding and intensive. This also has implications for the work of the EB, which has much more managerial tasks than before. It also reflects on the relation between the EB and the significantly expanded BD.
- Complexity. Besides growth of the Network, the collaboration within the Network in terms of scientific activities has also deepened (become more intensive) and broadened (expanded to different types of activities). This means that the Coordinators task of managing the network as well as the task of the EB of overseeing the administrative and scientific coordination of the Network, have both become more challenging.

Proposal concerning the role of the EB

Both the growth and increase of complexity of the tasks to be overseen by the EB have not been without consequences for the EB. It has resulted amongst others in overburdened agendas for EB meetings, which also require much time in terms of elaborating the context of developments in the network. This has also limited the opportunities for the Coordinator to make use of the expertise that is represented in the EB to its full extent and to co-develop policies and ideas further. Therefore, the following proposals are made to further develop the role and task of the EB combined with that of the coordinator in the face of the growth and complexity of the Network:

- Defining a division of labour within the EB. To manage the quantity and complexity of the current EB's role, a division of labour is proposed amongst the EB members. This means differentiating the areas that individual EB members are 'responsible' for in terms of overseeing and advising to the coordinator. This will include the following administrative and scientific areas: events, communication, finance, as well as training, research and publications. This should enable the EB members to specialize more in specific activities and hence be able to cope with the growth and complexity of activities that need to be overseen. It also enhances their capacity to oversee and advise the coordinator on specific activities.
- Deepening the interaction between EB and the Coordinator. Specialization within the EB also allows for deepening of the interaction between the Coordinator and the EB members responsible for specific areas. Rather than leaving all activities to be discussed or monitored to the plenary EB meetings, this allows for more frequent direct exchanges between the Coordinator and the responsible individual representative from the EB. They can then jointly prepare issues for the plenary EB meeting (such as via skype), relieving a

- bit the pressure on the plenary EB meetings. Importantly, all issues will still first need to be discussed in the EB before they can be proposed to the BD.
- Relation to committees of IMISCOE. Specialization also allows for a closer relation between the EB and the different IMISCOE committees in specialized areas. This again deepens the division of labour in the EB, enhances functional differentiation and strengthens integration through communication within the EB. It does, however, clearly maintain the 'control' function of the EB; the EB members are overseeing the activities of the coordinator and the committees, but are not involved in all areas.
 - Strengthening of relation to BD. To strengthen the relation between the EB and the expanded BD (and to relieve the pressure on the overburdened BD agendas), the following proposals are suggested:
 - Institutionalization of the involvement of the BD Chair in the EB. This has been good practice already, but will now be formalized. The BD chair will not have a right to vote in the EB, but will have the right to suspend decision-making in the EB in view of plenary discussion in the BD.
 - Rotation of EB membership. To embed the EB more strongly in the EB, every 2 years half of the EB will rotate. This means that capacity is maintained by not replacing all EB members at once, as well as openness is assured by regularly changing EB membership. EB members can be a member of the EB for a maximum of 4 years. The practice of electing EB members in the BD will be maintained; and these elections should also take into account having sufficient variation in terms of regional, gender, disciplinary and migration-related diversity.
 - Relation between EB and Committees. To get a better oversight over IMISCOE activities, the EB gets the right to call upon committee chairs to be present in EB meetings. Such invitations can be done directly by the Coordinator as well as by the EB Chair. The presence of committee chairs in the EB meetings will be limited to those parts of the meeting that are directly relevant to them.



Semi-plenary

IMISCOE Annual Report 2019 - PhD Network's Activities

1. 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 PhD workshops at each IMISCOE Annual Conference (see below);
2. the Teaching group will organize a workshop at the IMISCOE Annual Conference for the first time (see below);
3. the Networking group organizes the "Intergenerational Feedback" session at each Annual Conference pairing PhDs with senior researchers (see below). In 2018, it ran a survey among IMISCOE PhDs in order to cluster them by research interests, with a view to develop a platform for exchanging and sharing resources and materials among researchers in the same fields and areas – something which is being developed in a more effective and formalized way in 2019, as a sub-process within the restructuring of the IMISCOE research infrastructure and the establishment of new Standing Committees (see below);
4. the Blog group curates the PhD blog with at least one post a month (<https://imiscoephdblog.wordpress.com>). During the second half of 2018, the Blog group coordinator put together some more formalized guidelines for writers and editors, useful also for years to come and future coordinators and members in the group. Monthly posts have been planned for the period 2018-2019 and we see that more people (outside of members of the PhD Network) are finding their way to our platform, asking us to publish their Blogs. Visibility of the Blog is increasing steadily. Posts published between 2018 and 2019 discuss conceptual matters and research results in migration studies and address issues concerning career planning and the joys and difficulties of the PhD life – here's the list of the latest posts:
 - Migration in movies: why it matters for my research
 - The last phase: how to get to the defense?
 - Navigating the invisible patterns of power in academia
 - Refugees' desire for ordinariness
 - Finishing the PhD – now what!?
 - Seven tips for academic job applications from a selection committee regular
 - Self-reflecting on 'categorical fetishism' as a migration PhD researcher
 - Travelling unhindered: a zoom-in of issues likely to impede the free movement of Africans in Africa

Members in the PhD Network

There has been a bit of a turnover and many new members within each group, which is a very positive development for the stability and the future and of the Network, testifying to its increased visibility and relevance. The PhD Network can now count on the presence of **30 PhDs**: 8 in the Workshop group, 10 in the Networking Group, 5 in the Blog Group, 8 in the Teaching Reflections Group + PhD the Representative (two persons are members in two groups and the sum is therefore 30 and not 32). 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.

PhDs in the Future 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-CrossMigration 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**. As a result, a was created, providing for 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:

- Application phase: in case conveners of a potential SC reached out to the PhD Network in order to include interested PhDs in their proposal, the PhD Representative would circulate the information among the members of the PhD Network, requiring interested PhDs to provide a short summary of their research project or a list of research experiences in the domain covered by the potential SC. This happened in three cases, as three potential SCs contacted the PhD Network with this aim.
- After the new SCs will be officially established and announced: **a Call will be issued**, addressing all PhDs registered within the IMISCOE directory, in order to recruit PhDs for each Standing Committee. The goal is to create a “pool” of young researchers in each SC – a sort of “youth branch” for each SC- who could benefit from, and contribute to organize, targeted training on the topics of the SC, or receive focused feedback on their research projects. The PhD Network will collaborate with the newly-established SCs to set the criteria for this Call and will play an active role in promoting it. (Please note that PhDs who take part as active member of the PhD Network do not coincide with PhDs registered in the IMISCOE directory, who are many more).

In more general terms, this development would positively affect IMISCOE’s research infrastructure, as it will facilitate a better exchange between senior and junior scholars, meeting the stated objective of encouraging a turnover in the long run and of generating novel ideas in future research.

Improvement of the interaction with the Training Committee

The PhD Network and the Training Committee agreed that collaboration between the two has been quite limited and should therefore be significantly enhanced. The PhD Representative suggested proposals to the IMISCOE Training Committee in order to **improve the collaboration and the exchange between the PhD Network and the Training Committee** – especially concerning inclusion/consultation of PhDs in the organization of the IMISCOE Summer School and reinforced coordination/support in the organization of the PhD activities at the Annual Conference. These proposals have been integrated among the list of points discussed at the **“Training Committee Reflection Session”** held at the IMISCOE Spring Conference in Liège (27 February 2019) and were welcomed by the BD members who took part in the Reflection Session.

IMISCOE Solidarity Fund and the Role of the PhD Network

The PhD Network has provided its contribution to the **promotion of the IMISCOE Solidarity Fund**: a member of the PhD Network is acting as **contact person** for PhDs whose academic freedom may be in danger, who can be put in touch with the Solidarity Fund Committee. She is trying to reach out to young researchers who may be experiencing this situation. The PhD Network is also spreading information about the Fund through its social media channels and its newsletter, and a post on the Solidarity Fund will soon be published on our Blog.

PhD Network Space within the new IMISCOE website

In 2019, the BD decided that the IMISCOE website needs to be re-designed, so as to ensure that an easier-to-use and more regularly updated website be in place, improving the communication about what IMISCOE is and does. At the same time, the PhD Network’s activities have significantly grown over the past two years, requiring the Network to have a clearer visibility within and outside IMISCOE. The new “umbrella” IMISCOE website will incorporate a space for the PhD Network – just as for any other Committee.

2. PhD Network's initiatives at the IMISCOE Annual Conference (Malmo, 26-28 June 2019)

Schedule

The PhD Network's initiatives will all take place during the same morning – i.e. the **morning of the first day** of the Conference. This was suggested by the local organizers and has multiple ad-vantages: there will be no scheduling conflicts with the Conference workshops and plenaries (both for PhDs participating in our initiatives and for the speakers) and it will be easier to advertise our initiatives though our newsletter, social media channels and on the conference program, enhancing the PhD Network "recog-nizability" and visibility. However, it has not been easy to recruit senior scholars to act as speakers, as our workshops take place at the same time as the meeting of the Board of Directors. Should the same schedule be adopted for the 2020 Annual Conference, a closer collaboration between the PhD Network, the local organizers and seniors could greatly facilitate the overcoming of these obstacles. The Training Committee could act as a "bridge" in helping PhDs reach out to potential seniors to involve in its activities.

Assembly and activities

The PhD initiatives will start with **the PhD Assembly** and continue with **four workshops**, organized in a 2x2 structure. Here's the list:

- Preparing an effective abstract for a conference – brief introductory talk on the fundamentals of a good abstract, discussion of examples and of do's and don'ts, and then exercises and simulations (limited to 30 participants);
- How to get research funding – a talk on the fundamentals of a good application, be it for an individual or of a collaborative research project (limited to 50 participants);
- Teaching controversial migration and integration issues – for PhDs involved in teaching activities, a space for discussion on the difficult task of teaching highly politicized and emotionally charged migration-related issues, with the sharing of experiences (and possibly of teaching materials) (limited to 30 participants);
- Intergenerational Feedback session – small groups of PhDs matched to senior, who will provide feedback on their research project and/or career plans – based on a Call to participate and on the pre-liminary sharing of a paper.

See the Conference program or the Conference portal for a more detailed description of these activities - <https://www.imiscoe.org/2019-imiscoe-annual-conference/phd-activities>.



Training Committee

The IMISCOE Training Committee, was re-activated as of the autumn of 2016. It 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.

The Training Committee spent time on four areas during the year 2017/2018:

- Supporting the IMISCOE PhD courses in Liege and in Barcelona, preparing for the PhD course in Turkey. The Training Committee as a routine discusses the evaluation of these PhD courses, and considers lessons learned which should be brought forward as information for future PhD course coordinators. The past years' experience suggests costs are a challenge for many PhD students, prompting reflection on the need for further bursaries and travel support mechanisms, especially but not exclusively for PhD students from Southern and Eastern Europe, as well as from outside of Europe.
- Supporting the PhD network – primarily through communication with the PhD network coordinator. The PhD network's activities are impressive, and require massive efforts, from those involved in it. The Training Committee has in particular contributed support to the development and execution of the 'intergenerational academic feedback sessions' (both at the Rotterdam and Barcelona conferences).
- Reviewing training related information on the IMISCOE website led to updating the basic description of the committee and its members. Furthermore, a need for discussing aims and visions – so the purpose – of the training committee resulted from this exercise. The website now contains information about the PhD network (separate tab), and under training on EUMIGS (Joint MA programs in migration studies), and the best dissertation and best paper prizes, as well as the IMISCOE organized PhD schools. As part of the review – the biannual indexing of migration studies programs across European universities has been discontinued – as it was not seen as an output of a value which would merit the necessary and substantial work effort.
- Starting a process of working towards visions for IMISCOE's training efforts with brainstorming within the committee, and subsequent discussions with the network office and the coordinator. This work will be presented at to the Board of Directors at the Spring conference reflections sessions in Liege, February 2019. The key puzzle will be to find ways of making the most of synergies in training efforts across IMISCOE member institutions, in ways which play both to IMISCOE's strengths, and to the aims and interests of IMISCOE institution members. The possibilities for IMISCOE-related activities and forms of cooperation are nearly limitless, therefore it will be a task for the Board of Directors to decide the appropriate level of ambition (and activity) which is desired of training activities which are to be explicitly emanating from the IMISCOE network.

Proposal Rethinking IMISCOE's Web-presence

Proposal Accepted by BD
in Liege

This memo is based on conversations with Sarah Spencer, Rosaleen Cunningham, Peter Scholten, Ricard-Zapata Barrero, Marta Bivand Erdal, Albert Kraler, Warda Belabas and Karin Milovanovic

Background

The current IMISCOE website was launched in 2014, at the time of the IMISCOE-coordination relocation to Rotterdam. The website was thoroughly redesigned and is now characterized by its straightforwardness and clearness: and it serves a good tool to find information about the network. However, 5 years later, it has become clear that the website no longer serves the purposes of the network. Various network activities have developed tremendously, without further visibility on the website; also the website does no longer meet today's demands concerning visualisations and interactive features. This asks for a new website re-design, which also includes the relation between the website, the newsletter and social media. Therefore, this memo outlines a strategy to improve the current website.

Principles for website redesign

To come to clear suggestions on how to redesign the website, a committee was formed with members of the BD, the External Affairs Committee, the Training Committee and the Coordinator and Network Office. This committee suggests to the BD the following principles for redesigning the website:

1. **A full website re-design.** At this stage, incremental revisions are no longer sufficient, the website needs a thorough make-over. This website redesign should address attention to:
 - a. Restructuring of the site. Together with key parts of the network, a new structure needs to be defined, which should better reflect the current state of the network. This should be defined in consultation with the various IMISCOE Committees (editorial board, CMS board, training committee, external affairs committee, PhD Committee), as well as with the Standing Committees (to be revised by the research committee). We will investigate whether we can create an interactive platform on the website, in which appointed contact persons within standing committees and research groups can edit and update their web presence. Such delegation of responsibility of web-content to a small group of people, which are in close contact with the web manager (who will still coordinate all activities on the web) – is needed to keep the website 'alive' and more up to date. However, it is important to investigate what technical possibilities we have to actual delegate editing rights to these small group of. Here, we suggest to explore these possibilities and to report back to the BD in Malmo.
 - b. Visualizations and videos. The website should become more 'alive'. Therefore, the network (and the SCs) should invest more in visualizations, short videos and other type of media on key activities in the network. This includes the idea to explore the use of podcasts: we should decide on the audience, who will deliver the content, and how frequently we will do this, as podcasts need to be regular to be effective. Led by Fiona Seiger, this working group will launch a plan for IMISCOE-podcasts in Malmo 2019, presenting which resources we will need to implement this idea, which concrete activities we will need to undertake to make it a success, and also taking in account possible obstacles that we need to avoid/overcome.
 - c. Integrating the interactive migration research hub CrossMigration into the IMISCOE site. Finally, IMISCOE is building an interactive research hub for migration studies, with H2020 funding, in the CrossMigration project. This database should be integrated into the IMISCOE website, and become an integral part of it. Furthermore, the research-policy nexus committee will explore whether the same could be done for the Research-Social Platform on Migration & Asylum (ReSOMA) in which IMISCOE is involved.

2. **Targeting the website at the migration scholarly community, as well as beyond.** Rather than providing news on the IMISCOE network, the site should provide broader information that will be relevant to members of the network and the migration scholarly community in general. This also means that more visibility should be given to the activities of IMISCOE member institutes and individual members. The contents of the website should reflect what scholars do in the context of IMISCOE, rather than focusing on what the network is. This does not mean that the website should only be relevant for scholars, as IMISCOE also wants to reach a wider audience (e.g. policy makers and other social actors). Especially content related to research conducted by IMISCOE institutes, including multimedia content, will inherently be relevant to broader audiences and should thus also target these broader publics.
3. **Conducting a user survey and a focus-group on past experiences and ideas for the future.** We suggest to invest in a user-survey to receive more detailed feedback on what users appreciate more or less in the current website and what ideas they have for shaping the new website. Such a user-survey will be designed together with our Design Server and will be distributed immediately after the Liege-meeting. In addition, the working group is organizing a focus-group during this Spring conference, in order to get some first feedback by several people within the network on the website.
4. **Better integration of website, social media and newsletters.** Nowadays newsletters seem to be even more important than website, as people find your website only through an interesting newsletter. Newsletters are the means of getting people to visit the website in the first place. Therefore, the EAC will work on a new design of the newsletter. This will then be further integrated with the redesign of the website and a new approach to social media. Important is that all three outlets should be designed less as parallel activities, but rather as integrated communicative services (which is more effective but also more efficient).
5. **Rethinking the content management of the website.** In order for the website to be attractive and sustainable, it should be relevant and constantly updated. To enhance the sustainability of the site, we aim to:
 - a. Invest more in the back office management and maintenance of the website. The site needs people that can phrase and write texts in appropriate ways. The website is in need of people who can monitor and update frequently. Please see also point 1: the proposal to explore whether a interactive platform would be possible, in which a small group of people selected by standing committees and research groups – are given rights to edit and update their information. The network office is restricted in time, and also in access (as Design Server has more control than the NO).. As the Network Office currently often lacks time to attend sufficiently to the website, the editors should be an addition to the NO. The investment can also include further training of the Network Office.
 - b. Provide people from within the network to feel more ownership. This means that we should search for ways of redesigning the site in a way that allows for instance for the IMISCOE committees and the Standing Committees to manage their parts of the web space, without necessarily disturbing one coherent outline of the website.

Funding

The Investment Plan – accepted by the BD in Warsaw 2018 – already allocated a budget of 30.000 to investment in the website. From this budget, 20.000 will be put into the website per se, and about 10.000 will be spent (with the External Affairs Committee) specifically on redesigning the newsletter. As we expect that the mentioned investments require sufficient funding to actually realize a professional revision of the website, the coordinator will explore the possibility of working with other website-hosts than our current Design Server, for which we expect that the earmarked budget is possibly not sufficient.

Report on the further establishment for the IMISCOE solidarity fund for scholars at risk

Scientific work requires academic freedom without interference from governments. Academic freedom itself can pose a challenge to authoritarian regimes. This becomes obvious with regard to the increasing measures these regimes are taking to disable academics from pursuing their scientific objectives. Academics and scientific endeavours in general are increasingly threatened by repressive measures of authoritarian regimes throughout the world. Therefore, IMISCOE would like to pursue the idea of a collective action on behalf of these academics.

As IMISCOE we thought that it should be possible to initiate a support mechanism within our network. A first inventory received overall positive responses from fifteen member institutes. Many stated that they do not have funds available, but they would be happy to accommodate/host academics, by i.e. arranging a working space, access to the library and a computer. Based on this, our idea was to set up a fund with the help of all member institutes. Whereas the members contribute as much as they can, we as IMISCOE should extent that amount in order to support, on request, institutes that host or otherwise support academics under threat.

Brief report of the initial development phase of the fund

We started in early 2018 by signing an institutional partner network agreement with the Scholars at Risk initiative (<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/>). We did so in order to be more effective and to benefit from their expertise (please see the founding statement below). This was a solid first step, before we moved on with arrangements in our network.

In April 2018, the webpage for the solidarity fund was launched with the opportunity for individual and institutional members to donate to the fund: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/solidarity-fund> (See below for the text on the homepage).

From April 23-26 the Global Congress of the Scholars at Risk Network took place in Berlin. With Keynote addresses by Prof. Dr. Susanne Baer, LL.M. (Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany) and Prof. Dr. Judith Butler (University of California, Berkeley).

Ali Konyali joined part of the event and established contact with international academics in exile who among other scholars and policy-makers, provided evidence for the pressing need for this issue to be addressed on various levels.

Brief report of the second phase – PhD grant

Maurice Crul, Bediz Yilmaz-Bayraktar (scholar at risk at the IMIS, Osnabrück University) and Ali Konyali who were willing to work on the fund during the initial starting phase have set up a call for applicants for a Solidarity Grant for PhDs. The aim was to place this call and select three applicants until June 2018.

However, until the end of 2018, we only received one application of a candidate who was subsequently supported with a grant of 2,000 EUR. It concerns a female scholar from Turkey who wished for her identity to be disclosed to the public, out of fear that otherwise she might run into more trouble in Turkey. Below is a statement from her from December 2018:

As a PhD student, I had lost the most important financial resource of mine when I was dismissed from university by Emergency Decrees in Turkey. It is still forbidden for me to work at government institutions, and the NGOs who are working in collaboration with the government are not willing to employ dismissed people professionally. Also, leaving the country, like all the other people who are dismissed from their institutions by Emergency Decrees is forbidden, too. Now, I am working in a part-time position. My prior aim is to complete my dissertation and with this support of IMISCOE, it is easier for me to share time to write my dissertation without doing any other jobs. IMISCOE Solidarity Grant For Threatened PhDs has a supportive role for my writing process, while struggling with financial problems and political risks.

Ali Konyali has established contact with the PhD network and its current representative Giulia Mezzetti. She was willing to work on the further institutionalization of the Fund within our network. Further concrete steps remain to be taken with this regard, but the first idea was to include the issue of academic solidarity as one of the training domains of the PhD network (for example during Summer/Winter Schools, Conferences).

The aim is for this fund to become one of the main tasks within the network and thereby fulfil our academic responsibility to stand up for our colleagues who are in need of solidarity and support on a global scale.



APPENDICES

I Founding statement of the Scholars at Risk network

II Solidarity Fund - IMISCOE

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.

Appendix II

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 offering 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!

IMISCOE FINANCES

Budget 2018

Income		
Institutional membership fees		127.000,00
Individual membership fees		117.850,00
Network office contributions		
	Erasmus University Board	5.000,00
	Department of Public Administration	31.125,00
	Remaining income Rotterdam	0,00
Other	OA fees	11.760,00
From reserves	Investment Short books	5.000,00
	Solidarity Fund	8.000,00
	Spring Conference Sheffield	
	Bank fee	6,88
TOTAL		305.741,88

Expenses		
Network office		
	Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs	8.000,00
	Network officer W. Belabas	43.200,00
	Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)	13.000,00
	Network officer Research briefs + movies	1.000,00
	Travel costs NO	5.828,68
	Overhead	1.036,55
Extended Network Office		
	Coordinator Editorial Committee	10.000,00
	Coordinator Training Committee	2.500,00
	Coordinator PhD Committee	2.500,00
	Coordinator External Affairs Committee	2.500,00
	Coordinator CMS board	2.500,00
Publications		
	Editorial manager Book Series	3.149,90
	Editorial manager CMS	13.096,15
	Book series	32.670,00
	Journal CMS	21.466,00
	Extra book EC	9.075,00
Events		
	Annual Spring conference	3.500,00
	Annual BD Diner	2.500,00
	Spring conference Sheffield	
	Contribution to annual conference	50.691,00
	Contribution to PhD summer school	10.000,00
	PhD program	1.970,00
	Bank fee (paypal)	3.097,57
Research initiatives		
	Allocation 80% research clusters '18-'19	25.760,00
	Allocation 20% research clusters '17-'18	2.982,80
	Unforeseen	995,00
Communication		
	Website	15.721,00
	Communication material	347,00
	(Annual report)	1.675,00
Others		
	Maria Baganha Award	3.704,00
	Rinus Penninx Award	750,00
	Travel costs Editorial Committee	3.141,00
	Best Paper Award	583,40
	Solidarity Fund	3.000,00
	EuMIGS	1.250,00
	Youngminds	952,00
TOTAL		304.142,27

BALANCE		1.599,61
	Investment Plan Expenses	
	(e.g. Rotterdam Conference)	17.364,28
TOTAL EXPENSES (Inc. Investments)		321.506,55

Budget 2019

Income		
Institutional membership fees		144.000,00
Individual membership fees		121.875,00
Network office contributions		
	Erasmus University Rotterdam contribution	41.500,00
Other	OA fees	9.075,00
TOTAL		316.450,00
Expenses		
Network office		
	Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs	8.000,00
	Network officer W. Belabas	47.500,00
	Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)	13.000,00
	Network officer Research briefs + movies	10.000,00
	Travel costs NO	3.100,00
Extended Network Office		
	Coordinator Editorial Committee	10.000,00
	Coordinator Training Committee	2.500,00
	Coordinator PhD Committee	2.500,00
	Coordinator External Affairs Committee	2.500,00
	Coordinator CMS board	2.500,00
Publications		
	Editorial manager Book Series	5.200,00
	Book series (Springer contribution)	29.040,00
	Extra book EC	1.815,00
	Journal CMS	19.000,00
	Editorial manager CMS	13.000,00
Events		
	Annual Spring conference Liege	3.500,00
	Annual spring conference Sheffield	3.500,00
	Contribution to annual conference	50.000,00
	Annual BD Diner	2.500,00
	Contribution to PhD winter/summer school	10.000,00
	Subsidy for PhD program (PhD Network)	2.000,00
	Bank fee (paypal)	2.500,00
Research initiatives		
	Allocation 80% research clusters '17-'18	36.000,00
	Allocation 20% research clusters '16-'17	9.000,00
Communication		
	Website	4.000,00
	Communication material	2.000,00
	Annual report	2.000,00
Other		
	Maria Baganha Award	6.525,00
	Rinus Penninx Award	750,00
	Travel costs Editorial Committee	4.000,00
	Solidarity Fund	1.000,00
	Reservation for celebration 15 years	4.500,00
	Refund Mistake IITUE	1.000,00
	Refund Mistake Revisiting Mobilities RI	1.000,00
TOTAL		315.430,00
BALANCE		1.020,00

BD Memo on financial year 2018

This document provides background information to the data of the financial year 2018 (full calendar year). Please find attached the overview of the financial report for the mentioned period.

This document includes all financial transactions that were conducted in the calendar year 2018. The result for the financial year 2018 shows a surplus of € 1599, 61. This means that for 2018 IMISCOE has spent a bit less than we budgeted. In the following text, we will explain both revenues and costs for 2018. First, we present here a short overview of our financial position in terms of reserves.

Overview of our financial position in terms of reserves	
Reserves at the beginning of 2018	+ € 173.395
Surplus end 2018	+ € 1599, 61
Reserves end 2018	+ € 174 994,61
Reserve from Investment Plan in 2018 (Rotterdam Conference)	- € 17. 365
Final Reserve end 2018	€ 157.629, 61

In the Investment Plan – as accepted by the BD in Rotterdam (2018) – € 118.000 of the reserves are earmarked for several activities. This memo also includes a brief report on the last state of affairs regarding the Investment Plan.

1. Revenues (total budgeted: € 307.125; actual income: € 305.741, 88)
 - 1.1. Institutional fees (expected € 117.000; received: € 127.000)

The revenue was based on the institutional fee of 39 member institutes for the full period of a year. In March 2018, one new institute was welcomed during the BD in Warsaw (fee: € 2500 for the period March-December). In July 2018, 5 other institutes became member – and paid € 1500 for membership (July-December 2018). This means an extra revenue of € 10.000, which brings the total received revenues of institutional fees to € 127.000 (10.000 more than the estimated income of 117.000).
 - 1.2. Individual/conference fees (estimated € 112.500; actual € 117.850).

In 2018 the annual conference was held in Barcelona. We expected over 600 participants, working with an average conference fee of € 187, 50, this brought us to an estimated income of € 112.500. The actual income is higher than the estimated income, because we received more attendees. The eventual amount of participants was 656 (65 extra). However, the actual income (fees) was only € 117.850, even though we had more than 65 extra participants. This can be explained by the following 2 points:

 - a.) € 187,50 is only an average (as we have a differentiated fee: early-bird fee of € 200, € 150 for PhD students, and € 250 for participants who registered after the 1st of July deadline).
 - b) More participants than in previous years did not have to pay the conference fee. This decreased the amount of paying participants.
 - 1.3. Subsidy Erasmus University Board (estimated € 5000; actual € 5000)

The Erasmus University Board subsidized € 80.000 for the full period of 4 years of coordinatorship by the EUR. Of this full sum € 20.000 is allocated for each calendar year in contribution to the IMISCOE budget. 2018 is the last year that we receive this subsidy, only in the first period (January-April): which is a total of € 5000.

1.4. Remaining income Rotterdam: (estimated 18.375; actual 0)

Based on the network-officer's contract with the municipality of Rotterdam, which ended in April 2018 – we expected the municipality to pay a last obligated sum of € 18.375. This money was received, but it was not allocated to IMISCOE, but to the Public Administration Department of the Erasmus University Rotterdam (DPAS). The reason for this is that in the period April 2014- April 2018 all income and costs for W.Belabas were paid by DPAS rather than from the IMISCOE budget. This calculated revenue of € 18.375 will cover the costs incurred by the DPAS in this period, and is therefore not allocated to IMISCOE. In the budget proposal for 2018 that was presented to the BD in June 2017, we mistakenly assumed that this money would go to IMISCOE.

Altogether the budgeted revenues are nevertheless not much higher than the actual revenues since the income from institutional fees and individual fees largely makes up for the €18.375 wrongly included in our budget proposal.

1.5 Fee OA publications expected: € 15125; actual € 11.760).

The received amount of OA-fees is much lower than expected. Based on our calculation, we assumed to publish 5 regular books in 2018. This calculation was made before the new agreement with Springer, which means that 8 books (short books included) would lower the fee to € 3000 (exc. VAT).

Based on this, we expected to have total income of € 15.125 (€ 3025 per book * 5 = 15.125). However, in mid-2018 we changed our aim, namely to achieve 8 books per year, so we can profit from the lower fee. In this situation, the OA-fee per book would be half of the total fee of € 3630 (inc. VAT), which is an amount of € 1815 per book.¹ In 2018, we indeed published the minimum of 8 books (9 books), however – as we will explain below – we have not received € 1815 for each of the books (see table on page 107).

As, you can see in the overview (p. 107) – the reason(s) for less income are the following:

- Some of the authors already paid in 2017. See Slootman and Rosenberger.
- One author did not have to pay as he was a winner of the Maria Baganha Award (Hunter).
- For several other authors, we have counted a lower fee of € 1815 instead of € 3025, as we have reached more than 8 books for 2018.
- Some authors are exempt from paying VAT, so IMISCOE had to cover the VAT.
- Some authors (Spencer & Triandafyllidou) already paid for their 2019 publication (more income).

In Sum:

That the revenues were lower than budgeted in 2018 was mainly caused by:

- Missing income of more than € 18.000 by Rotterdam Municipality
- OA-fees that are lower than calculated.

The losses were covered by the higher incomes from membership fees and by an additional investment of €5000 from the reserves in the short book series.

¹ The other half of the fee is paid by IMISCOE for member institutes

Name Author Book / Title:	Payment	Comment
Joelle Moret: European Somalis' Post-Migration Movements	€ 1815	
Sieglinde Rosenberger: Protest Movements in Asylum and Deportation	€ 3025	Already paid in 2017 (under former OA-fee conditions)
Alistair Hunter: Retirement Home? Ageing Migrant Workers in France and the Question of Return	no	Not required to pay, because he is a Maria Baganha Winner
Ricard Zapata-Barrero and Evren Yalaz: Qualitative Research in European Migration Studies	€ 1815	
Peter Scholten / Mark van Ostaijen: Between Mobility and Migration: The Multi-Level Governance of Intra-European Movement	€ 1815	
Rainer Baubock 1: Debating European Citizenship	€ 1500	EUI is exempted from paying VAT, which means that IMISCOE has paid full VAT.
Rainer Baubock 2: Debating Transformations of National Citizenship	€ 1500	EUI is exempt from paying VAT, which means that IMISCOE has paid full VAT.
Mariek Sloomman: Ethnic Identity, Social Mobility and the Role of Soulmates	€ 3025	Already paid in 2017 (under former OA-fee conditions)
Julia Dahlvik: Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria	€ 1815	
Sarah Spencer & Anna Triandafyllidou – 2019: Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe: Evolving Conceptual and Policy Challenges	€ 1500	This is a book that counts for 2019, but authors needed to pay because otherwise they would lose funds EUI is exempt from paying VAT
Total amount (received fees)	€ 11760	Total revenues are € 3365 lower than expected

2. Costs

2.1. Network Office (Estimated costs: € 77.400; Actual Costs: € 72.065)

The actual costs for the network office were lower than estimated, even though travel costs and overhead were higher than expected. The main reason is that only a small part of the reserved money for research briefs and movies was actually invested. Below we will explain each of the sub-costs incurred by the network office:

2.1.1 Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement Costs (estimated € 8000; actual € 8000)

As agreed with the EB and BD, IMISCOE's coordinator will receive a compensation of € 8000 per year. This money was transferred mid-2018.

2.2. Network Office

2.2.1 Network Officer W. Belabas: (estimated € 43.200; actual € 43.200).

The estimated costs are equal to the actual costs for salary of the senior network officer Warda Belabas. Part of the money went to salary costs for Sevgi Yilmaz, who replaced W. Belabas during her maternity leave from May-August 2018. An amount of € 23389 was spent on network officer W. Belabas, the remaining € 19811 were spent on replacing officer S. Yilmaz.

2.2.2 Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster): (estimated € 13.000; actual: € 13.000).

The estimated costs for our webmaster Karin Milovanovic are equal to the actual costs: € 13.000.

2.2.3 Network officer Research briefs and movies: (estimated € 10.000; actual: € 1000).

Only € 1000 were spent from the total reserved amount of € 10.000 for research briefs and movies. Unfortunately, we have not produced any Research Briefs in 2018. We did produce one short IMISCOE-movie, hiring a professional company for editing. Total costs for the latter were € 1000.

2.2.4 Travel costs (estimated € 3100; actual € 5828,68)

In the budget travel and accommodation costs for the coordinators and the network officers (Warda Belabas and Karin Milovanovic) are included.

The actual costs on travel in 2018 are higher than the estimated costs (€ 5828,68). This can be explained by the following factors:

- Costs for Barcelona were much higher than expected: hotel costs were much higher than into other conference cities (expensive city, especially in summer season). This was not taken in account when we estimated travel costs when the budget proposal was constructed.
- Travel costs for former coordinator M. Crul were also not taken into account when formulating the budget proposal 2018. It was at the time not clear if Crul could attend the meeting in Warsaw, which he eventually did.

2.2.5 Overhead (estimated € 100; actual costs € 1036,55)

This year overhead costs are much higher than expected, this has mainly to do with costs that we have categorized under 'overhead' – and that we did not have in previous years such as:

- Farewell present M. Crul and R. Baubock, with a total amount of € 848,55.
- Flowers for NO-staff (W. Belabas, during maternity leave): € 42.

The remaining € 146 was spent on office material and VIP-internet domain registration.

2.3 Extended Network Office (estimated costs: € 20.000; actual costs € 20.000)

As decided by the BD, from 2018 on - chairs of various committees will get a financial compensation for their work: editorial committee (€ 10.000), external affairs committee (€ 2500), training committee (€ 2500), CMS board (€ 2500). The money has been transferred mid-2018.

2.4 Publication costs: (estimated: € 71987,50; actual costs: € 75 318,90)

The publication costs are divided into book (language) editing, OA costs for books, journal CMS editing, OA costs for journal and the publication of extra journal articles.

2.4.1 Editorial manager Book Series : € 5200; actual costs €3149,90).

The actual costs for language editing as conducted by IMISCOE's language editor, Liz Cross, were lower than the budgeted € 5200. The language-review systematic has been recently changed: the language editor will only do a language assessment once (instead of twice). With the remaining part of the budget, the EC decided to conduct 1 or 2 full language reviews per year – starting next year (2019).

2.4.2 Book-series OA-expenses (estimated; € 30.250; actual costs €32.670).

As we agreed last year with Springer; when IMISCOE publishes 8 or more books, the fee for OA becomes € 3630 (VAT included) per book, regardless of whether it is a short book or a regular book.

This year we have published a total of 9 books, which brings the total paid amount to € 32.670 (9 * € 3630), which is slightly higher than expected. The expected amount was based on the minimum of 5 OA-books, with the 'old' fee of € 6025 (inc. VAT) = € 30.250).

2.4.3 Investment 2018 extra book (estimated € 4537,50; actual costs €9075).

In 2016 an extra call for book proposals was launched and the Board (Prague meeting) decided to support an investment of € 4.500 for this initiative. The outcome of the extra call resulted in the decision by the editorial committee to invest this money in 2 promising volumes, which were expected to be finalized in 2018. In 2017 the same situation occurred: an extra call for book proposals was launched and again 2 very promising book proposals were selected and will be supported (€ 4.500). Because these 4 books are not in production yet, the costs are not finalized yet in 2018, and hence the payment of the OA-fee cannot be done yet. Therefore we have reserved the total budget of € 9075 to be actually spent in 2019, on a separate reservation-number – but we did cut the costs from the IMISCOE-balance.

We mistakenly estimated the costs for 2018 to only € 4537,50: not taking in account the reservations for the 2 books that are not published yet, but were in the pipeline in 2016/2017.

2.4.4 Journal CMS OA-expenses (estimated: € 19000; actual costs € 21466).

The budgeted € 19000 for OA-fees (to Springer) was not fully spent (€ 17424). The remaining part of the budget was spent on the CMS-booklet, which was distributed via the conference-bag (in Barcelona) (costs: € 4042). The total amount that was spent in 2018 is € 21466.

2.4.5 Journal CMS editing costs (editorial manager: 13000; actual: 13096,15):

Editing of the CMS Journal is done by IMISCOE NO (Karin Milovanovic). The expected costs are equal to the actual costs.

2.5. Events (budgeted: € 65500; actual costs € 71 758, 57)

The total budget for events is allocated to the organizers of the spring conference, the annual conference, the PhD winter school and the PhD program. The actual costs are higher than the budgeted costs; as will be explained in the below, this has mainly to do with the additional contribution to the host annual conference institute. In addition, bank costs are also higher than estimated for 2018.

2.5.1 Spring conference (budgeted: € 6000; allocated: € 6000)

The Spring conference 2018 was held in Warsaw, and was fully spent by the local organizer (see appendix 1).

2.5.2 Annual conference (budgeted: € 45000; allocated: € 50691)

GRITIM (Barcelona) received the budgeted € 30 000 for organizing the annual conference 2018. In addition, the host institute received € 20 600 as an additional contribution: IMISCOE policy is that 50% of the fee of all attendees above 450 goes to the host institute. The estimated number of participants was 550; however the actual number was 656. This means that Barcelona received an additional contribution of $100 * 206 = € 20600$. This also explains for the most part the higher actual costs for events this year.

2.5.3 Bank fee (budgeted: € 2500; actual: € 3097,57):

The bank fee of online payments for attending the annual conference Barcelona was € 3097,57, while the budgeted cost was only € 2500. To avoid unforeseen costs, the budgeted amount for bank fees should be raised again in the upcoming years.

2.5.4 Contribution to PhD summer school (budgeted: € 10.000; allocated: € 10.000)

The University of Middlesex received € 10 000 for organizing IMISCOE's summer school in 2018. Not all money was spent: see appendix 2. However, with permission of the coordinator, the last remaining money (€2190,85) was spent on a small workshop on a specific topic, in this case gender and skilled migration on which 3 students at the summer school were working.

2.5.5 The PhD Network (budgeted: € 2000; allocated: € 1970).

The PhD network reported costs of € 1970, while € 2.000 was budgeted. These costs were mainly spent on travel and accommodation for PhD-representatives, PhD-dinner and gifts for speakers during the PhD workshops.

2.6. Research initiatives (budgeted: € 51.000; actual: € 29.737,80)

In 2018, a part of the budgeted amount for research initiatives was not spent: the main reason is that research initiatives are not spending the full funds that are allocated to them, which means that refunding has taken place in several cases. We assume that this problem will be solved, given the result of the working conference – which in concrete terms means: different funding system.

2.6.1 Report on period April 2017- April 2018: Final payment, 20% (budgeted: € 9000; actual: € 2982,80)

In 2018, the final payments were conducted for the research initiatives that started in April 2017. The final payment (20%) would have been max € 9.000 if all initiatives had fully spent the assigned budget. It turned out that only € 982,80 (of the budgeted € 9.000) were actually spent by the initiatives. In addition, we covered from this budget line a financial settlement of €2998 that we did not transfer in 2017 (to 2 research initiatives). Only very few initiatives were entitled for the full 20% additional amount, while several initiatives had to pay the remaining parts of the 80% that they received previously, but that they did not spend (total amount of refunded money that 2 SC's/ RI's paid back to IMISCOE: € 6474).²

2.6.2 Report on period April 2018- April 2019: Prepayment 80% (budgeted: € 36000; actual: € 25760)

In 2017, a historically low number of research initiatives and standing committees applied for funding: from the 8 applications 7 were assigned a budget for their activities in the period April 2018 – April 2019. The prepayments of 80% were done in May 2018 for a sum of € 25760.

2.6.3 Unforeseen: Delayed allocation 2017

One research group did not receive its funding last year, due to some technical problems with our financial department. The amount of € 995 was sent in 2018 instead.

2.7. Communication (budgeted: € 7000; actual: € 17 743,22)

Costs for communication include the website service (Design Server Amsterdam) and communication material. Costs are much higher than expected, as both communication material and website service were much higher than we estimated.

² While writing this financial memo, we discovered that due to a miscalculation - 2 groups have paid back too much to IMISCOE: these groups will be contacted and receive back the refunded money as soon as possible.

2.7.1 Website (budgeted € 4000; actual: € 15.721,22).

These expenses refer mainly to website service and assistance by our Design server in Amsterdam. The costs for the website are significantly higher than we estimated. This is due to professionalization of the organization of the annual conference: we have started automatizing some of the most time-consuming manual tasks of the network-officer in 2017, and this has been continued in 2018. The design server has – for example – designed a tool which helps to make the conference program. In addition, some of the costs were made in 2017, but are received in the form of a post-calculation of the year 2017 (€ 7,860.16), which is paid in 2018. We also received a post-calculation for 2018 (€ 4187,50). These costs were mainly made for the tool that is being designed but also extra assistance in 2018. As Sevgi Yilmaz – replaced Warda Belabas during a large part of 2018 as the network officer, she called in assistance of Design Server more frequently (which means: higher costs).

2.7.2 Communication materials (budgeted: € 3000; actual: € 2022).

The costs for communication materials were lower than we estimated even though we printed the annual report that cost € 1675 (which was not taken into account when making the budget proposal 2018).

2.8. Others (budgeted: € 12275; actual: € 13 380,40)

Funding for committees is allocated to the (travel costs for) the editorial committee and entails also costs for Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award and Maria Baganha Award. In addition, several Best Paper Prizes, EuMIGS, Solidarity Fund and Young Minds – also are categorized under Others.

2.8.1 Maria Baganha Award (budgeted: € 7000; actual: € 3704).

The budget of the Maria Baganha Award was € 7000, while actual spendings have been €3704. The budget is allocated to cover for the award prize (€ 2.500), travel costs for the winner (€ 1000) and for a contribution to costs of OA publishing of the dissertation of the prize winner (€ 3.025). The award prize of € 2500 has been transferred to the winner 2018 (Dr. Apostolos Andrikopoulos). The travel and accommodation costs (€ 1204) were slightly higher than the budget. However, it is not sure yet whether the winner will publish his dissertation in IMISCOE's book series, which means that the expected costs for OA-publication (€ 3025) have not been spent yet, which explains the lower actual costs.

2.8.2 Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award (budgeted: € 750; actual: € 750).

The award prize of the Rinus Penninx award is € 750 and was allocated to the winner Sarah Nimführ.

2.8.3 Editorial committee travel (budgeted: € 5000; actual: € 3141):

The budget for the Editorial committee is meant for travel and accommodation costs for the members and secretary of the Editorial Committee; this is related to their meetings during the Annual conference and the midterm Board of Directors meeting. The EC consists of 10 members assisted by the editorial manager (Irina Isaakyan). The total costs have been € 3141 while € 5.000 was budgeted.

2.8.4 Best Paper Awards (budgeted: 0; actual: € 583,40).

Several Best Paper Awards were allocated in 2018 for the journal CMS; there was one price-winner of € 250, and 2 price-winners of € 167,70. These costs were not budgeted, but are structural and should be taken into account for the upcoming years.

2.8.5 Solidarity Fund (budgeted: € 8000, actual: € 3000)

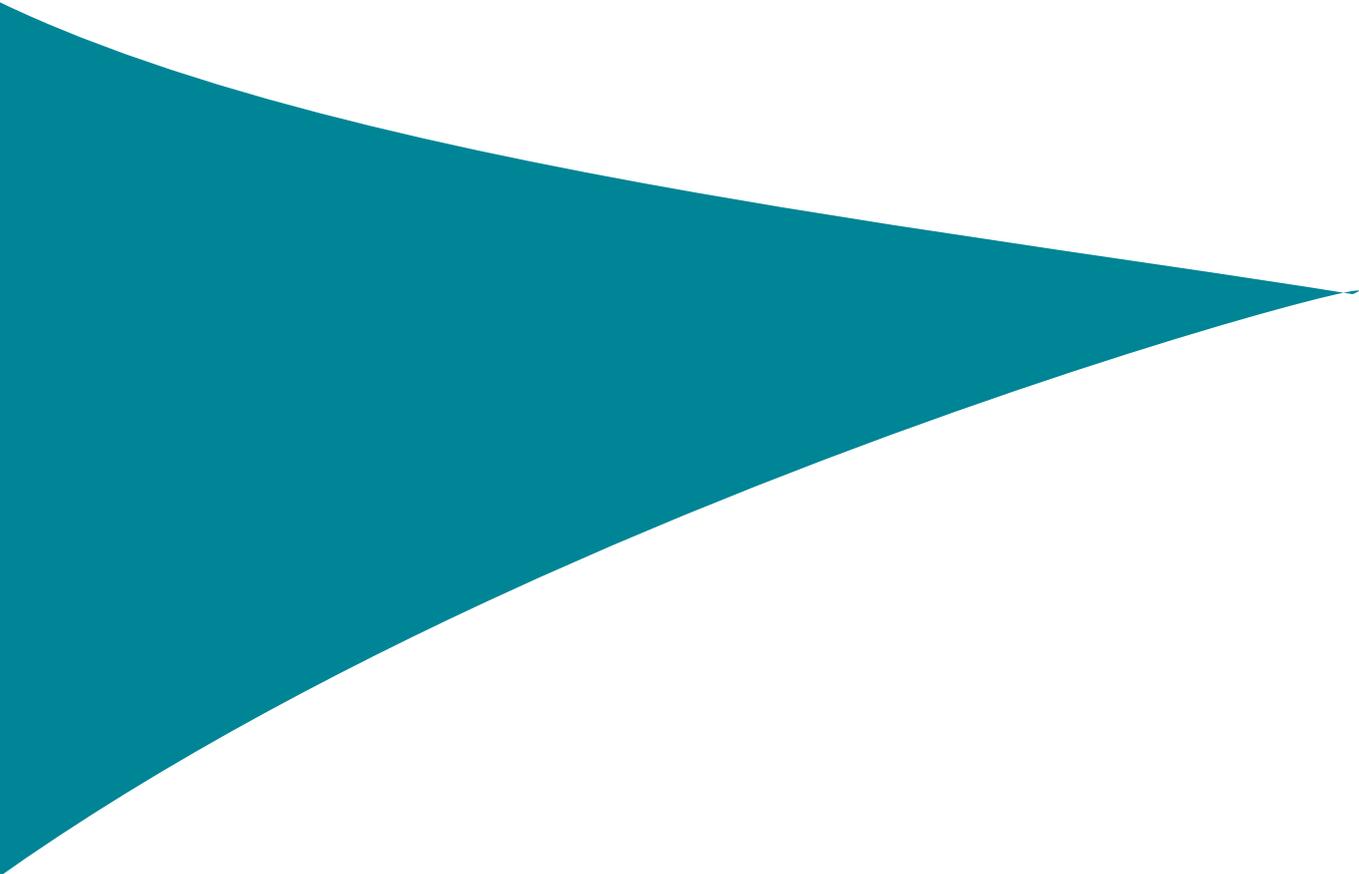
In 2017, the BD decided to allocate € 8000 to the Solidarity Fund. Part of this money was spent, the remaining part was transferred to a separate WBS-number within IMISCOE. € 2000 was spent on a grant for a threatened PhD-student, in 2018 this was Canu Akbas Demirel. Another € 1000 was spend on the Scholars at Risk membership.

2.8.6 EuMIGS (budgeted 0; actual: € 1250).

The EB decided to allocate a budget of € 1250 to EuMIGS, the latter requesting this sum in order to organize a field-trip to Brussels for EuMIGS-students.

2.8.7 Young Minds (budgeted 0; allocated € 952).

In addition, IMISCOE has paid € 952 in the context of the Cross Migration IMISCOE collaboration, which has started at the end of 2018. The first step was to merge the databases from IMISCOE and the new one, which is designed by Young Minds (an IT company that works for Cross Migration Project). This transfer is being dealt with by both Young Minds and our own Design Server in Amsterdam, which means an extra cost for IMISCOE.



Investment Plan / Reserves

From reserves: Investment Short Books and Solidarity Fund

Below, the Investment has been displayed. We aim to invest a total amount of € 118.000. However, please note that the Investment Committee – at the time of designing the Investment Plan – assumed a reserve of over € 190.000. However, there was a correction of the reserves of € 22.000, which went to payment of the former webmaster Ali Konyali (see financial report 2017). At the time of the discussion on the Investment Plan, this information was unfortunately not processed yet by our financial department. The reserves at the beginning of 2018 were hence € 173.395. If we want to maintain 25% of our current annual budget over € 300.000, we should maintain a reserve level of € 75.000. This means that we only can spend $173.395 - 75.000 = € 98395$. With this information in mind, the Investment Plan in the below should be reconsidered in the upcoming year (2019).

Spending 2018:

An amount of € 17.364 was spent on the Research conference in Rotterdam (the estimated budget was € 15.000). This figure may increase in 2019, as we are still receiving reimbursement costs up to € 300 (p/p) of conference participants.

The Investment committee recommended spending the surplus reserves on the following aims. What is marked in GREEN, was spent in 2018 (or even more):

- Reform of IMISCOE's research structure (€ 60.000). The Network is currently undergoing a structural change in the structure of standing committees and research initiatives. This involves adding new standing committees and sometimes converging current standing committees (see plans on future research structure). To facilitate this transition, and to provide the standing committees with a bit more long-term funding, the committee proposes to invest € 60.000 to allow standing committees to reform and develop further. These funds can be used for meetings of the SC's. In return, IMISCOE will try to embed the SC's more in the other developments in the network, in particular by asking SC's to produce one policy brief or one video-contribution to IMISCOE's website per year.
- Research conference in Rotterdam (€ 15.000). To mark the transition from the 'old' to the 'new' research structure, it would be good to have a research conference that brings together the key actors for all SC's. The idea is to organize a Research Conference (29-30 November, in Rotterdam) together with the IMISCOE CrossMigration H2020 project.
- Innovations in the website (€ 30000). The current website is already in need for further innovations in order to keep up with what is expected from websites; and to enhance its function as a central hub in the academic community of migration scholars. This involves adjusting the website to accommodate more movies and infographics, and to develop a section with policy briefs from projects by IMISCOE partners.
 - Awards for advanced-career migration scholars (€ 3000). Currently, IMISCOE has awards for PhD students, and for best papers at the annual conference. The committee would like to install two more awards; one for mid-career scholars (for instance a Research Award) and one for advanced scholars (career award, or contribution to the field award).
 - Support for the coordinator (€ 10 000). The growth of the network has also led to a growing workload at the side of the coordinator. An increase in the contribution to the coordinator will allow for more time to invest in IMISCOE.

Financial statement of the Financial Committee

Statement of the financial committee on the financial report concerning the period January to December 2018

Arnfinn H. Midtbøen and Wiebke Sievers, 7 february 2019

The IMISCOE financial committee has checked the incoming and outgoing payments reported by the IMISCOE network office for the financial period January to December 2018 and confirms that the financial transactions are in accordance with our rules. In addition, we have checked the expenses incurred by the research groups and standing committees that were awarded IMISCOE funding for the period April 2017 to March 2018 as well as the income and expenses of the Warsaw spring conference, the Barcelona annual conference and the Middlesex summer school.

All expenses are plausible and seem to have been implemented in a very cost-saving manner.

Most of the comments we had regarding the financial report were included in the excel document and the memo on the financial report written by the network office. We have no further comments to add to these documents that to our mind provide detailed explanations for all costs incurred in this period.

However, we would like to raise two points that are of a more general nature.

The first concerns the underspending in the field of research and the simultaneous overspending in the field of communication. We have flagged for several years now the underspending of standing committees and research initiatives. However, this year the problem has become even more pronounced since we only received very few applications for research funding. So instead of the €51.000 budgeted for research activities, we only spent €29.737,80. At the same time, we massively overspent in communication (budgeted: € 7000; actual: € 17.743,22). The network office uses these funds to automatize some of the most time-consuming tasks for the annual conference, so the money is certainly well spent. However, we should make sure to reverse this trend again in the coming years.

Secondly, we wonder whether we do not need to adapt our financial system to the changing structure of the network. We mainly raise this because the current system treats the members who receive funding from IMISCOE very differently with regard to whether and how they have to report on their use of these funds.

We currently differentiate between four groups who receive funding from IMISCOE:

1. Standing committees and research initiatives: They are awarded budgets between €2.500 and €5.000 per year. The payment is made in two instalments, 80% advance plus the remaining 20% when they have sent us their reports. We ask the research initiatives and standing committees for detailed standard reports on how they spend their funds. There are also quite clear criteria regarding what costs are eligible for reimbursement. In addition, they are no longer allowed to transfer the funds they have not spent to the coming year (we discontinued this practice when we realized that it caused quite some trouble for the financial statements mainly because the funding is paid in two instalments). In other words, we control the SCs and RIs very strictly. This is a remnant of our EU history.
2. Conference and summer school organizers: They receive between €6.000 and €50.000. We have now introduced reports for the organizers of conferences and summer schools, but are not as strict. We do not apply the specific eligibility criteria. In addition, the coordinator allowed last year's organizer of the summer school to reuse funds not spent for a workshop to be organized this year.
3. The PhD network: They receive about €2000 per year to organize a workshop and report directly to the Board of Directors once a year.

4. Chairs of other committees: Finally, we give between €2.500 and €10.000 to the chairs of the following other committees in IMISCOE: The editorial committee (€10.000), the external affairs committee (€2.500), the training committee (€2.500), the CMS board (€2.500), and the PhD network (€2.500). However, we do not ask them to report at all on how they use these funds.

We believe that we need to discuss these differences in the Board of Directors and find a solution that treats all those who receive funding the same way. One solution could be to relax the control over the SCs and RIs, another to make the financial control over the conferences, the summer schools and the other committees stricter. We have no clear recommendation about the degree of financial control, but think that all committees and activities should be subject to equal treatment.



IMISCOE AGENDA

Upcoming IMISCOE Events

Date	Event
28 - 29 March 2019	IMISCOE spring conference: Transforming Mobility and Immobility: Brexit and Beyond
March 2019	The Call for Research Initiatives and Standing Committees will follow next March 2019
9 – 14 June 2019	Summer School Istanbul (CGM and GAR)
26-28 June 2019	16th IMISCOE Annual Conference: Understanding Migration in the 21st Century: Conceptual and Methodological Issues and Trends in Migration Studies, MIM, Malmo University (Malmö, Sweden)
6-7 February 2020	IMISCOE Spring Conference in Lisbon, Portugal
30 June - 2 July 2020	17th IMISCOE Annual Conference: Crossing borders, connecting cultures, FLSHASE, Université du Luxembourg (Luxembourg)





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