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## Colophon

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

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# Foreword



## The resiliency of the IMISCOE community

This annual report covers what has probably been the most challenging year since the establishment of IMISCOE in 2004. In 2020, the entire world struggled with something much more significant than doing research, writing articles, and going to conferences. The COVID19 pandemic has posed a threat to health and security for people all over the world, bringing almost everything that we took for granted and that we now consider 'the old normal' to a halt. It was also a year that revealed the great resilience of the IMISCOE community. Our community had to reinvent itself. In view of the health and security of participants, the network's annual conference became fully digital for the very first time in our history. This was challenging and it will never make up for the real face-to-face contact and interactions that make the conference so popular among us all. But it did provide a welcome opportunity to at least get together, even if virtually, and express our solidarity to each other. It also provided an opportunity to reflect on the pandemic from a migration studies perspective, bringing to light, among other observations, the new inequalities that the pandemic has triggered.

The year 2020 also finally brought systemic racism onto the broader public agenda. All over the world, the Black Lives Matter movement drew attention to racial injustice. This has triggered a process of reflection on what IMISCOE can do to fight racism, also in how the network itself operates. The IMISCOE Anti-Racism Working group has been reviewing various aspects of the network's activities and suggesting ways of enhancing diversity. With a very successful seminar series it has also contributed to public debate in a time when the voice of science has been more necessary and appreciated than ever before.

So, for IMISCOE, 2020 was an incredibly challenging but also an incredibly important year. It emerges from this year a different network but also a stronger network; a network that has shown its

resilience when the times demand changes. I wish to express my enormous gratitude to all those who helped reinvent IMISCOE's activities in these times of pandemic and all those who helped take up the fight against racial injustice.

With that said, we are not there yet. At the time of writing of this foreword, the pandemic was still far from over. Again in 2021 the network will continue most of its activities but in another way, including, once more, an online annual conference. Moreover, working together against racism and discrimination will not be a sprint but a marathon. We need to continue working hard to make IMISCOE a positive example and to keep racial equality on the broader research agenda.

I wish for each of you to make it through this period safely and in good health. Let's hope that soon we can resume some form of normality and see and meet each other again in real life, something that we are all longing for. However, I'm sure that the new normality will be different than before, with a reinvented IMISCOE operating in rapidly changing times. Let's look back on the year 2020 as a year that made us, as the IMISCOE

*B. Scholten*





# State of the Network

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

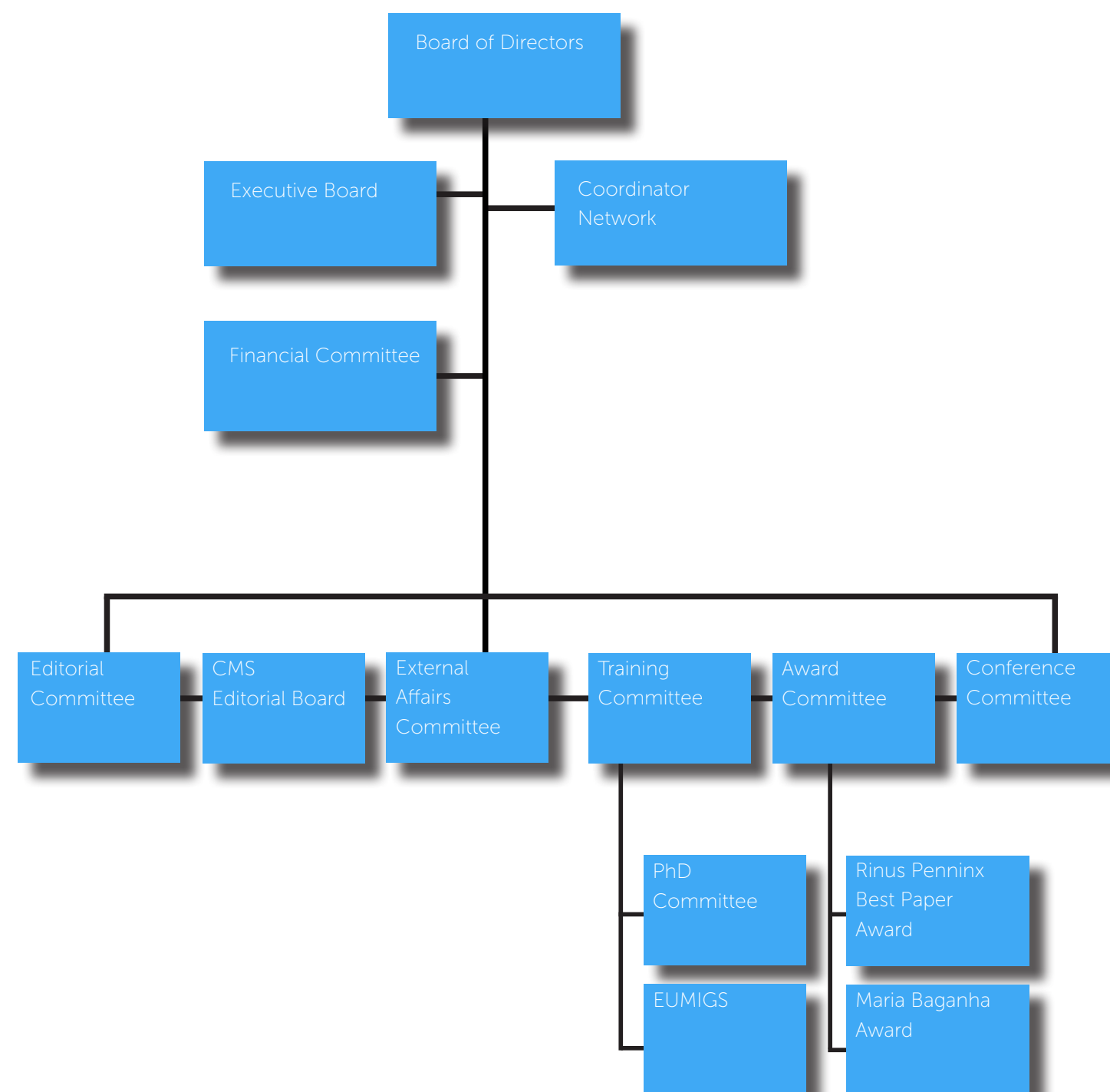
## History

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE) was established as a Network of Excellence on April 2004. Initially, the European Commission funded the network (in a period of 1 April 2004- 31 March 200) for five years. The funding was seen as an investment that should encourage cooperation between researchers in the EU. In 2010, when the funding expired, IMISCOE showed its success and decided, with the participants, to continue the collaboration in an independent IMISCOE research network. Since, 2014 the coordination of the network is allocated to Erasmus University Rotterdam. By 2019, the network expanded its participation and success to 51 institutes and more than 1000 researchers. Herein, a great number of publications based on systematic comparison is generated and new, comparative, and interdisciplinary research also. Moreover, IMISCOE has an infrastructure for the training of future researchers and focuses on disseminating the knowledge that is generated within the network. IMISCOE's legitimacy and relevance is to be seen in its ability to reinvent itself as a Research Network. There are three significant contributions of IMISCOE to the development of migration and integration research in Europe. First of all, it has provided a platform for excellent scholars throughout (and beyond) Europe, to initiate comparative research and organize research projects. IMISCOE is also the largest European network of scholars in the area of migration and integration research. The IMISCOE conferences contribute a lot to migration scholars. Secondly, IMISCOE also contributed to the training of young researchers and the exchange of researchers throughout and beyond Europe. Lastly, IMISCOE promotes mutual dialogue between society and researchers (policy, politics, and civil society). This also contributes to the joint shaping of research agendas and also the joint operation in research proposals.

The organogram shows the organizational structure of IMISCOE. The Board of Directors is the highest authority in the network and decides on the network structuring activities — the joint programme of activities, the allocating of funds and the financial accounting, any changes in the membership and appointments of new working groups. The BD is the central decision-making and policy defining body of IMISCOE. It can delegate some of its tasks, especially those of controlling the executive function of IMISCOE, to the Executive Board. The Executive Board prepares the decisions taken by the Board of Directors and the members are also elected by the BD. The Coordinator of IMISCOE is the main executive body within IMISCOE. The Coordinator is supported by a Network office that fulfils IMISCOE's day to day tasks. In addition, the Financial Committee administers finances of the IMISCOE Research Network and guarantees financial accountability. Various of IMISCOE's core activities are organized in task-specific committees. The Editorial Committee guarantees the quality of the IMISCOE publications and herein reviews submitted publication, advises on the structure of the IMISCOE publication program. The journal CMS is led by an

Editorial Board. The External Affairs Committee defines policies concerning IMISCOE's external relations, in particular relations to the broader social, policy and political environment. The training committee groups together a number of key activities related to PhD and MA/MSc level training, including the PhD Committee, EuMIGS and the organization of PhD summer schools. Finally, there are several committees specifically for IMISCOE Awards, including Maria Baganha PhD Award committee, and the Rinus Penninx Best Paper award committee. Board of Directors and Executive Board.

## Organisational Structure





## Board of Directors

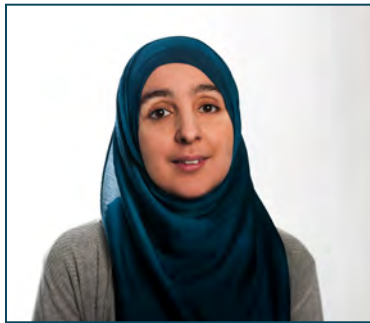
The Board of Directors (BD) is the central decision-making and policy defining body of IMISCOE. Every member institute is allowed to delegate one representative to the BD, which meets at least twice per year. The BD takes decisions as much as possible based on consensus. The meetings of the BD are chaired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

## Coordinator and Network Office

The Coordinator is the main executive power in IMISCOE, and is controlled by the BD, EB and Financial Committee. The coordinator is elected once in every four years by the Board of Directors, based on a detailed 'bid book' containing a policy and financial program for IMISCOE for a 4-years period. Coordinators can be re-elected. From 2004 to 2014, Rinus Penninx (University of Amsterdam) was the coordinator of IMISCOE. From 2014-2018, Maurice Crul and Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam) shared the coordinator role, and from 2018-2022 Peter Scholten will be the coordinator of IMISCOE. The coordinator is supported by a Network Office, also established at Erasmus University Rotterdam. The Network Office consists of Karin Milovanovic (website, journal CMS and communication) and Adham Aly (junior network officer). Angelique van Dam has replaced Warda Belabas as senior network officer in the year 2020.



Karin Milovanovic



Warda Belabas



Adham Aly



Angelique van Dam



Peter Scholten

## 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:

- Marco Martiniello
- Veronika Bilgir



Marco Martiniello



Veronica Bilgir



# 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 video conferences (holding eight to ten meetings annually).

### Members of the Executive Board

- Gianni D’ Amato (University of Neuchâtel, SFM/FMS - Switzerland)
- Pieter Bevelander (Malmo University, MIM - Sweden)
- Lucinda Fonesca (University of Lisbon, IGOT/UL - Portugal)
- Wiebke Sievers (Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, Austria).
- Eleonore Kofman (University of Middlesex, MDX - United Kingdom)
- Parvati Raghuram (Open University, United Kingdom).
- Peter Scholten (EUR, coordinator IMISCOE - The Netherlands)
- Angelique van Dam (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
- 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
- Birte Nienaber, University of Luxembourg
- Albert Kraler, Department for Migration and Globalization, Danube University Krems
- Aneta Piekut, Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield, UK
- Laura Oso, Universidade da Coruña, Spain
- Ettore Recchi, Science Po University, Paris
- Sabrina Marchetti, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
- Irene Ponzio, FIERI - Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull’Immigrazione, Turin, Italy
- Helen Schwenken, Universität Osnabrück
- Irina Isaakyan serves as the committee’s managing editor

## External Affairs Committee

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

### Members of the External Affairs Committee

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

## CMS Editorial Committee

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

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

## Training Committee

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

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

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

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



## Award Committees

### Members of the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award Committee

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

### Members of the Maria Baganha PhD Thesis Award

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

## IMISCOE PhD Network

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

The PhD Representative for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 is Isabella Trombetta.

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

## EuMIGS - European Master in Migration Studies

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

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

## IMISCOE Awards

### Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award

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

### Maria Baganha Award

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

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

The winner of the 2020 IMISCOE Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award is **Dr. Gerhild Perl**. Her dissertation, entitled: "Traces of death. Exploring affective responsiveness across the Spanish- Moroccan Sea" was defended on 28 February, 2019.

The award ceremony took place during the 17th Imiscoe Online Conference, 2 July, 2020.



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how contemporary borders produce death, but also explores the productive power of death (Bloch and Parry 1982). She does so by showing that death at and due to the border is not only the irreversible end of individual life but also a generative rupture in the social world.

The focus on one critical event does not narrow down the analysis of the European border regime, but the opposite is the case. Using one of thousands of shipwrecks as an example, enables her to show the continuity of deadly migration policies and politics and the persistence of the EU's politics of irresponsibility.



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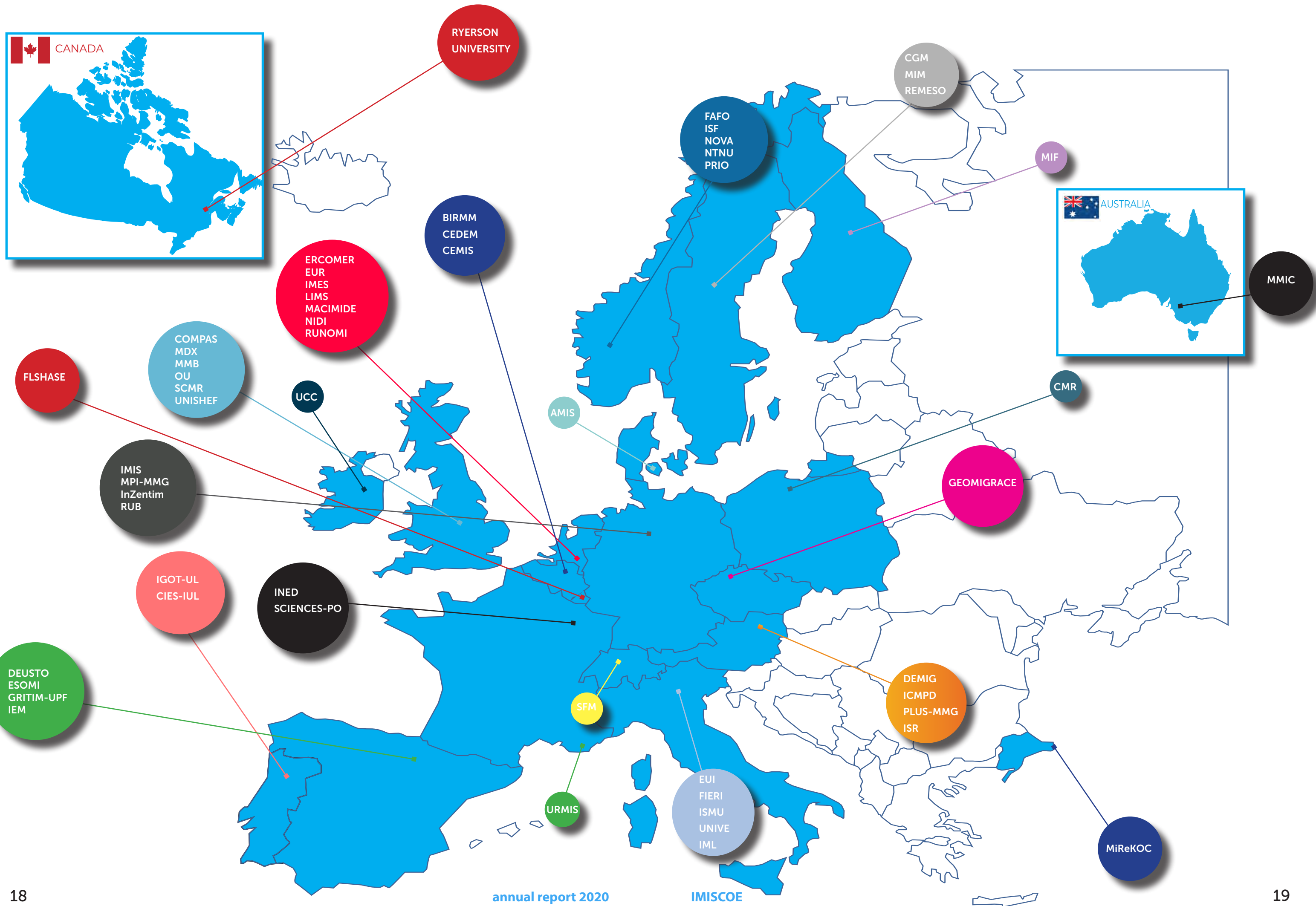
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*Gerhild Perl* is a postdoctoral researcher and lecturer at the department of Social Anthropology at the University of Bern. She received her PhD from the University of Bern in February 2019. Gerhild did her Master studies of Anthropology and Philosophy in Vienna and Lisbon and she was a visiting PhD student at the University of Cambridge in 2017/18. She conducted her PhD research within the project "Intimate Uncertainties: Precarious Life and Moral Economy across European Borders," directed by Sabine Strasser (University of Bern) and funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. Gerhild's research and teaching interests include existential approaches to life and death, irregular migration, political anthropology as well as the past and present of the Moroccan-Spanish border region.



Dr. Gerhild Perl







Overview of Member Institutes

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

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



# Associations with IMISCOE

There has been a growing demand towards IMISCOE to form associations with other networks or organizations. Currently, IMISCOE is associated to Sirius, the EuroMediterranean Network and with the Western Balkan Migration Network. 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



Poland - Warsaw, 2018 - Spring Conference



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

Director: Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Spain

## General Overview of EuroMedMig in 2020

The year 2020 brought with it many obstacles, with Covid-19, we quickly had to adapt to new ways of working in order to move forward with the network activities already planned for the year. Through adaptation and determination, we were able to not only complete the annual tasks but go above and beyond these. Publishing and hosting a growing number of works, audiovisual recordings, seminars and related events. We also experienced a wide increase in the number subscribers to our mailing list and a growth in those engaging with EuroMedMig through our multiple online platforms including our social media channels and website, thus reaching a wider audience. During 2020, EuroMedMig produced a total of: 3 Working Papers, 1 Policy Paper, 7 Seminars with Audiovisual Recordings.

Within the framework of the EUMedMi we continued coordinating a 3-year int. project which is a IMISCOE regional network and its funded by the Erasmus + Jean Monnet Network Program (2019-2022) “EUMedMi: Mapping European Mediterranean Migration Studies”, and with institutional support of UfM. All planned activities for this project were also successfully achieved including: the planning of a PhD Summer School which will take place during the summer of 2021, an Annual General Meeting, and 2 National Workshops for which two Audiovisual Recordings have been produced and two Policy Papers will follow. In doing so, EuroMedMig was able to fulfill its three main pillars Research Excellence, Advanced Training and Policy and Social Dialogue.

Furthermore, IMISCOE and EuroMedMig continue to work closely as all the European members of EuroMedMig are also IMISCOE members of the Board of Directors, and they are currently exploring the possibilities of having EuroMedMig members who are not yet members of IMISCOE be incorporated and involved in IMISCOE activities.

### Steering Committee

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

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

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

#### Publications

The book titled "Migration in the Western Balkans: What do we know?" co-edited by Professor Russell King and Nermin Oruc, was published by Taylor&Francis. The book generates insight into the complex geopolitics of the region, the relationship between migration and development, diasporas, and refugees and humanitarianism. The importance and originality of these chapters are that they expose the multiple migration dynamics of a region which has had a troubled past yet stands on the threshold of EU membership. Book



provides review of multiple migration processes and new information on the region, and will be of importance to scholars of migration, the Balkans and geopolitics.

#### Events

1. One of the events that WB-MIGNET organized is the First Regional Winter School "Diaspora for Local Development", held in Belgrade, Serbia in period of 10 – 11 December 2019 at ENVOY Conference Center. School gathered more than 40 representatives of municipalities and ministries from the region, representatives of: BiH authorities, the Migration Council and Municipalities of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Diaspora and Municipalities in Kosovo, and representatives of the National Diaspora Agency, Minister of State for Diaspora of Albania and the Development Fund for the Diaspora of the Republic of Albania. It is designed as a two-day school with a series of lectures by distinguished speakers, interactive workshops, engaging debates and round tables, but also with enough time set aside for getting to know each other, to network with professionals and for discussing common future projects and initiatives.
2. Prof. Russell King, the president of WB-MIGNET's Academic Advisory Board and Nermin Oruc network coordinator, gave lectures at the Second UniAdriatic Summer School in Ancona on "Migration and mobility in the Balkans". School intended to provide an intensive training course for Master and PhD students, young researchers and officers who are interested in the current economic and socio-demographic situation of the Balkans. The school was a part of the UniAdriatic activities aiming to encourage an integrated dialogue among young scholars coming from Universities of the Adriatic – Ionian region.

#### Projects

In addition to abovementioned activities, Consortium led by Centre for Economic and Social Studies – CESS from Tirana, Albania won funding for project proposal "Internships of young researchers to migration think tanks in Western Balkans". The consortium includes University of Belgrade, Faculty of Geography, Serbia; Centre for Development Evaluation and Social Science Research (CREDI), BiH; Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses (ISSP), Montenegro. Within the project, young researchers in the field of migration will have the opportunity to visit think tanks and institutes that are members of WB-MIGNET. The funding for this project was received from Western Balkan Fund.







Despite the polarization in public and policy debates generated by the post-2014 fluxes of refugees, asylum applicants and migrants, European countries need to work out an evidence-based way to deal with migration and asylum rather than a prejudice-based one. The project, SIRIUS, builds on a multi-dimensional conceptual framework in which host country or political-institutional, societal and individual-related conditions function either as enablers or as barriers to migrants', refugees' and asylum seekers' integration via the labour market.

### SIRIUS has three main objectives

1. To provide systematic evidence on post-2014 migrants, refugees and asylum applicants especially women and young people and their potential for labour market employment and, more broadly, social integration
2. To advance knowledge on the complexity of labour market integration for post-2014 migrants, refugees and asylum applicants, and to explore their integration potential by looking into their spatial distribution (in relation to the distribution of labour demand across the labour market), while taking into account labour market characteristics and needs in different country and socio-economic contexts.
3. To advance a theoretical framework for an inclusive integration agenda, outlining an optimal mix of policy pathways for labour market integration including concrete steps that Member States and other European countries along with the EU can take to ensure that migrant-integration policies and the broader system of workforce-development, training, and employment programmes support new arrivals' access to decent work opportunities and working conditions.

**SIRIUS** has a mixed methods approach and innovative dissemination plan involving online priority action networks, film essays, festival, job fair and an applied game along with scientific and policy dialogue workshops and conferences.

For more information see: <https://www.sirius-project.eu/>



SIRIUS researchers at the 16th IMISCOE Conference - Malmö

## Anti-Racism Working group

*Dear IMISCOE community,*

2020 was a peculiar year for all of us. Storms of change as new events hit us, finding new 'normals', but also a year that gave us a much-needed reminder of a fight we so often tend to overlook: the fight against racism.

The storylines from the United States reminded us that an equal world globally is still a long way off. In response to these provocations IMISCOE created an ad-hoc "Anti-racism working group" led by *Parvati Raghuram*. A group of more than 20 academics from the network meet monthly to catalyse IMISCOE's efforts around anti-racism. This is necessarily an open-end project, targeting a lasting legacy that can inherently change and address racism both as a research topic as it is deeply entangled with migration but also in how we organise ourselves.

As a working group it is here to support and foster activities across the network, to propel IMISCOE organization, its' frameworks and member institutes to collectively do our parts and more in the fight against racism.

Concretely, IMISCOE and the **ARWG** aimed to do several things and our work thus far is presented in italics:

### Reflect

- Audit current activities and roles in order to develop concrete and time-tabled action plans for IMISCOE specifically and for migration studies in general. This is ongoing and member institutes will be invited to respond to a questionnaire shortly.
- Reflect how the network represents itself, i.e. its name and mode of organisation in external communications. To be discussed by BD on 30 March.

### Represent

- Invite, include, and work with leadership by black and other racialized and discriminated scholars within the various IMISCOE bodies and committees. Work with SCs to achieve this.
- Enhance the presence and participation of black and racially discriminated scholars at IMISCOE events and activities, including plenaries, keynotes, publication strategies
- Improve citational practices in our research to highlight black and other discriminated scholars' research and insights. Help institute an inclusive conference policy

### Redress

- Establish an IMISCOE Seminar Series to explore and address structural racism and racial inequities in migration research and improve support for anti-racist and anti-discriminatory research and researchers. This is ongoing and we have an active and committed audience.
- Setting up research initiative and/or standing committee on the study of racism, discrimination, racist and antiracist movements, and policies, while striving to mainstream these issues within IMISCOE more generally. Dependent on funds and will be revisited after July.
- Facilitate IMISCOE's interdisciplinary researchers to strengthen their teaching, pedagogies, and curriculum content so as to enhance critical perspectives on racism, coloniality, and discrimination and how these intersect with gender and class and other intersectional insights. To be the main focus for 2021-2022.



- Improve access to IMISCOE activities and events for scholars in the global South, recognising that global divisions of injustice blocks and impedes scholars from Global South from participating on equal terms. It will strive to ensure that IMISCOE becomes an inclusive network of research institutions. The online conferencing required by the pandemic has enabled us to be more open than we were previously although digital access remains a divide. We aim to work further on this in the coming year.

#### Review

- Publish annual reports on the progress made regarding the goals above reflected in IMISCOE governance and strategy, communications, teaching, and PhD training.

As migration scholars we are part of a broader academic community in which the struggle against racism and racial injustice is important. We will thus strive to encourage similar actions within our universities and research centres. We hope to give you incrementally improved updates each annual report, sincerely, Anti-racism working group.



Switzerland - Geneva, 2015 - Annual Conference



# A chat with - Warda Belabas

Hi Warda, here we are! "Virtually" sitting down discussing your "goodbye (see you later)" to IMISCOE and going down memory lane. Many now come to connect IMISCOE with you given your role in the past years. Yet as some may know, since November you are no longer the Network Officer. In this past year quite some things happened, amongst which: you defended your PhD and recently become an Assistant Professor at EUR while coincidentally saying farewell to IMISCOE. Lots to unravel, let's start here: congrats on the behalf of the whole community and the Network Office on these two huge accomplishments.

- How did it feel to first complete your PhD and then move to your new position?

Thank you, Adham. Well, as you know I have been combining my work as IMISCOE's senior network officer and my work as a researcher, for the last 6 years. The last few years were very hectic, because there was so much going on within IMISCOE and also with the research that I was conducting in terms of field work and writing. I must say that even though it was a very hectic period, I really loved this combination of organizational tasks as network officer on the one hand, and the intellectual exercise of doing research. So...to answer your question the transfer to the assistant professor....was quite BIG! In the first few months I did not do any lecturing and could fully focus on my research. I really enjoyed working quietly and very focused on my research....but I ofcourse also missed the dynamic atmosphere that IMISCOE brought with it.

- The new step of course meant that you could not be the Network Officer anymore. Let's start from the very beginning of this adventure. Do you remember how you first got in touch with IMISCOE. How did you find out about it and how did you first get involved?

Yes, I can definitely remember how this adventure started. We should go back to somewhere end 2013, or beginning 2014, when Peter Scholten (together with Maurice Crul) was working on a bid, to get IMISCOE to Rotterdam. At that point in time I had been working with Peter a bit on research, and I was teaching many courses within the public administration bachelor. One day Peter asked me if I would be interested in doing some work for IMISCOE, if the bid was accepted... so it was conditionally at that point. I did hear from IMISCOE, as some colleagues visited the annual conferences, but I was not aware of the many other activities that IMISCOE covered, such as publications, training and seed funding for research.



After my talk with Peter I started reading a bit more on the network and I was really impressed with the network...well the rest is history. After we got the bid accepted, I started the new job!

- Many years later, it feels like IMISCOE "rhymes" with your name being the operating heartbeat of the numerous activities the network engages with. What were some of the best memories still hold from your years in the office?

For me the best memories are the conferences, both the spring conferences and the annual conferences. The reason for this is that during the whole year we are working within the network office and also with many others within the network on all sort of activities. There are so many e-mails, meetings and other type of exchanges within the network...and it all comes together during the conferences. There, you can meet again with all these people who one way or the other are interested or connected to migration studies. In the first year, I was also very nervous about meeting everyone, but after some time....I really enjoyed these moments where research, organization and people all came together. Especially in these difficult times with the pandemic, I look back with a smile thinking of these conferences, where in the last year more than 750 people participated....

Other great memory is the great collaboration with the network office team: working with Peter, Karin, Angelique and you, was always very productive and hilarious at moments...we had some great laughs during our time together, so I am very much thankful for having been part of this team.

- What will you miss the most about your Network Officer position?

The people. The researchers. The host organizers and their local teams of people who want to deliver good work. The many e-mails from everyone in the network. Haha, that's sounds a bit strange..."the many e-mails", but what I loved about my work as network officer was that I could facilitate so many activities and events for others within the network. I will miss this daily communication with the community very much.

- Let's spill some tea. You've been to many conferences, and they were all beautiful in their own rights. Which one do you recall the most and why?

The one that I remember most, was the first one in Madrid in 2014. I was so overwhelmed by the work that needed to be done and the many people that participated, that it really took me a while to adapt...what really helped me during this conference was the great support of prof Joaquin Eguren and his team. They understood very well that I just started the job and had to learn a lot, so together we made it a success. I will not forget the warmth and support that the team in Madrid provided Karin and me with. Of course, all the other conferences were great in their own way, but in terms of personal growth....this one I won't forget any time soon.

- As we know, Network Offices change over time, yet IMISCOE stays. We recently celebrated our 15th year anniversary. What is your wish for IMISCOE in the next 15 (and a 100) years?

In the next 15 years, I really hope that IMISCOE keeps growing as an European and international academic network, without losing the engagement with and the involvement of the community of researchers, that form its backbone. This is a big challenge for IMISCOE, and I hope we will succeed. Secondly, I also hope that the academic network that IMISCOE is, will find even more ways to make a strong impact and connect more with the world of policy making and more broadly with society. That we as researchers work on topics that are needed, and that we connect all this knowledge with the challenges of contemporary societies.

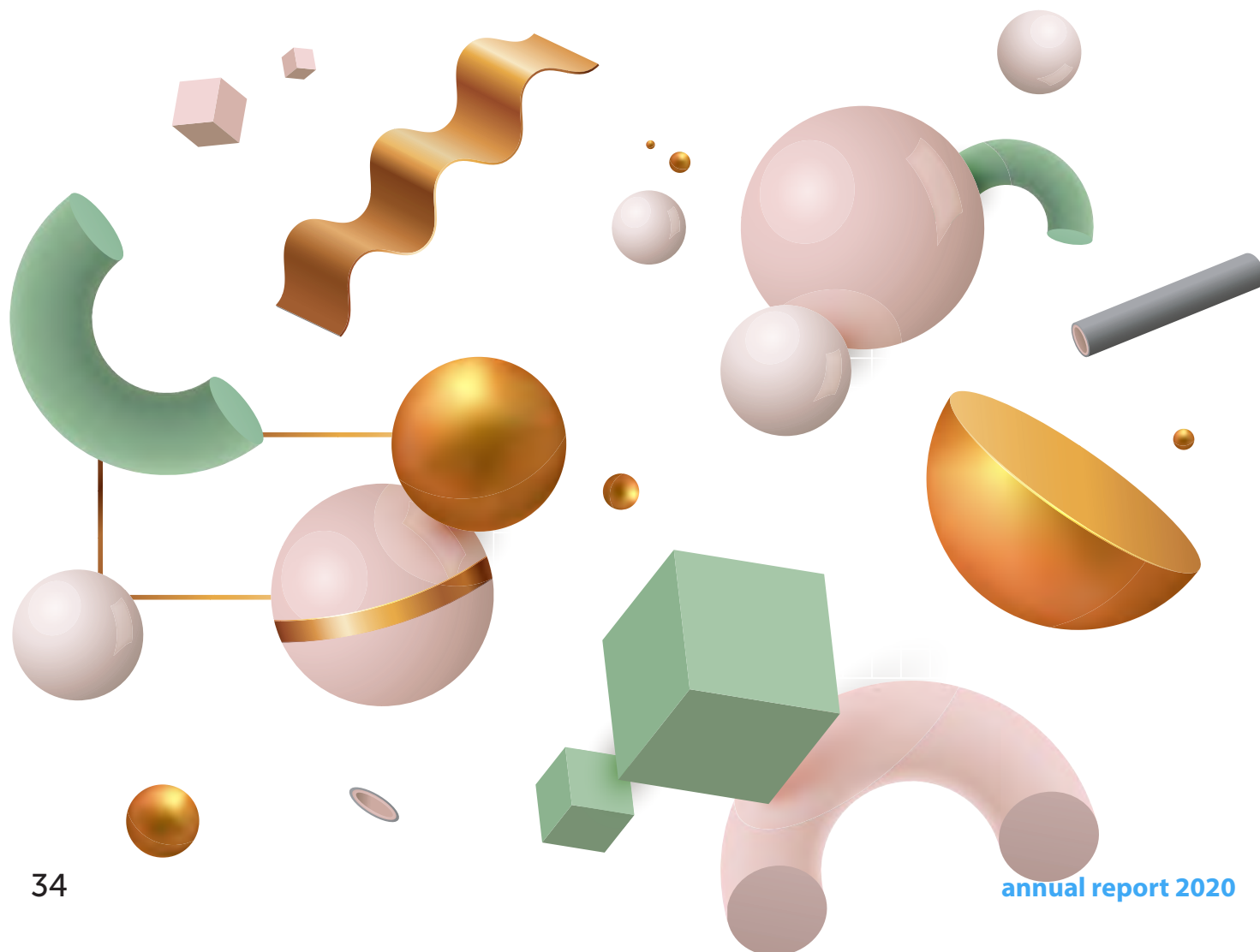
## A Chat With

- On a personal note, what are you working or planning on for the future you'd like to let the community know?

Well, currently I am working on some projects that follow from my broader research agenda, in which I focus on how governments respond to migration-related diversity. More specifically I focus on how local governments communicate, for example via city branding and also via political leaders such as mayors, in the context of superdiverse societies. So, how does government communication adapt to these superdiverse contexts? And more importantly, how are these messages received by migrants and natives. In one of my projects I look at the potential of inclusive city brands in creating a shared sense of belonging for both migrants and natives.

These topics of government communication, city branding, and political leadership on the one hand and the implications for identification and belonging of migrants on the other hand is the core of my work, and my interest...so I really look forward working on this more, and sharing with you some of my findings. Hopefully soon, after the pandemic, were we hopefully can go back to big conferences with more than 800 people!

Warda, we want to thank you for taking the time to chat with us. This interview is only a snippet, and we're all aware this could have easily been transformed into a booklet of stories! And of course, thank you for these years as the IMISCOE Network Officer. We now look forward in having you around IMISCOE in a different role!



# IMISCOE's Research Infrastructure

We are happy to present the 10 Standing Committees, which will be structurally supported by IMISCOE. In addition we are also presenting the 3 research initiatives that have IMISCOE support for 2020. Due to the pandemic and the budget cuts, we did not have a new call for research initiatives this year.

## Standing Committees

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

- Methodological Approaches and Tools in Migration Research
- Education and Social Inequality
- Migration Politics and Governance
- Immigration, Immigrants and the Labour Market in Europe
- Gender and Sexuality in Migration Research
- Older Migrants
- Superdiversity, Migration and Cultural Change
- Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation
- Migrant Transnationalism
- Reflexive Migration Studies

## Methodological Approaches and Tools in Migration Research (Meth@Mig)

### Coordinators

- Justyna Salamońska, University of Warsaw, Poland
  - Steffen Pötzschke, Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences, Germany
  - Sebastian Rinken, Institute for Advanced Social Studies, Spanish Research Council, Spain
  - Evren Yalaz, GRITIM-UPF, Spain
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- Springer, publication envisioned for Spring 2021.
  - Quantitative Methods in Migration Studies by Agata Górny and Justyna Salamońska, IMISCOE Short Reader series, Springer, publication envisioned for Spring 2021.
  - Key Normative and Descriptive Concepts in Migration Studies, volume edited by Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Dirk Jacobs and Riva Kastoryano.

Throughout 2020 the Meth@Mig SC proceeded with organising and advancing a range of events and publications mainly as planned, albeit re-framing and adapting several of these activities to the challenging context originated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our pre-COVID agenda had included, as one of its highlights, a workshop on the impact of digitisation on migration research methods, which was supposed to take place in Warsaw at the end of 2020. We decided to postpone this event until face-to-face meetings are again feasible. In the meantime, to launch a process of collective reflection on the workshop's topic, the SC governing body opted for a series of online



interviews with scholars and practitioners. The series' first interview, featuring Marzia Rango (GMDAC IOM), was posted on the SC's Youtube Channel [[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SemJp\\_4kC4E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SemJp_4kC4E)] in 2020.

A second video interview featuring Prof. Albert A. Salah (Utrecht University) was conducted in early 2021 and will be made available through our Youtube channel in February. Additional interviews are due to be uploaded in 2021.

The Meth@Mig SC played an active part at the 17th IMISCOE Annual (Online) Conference, hosting a total of five panels on a broad range of methodological topics, including panel studies, visual and digital methods, multi-sited research, participatory approaches, and comparative perspectives. All of these sessions were well-attended and generated vivid discussions. During the online conference, we also organised a Meet Meth@Mig session to introduce the SC, its objectives, specific plans for events and publications, as well as possible ways of engagement and cooperation. For the upcoming 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference in 2021, we launched a call focusing on methodological challenges of doing research during the COVID-19 pandemic, on one hand, and research methods designed to study inequalities and marginalisation, on the other.

SC members continued working on various publications regarding research methods and research ethics, including a special issue of the Qualitative Research Journal, The Practice of Qualitative Research in Migration Studies: Ethical Issues as a Methodological Challenge, edited by Ricard Zapata-Barrero and Evren Yalaz. Other SC outputs will include edited volumes and a short reader on quantitative research methods in migration studies. Progress on these ambitious projects was slowed down by the COVID-19 pandemic but we expect several of these works to be published in 2021.

Presently, the SC has 22 registered members and about further 50 people receiving email information about the SC activities. In addition to using the IMISCOE webpage to advertise activities and news, we also established a Twitter account (@METHatMIG) as an ongoing communication channel on SC activities and source of information on migration research methods. The account was created in June 2020; nevertheless, the landmark of 1,000 followers was already surpassed at the beginning of 2021. We take this as an encouraging sign of interest in methods in migration research, the SC and IMISCOE in general. A members-only mailing list was created in late 2020. Furthermore, the SC's newly created Youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWmCM--tp5ofuYIS8nk40sA>) will serve to disseminate videos related to research methods in migration research.

Looking ahead, the SC will keep on its work on research promotion and publication, training development, and networking. In addition, due to limitations posed by COVID-19, the SC plans to further expand its online activities and its presence at the IMISCOE webpage. Specifically, we aim to launch a "Methods Kitchen" with online resources about research methods, directed in particular at graduate students interested in the topic

## Education and Social Inequality

### Coordinators

- Elif Keskiner, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Christof van Mol, Tilburg University, The Netherlands; (CeMIS), University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Christine Lang, MPI MMG, Göttingen, Germany
- Jens Schneider, (IMIS), Universität Osnabrück
- Nicolai Netz, DZHW, Germany

Education has been one of the earliest topics dealt with comparatively across countries in the IMISCOE network. The Standing Committee aims at stimulating international comparative research on the intersections between education, (international) mobility and social inequality. It combines the research interests and experiences of two previous research clusters: the Standing Committee on Education & Social Mobility (since 2012) and the Research Group on International Student Mobility and Migration (since 2015). The merger of these two clusters reflects the ongoing central importance of the field of education – at the primary, secondary and tertiary level – for understanding international migration patterns as well as experiences and outcomes in host country contexts. Furthermore, it is through education that social inequalities are sustained, increased, or abolished. This is why this research cluster also specifically focuses on "social inequality".

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

### Agenda of activities

The SC plans to systematically extend the research focus to more general questions of social participation in an increasingly diverse and mobile, but also unequal world. On the theoretical level, the spectrum of approaches ranges from theories of social reproduction via capital theories to migration theories. The focal point "social inequality" allows us to study persisting inequalities and differences in education across Europe and beyond, and by this way the SC also invites for studies of discrimination, racism, and other means of social inequality (re)production to be carried out under its umbrella. Doing so, we also want to advance theoretical exchanges in the IMISCOE network, but with a continued strong foothold in empirical research.

In the coming years, the SC plans to organize panels at the annual IMISCOE conferences with open call for papers. Both junior and senior researchers within and outside of the IMISCOE network are welcome to approach us with ideas for workshops and/or with panel suggestions. Please contact the SC coordinators for further information.

### Output

*Pathways to Success-Book (in progress)*

This book project is the joint publication of a comparative research initiative in six countries on the upwardly

mobile descendants of migrants. It sheds light on the barriers and opportunities for successful educational and professional trajectories as well as the institutional contexts shaping them.

*Social Ties Project (in progress)*

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

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

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

Migration Politics and Governance

Coordinators

- Tiziana Caponio, Migration Policy Center, Florence, Italy
- Cathrine Talleraas, Prio, Norway
- Maria Schiller, EUR, Erasmus University, The Netherlands

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

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

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

Agenda of activities

*The MigPOG SC promotes three types of activities*

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

Mid-term conference Migration politics and governance: understanding the relationships

The First Mid-Term Conference of the IMISCOE MigPOG Standing Committee was scheduled to take place at EUI (Florence) on March 26-27th and had the goal of presenting crossing-edge empirical and theoretical papers addressing the link between migration politics and governance. In October 2019 a call for papers was launched that received over 140 abstracts. With the support of the members of the SC Steering Board, 15 papers were selected. Unfortunately, the Mid-term Conference had to be cancelled because of outbreak of the pandemic. However, most of the participants have confirmed their interest in the initiative, that has been proposed to the IMISCOE Call for Papers for the 18th General Conference.

Panels at the Annual IMISCOE General Conference

The SC received 82 paper and 13 panel proposals to the 17th Imiscoe Conference. Based on the programme booklet for the online conference, in total 7 paper sessions were linked to MiGPOG. Furthermore, MiGPOG organised

- the Panel “Migration politics and governance: Taking stock and future directions” consisting of 4 impulse statements (5 min each) followed by a discussion. The panel was cancelled.
- Internal meeting of the members of the Standing Committee

Project Proposal Whole-COMM

A main output of 2020 MiGPOG activities is the project proposal ‘Exploring the Integration of Post-2014 Migrants in Small and Medium-sized Towns and Rural Areas from a Whole of Community Perspective’ (Whole-COMM), presented for funding to the H2020 call SC6-MIGRATION-2018-2019-2020, topic MIGRATION-04-2020 (RIA). The proposal was approved in July 2020 and the project is due to start on

*April 1st, 2021.* The proposal has engaged the following MiGPOG member institutes: FIERI (coordinator of the project together with Collegio Carlo Alberto), Erasmus University, VUB and MPC. Other partners are: Cidob, University of Krems, Technical University of Chemnitz, University of Wroclaw, University of Malmoe, Migration Policy Group, Sabanci University and University of York.

Whole-COMM address the issue of post-2014 migrants integration in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas (SMsTRA) through an innovative Whole-of-Community research approach which conceives of migrant integration as a process of community-making that: takes place in specific local contexts characterised by distinct configurations of structural factors; is brought about by the interactions of multiple actors with their multilevel and multi-situated relations; and is open-ended and can result in either more cohesive or more fragmented social relations. By focusing on SMsTRA, Whole-COMM will contribute to filling a serious gap in existing research and policy debates which so far have been concerned primarily with big cities. Furthermore, Whole-COMM will push forwards scientific knowledge and theorisation on the dynamics and causal mechanisms that shape the complex relationship between immigrant integration policy and community cohesion through a cross-country (8 EU and 2 non-EU countries) and a cross-locality (40 localities) comparative approach, and a mixed-methods research design which matches qualitative and quasi-experimental methods, a survey on attitudes, and quantitative analysis on the impact of policies on social cohesion and immigrants’ integration trajectories.



## Immigration, Immigrants and the Labour Market in Europe

### Coordinators

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

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

For an more information visit our website: [www.iilme-research.org](http://www.iilme-research.org)

### Agenda of activities

#### *Project development meetings*

The long-term aim of the IILME is to produce research which has the potential to have high impact on the academia as well as in the society as a whole. The Standing committee facilitates, supports and actively work for the preparation of research projects including small research initiatives and more ambitious grants. In November 2020, we have organized a meeting open to all members to discuss and develop a new research proposal.

#### *Dissemination and communication activities*

The IILME has a continuous and active presence during the annual IMISCOE conference. Open calls and special panels are organized on annual basis and advertised through the IMISCOE and IILME channels. We have created new website, [iilme-research.org](http://iilme-research.org), where we provide information on all our activities and host a blog. Members also disseminate IILME research through the participation to other relevant conferences and non-academic events with the aim of contributing to the social and policy debate. An example is provided by the forthcoming ETUC online workshop on migration and trade unions which is co-organized by members of the IILME (in January 2021).

#### *Publications*

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

The IILME website provides an important room for the publication of blog posts by members of the IILME and guest academics.

#### *Providing supporting facilities*

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

## Gender and Sexuality in Migration Research

### Coordinators

- Sarah Scuzzarello, Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR)
- Laura Morosanu, University of Sussex

The Standing Committee Gender and Sexuality in Migration research (GenSeM) was established in Summer 2019. Since January 2020, we have organised six panels for the IMISCOE summer conference; launched a Migration Dialogues online seminar series; coordinated and ran three Writing retreats for PhD and Early career GenSeM members; promoted writing collaborations; and doubled the membership base. In the subsequent parts of the report, we detail these activities and we also outline the plans for 2021.

### Past activities

*Conference sessions.* In December 2019, we had an open call for papers for the 2020 IMISCOE summer conference. We selected the most promising papers and organised them in eight thematic panels. Because of the current pandemic, the 2020 IMISCOE summer conference moved online, meaning that we had to restructure some of the panels. Despite the difficulties, the uptake from our selected panellists was enthusiastic and six panels were organised under the coordination of GenSeM.

*Seminar series.* To mitigate for the limitations put in place by travel and meeting restrictions, we launched the GenSeM Migration Dialogues series. The meetings, which are free and open to everybody, aim to present members' work done in the field of Migration, Gender and Sexuality. The idea is to create a constructive and committed space where members – regardless of career stage – can discuss work in progress (papers, chapters, project proposals...); have book symposiums; or discuss specific topics. The first Migration Dialogue, Decolonising Gender and Migration. A dialogue with Eleonore Kofman and Tanja Bastia, took place on Oct 21st and was attended by over 100 people from across the globe. The second Dialogue Migration and the Pandemic - Gender, Race, and Diasporic Connections on December 8th invited academics (Maggi Leung and Sarah Scuzzarello), practitioners (Bashair Ahmed), and activists (Mary Grace Labasan) to present their viewpoint of how the current pandemic has affected migration. Again, the event was very successful and globally well attended.

*Training activities.* One of the core principles of GenSeM is to create an inclusive and supportive environment. To this end, the GenSeM PhD/ EC representatives, Nicola Chanamoto and Marianela Barrios-Aquino, have organised and ran three writing retreats for PhD/EC scholars working on migration, gender and sexuality. The events were truly international with participants from Turkey, Italy, Germany, Bosnia & Herzegovina, India, Poland and the UK, among others. On average, 15 people participated in each event. Several participants have now attended all retreats, and a real sense of community is developing from them.

## Output

GenSeM is committed to organising output driven events. To this end, we have produced a series of blogs highlighting our events and we have supported the writing of special issue proposals submitted to leading international journals. The special issue on ‘emotions and transnational migrations’, edited by Anastasia Christou, Nicola Chanamoto and Marianela Barrios-Aquino, combines papers from the SC panels at the 2020 IMISCOE conference as well as invited papers. Following peer review it will be published in 2022. The collaboration is also an opportunity for capacity building and training as a senior colleague is co-editing the SI with two PhD students and the SI will combine authors at varying stages of their careers. A second special issue, edited by Sarah Scuzzarello and Laura Morosanu, is in an advanced writing stage, and again combines authors at different career levels to provide opportunities for professional advancement and training.

Lastly, several GenSeM members have published their research in the IMISCOE Research Series and in the IMISCOE flagship journal Comparative Migration Studies. Among others, Queering Asylum in Europe (Danisi, C., Dustin, M., Ferreira, N., Held, N.), and Gender and Migration (Christou, A. and Kofman, E.), both forthcoming in 2021 for Springer.

*Communication & membership.* Through the activities we organised in 2020, GenSeM’s visibility has increased and we have been able to double our membership base. Currently, 170 researchers and practitioners are on our mailing list and our Twitter account is followed by 351 people.

## Agenda of planned activities

*Conference sessions.* In 2021, we will have a strong presence at the IMISCOE conferences. We have planned one panel in the Spring conference, and we will hold two workshops on gender, migration and knowledge circulation in the Summer conference. These follow the first Migration Dialogue and aim to further the discussion about how to foster a more inclusive academic debate and related teaching practices. In addition, GenSeM members have submitted a number of panels and papers at the summer conference where they will present their research.

*Seminar Series.* We will continue organising Migration Dialogues. Taking advantage of the existing technology, we aim to organise events that involve members from beyond Europe and North America. For instance, on March 10th we will host a Book Symposium on the forthcoming Handbook of Gender and Migration (Eds. Piper and Mora) with participants based in Chile (Dr Claudia Mora), Italy (Professor Paolo Boccagni), Switzerland (Professor Janine Dahinden), the UK (Professor Nicola Piper and Professor Eleonore Kofman), and Zimbabwe (Dr Rose Jaij).

*Training activities.* Our PhD/EC representatives will continue organising activities to deepen the community that they have established during the writing retreats. Following a survey about what GenSeM members at early career stages wish to discuss, they are planning to organise workshops focussed on different aspects of academic writing and networking.

*Conference.* We are planning a GenSeM conference for Autumn 2021. The one-day event will be organised around a variety of events – keynotes, roundtables, and performative arts. Key to this event is to showcase and discuss some of the work conducted by GenSeM members at both senior and early-career levels.

## Older Migrants

### Coordinators

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

Our activity has been mainly focused on publications, a list of which you can find below. It is important to observe that there are numerous joint publications by members of the standing committee, showing the strong synergies, which have been favoured by the long experience of the Standing Committee on Older migrants. These are marked in **bold**.

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## Superdiversity, Migration and Cultural Change

### Coordinators

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The DIVCULT IMISCOE Standing Committee aims to better understand the relevance of arts and culture in the theoretical and policy debates about immigrant incorporation and diversity in Europe and beyond. DIVCULT is multidisciplinary and gathers institutional members and individual scholars doing research on the intersection between artistic and cultural practices (defined in a broad sense) and migration issues. The objectives of DIVCULT are to pursue and expand the work of the Standing Committee on Popular Art, Diversity and Cultural Policies in Post-Migration Urban Settings (POPADIVCIT) from which DIVCULT emerged.

During 2020, the coordinators and assistant coordinator of DIVCULT, as well as the other members of the SC, have worked to reach these aims, in particular through contributing to put in place the following initiatives:

1. *Organization of the general assembly of DIVCULT* held on 30-31 January 2020 in Brussels, in order to elect the executive board and discuss specific research priorities for the coming years. Concerning this last point, the meeting included four discussion panels, focused on: Theoretical and conceptual issues; *Methodologies*; Relevance and social impact; PhD initiatives. Three speakers per panel introduced some ideas and questions to discuss with all the participants.
2. Regular update of IMISCOE website page <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/930-superdiversity-migration-and-cultural-change>.
3. *We participated in the IMISCOE annual conference online (2020)* with two slots: "Immigrants' cultural participation: why and how to study it?" (Chair: Marco Martiniello), July 1, 14:00-15:30 (CEST); "Do the artistic and cultural activities of immigrants and their descendants change national cultures? A theoretical and methodological reflection" (Chair: Wiebke Sievers), July 1, 15:45-17:15 (CEST).
4. *We launched a call for papers* in view of the next annual conference to be held in Luxembourg (2021) and submitted three panel proposals: 1. Counting and Accounting for Immigrant Cultures; 2. Cultural Ritualized city Events and the Inclusion of Newcomers; 3. Inequalities and the arts (<https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/news/news-from-members/1149-cfp-divcult-panel-proposals-imiscoe-conference-2021>). Three further panels will be submitted to prepare a book publication entitled "Changing Cultures: Arts and culture as agents and means of change in migration societies".
5. *We organised two panel sessions* on the topic "Intertwining research and arts in migration studies: experiences from the field", an online scientific event hosted by the Global Migrant Festival 2020 (<https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/news/news-from-members/1154-intertwining-research-and-arts-in-migration-studies-experiences-from-the-field>).
6. *We organised the online scientific event* on "Arts and Antiracism in post-migration societies" (<https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/news/news-from-members/1159-arts-and-antiracism-in-post-migration-societies>).
7. *We organised a research meeting* with the members of DIVCULT to define new possibilities of collaboration (projects/events).
8. *We released the publication*: *Journal of World Literature*, Volume 5 (2020): Issue 4 (Nov 2020): Special Issue: "Scale Shifting: New Insights into Global Literary Circulation", edited by Wiebke Sievers and Peggy Levitt (<https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/news/news-from-members/1161-scale-shifting-new-insights-into-global-literary-circulation>).

Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation

Coordinators

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- Ana Margheritis, University of Southampton
- Luicy Pedroza, Center for International Studies of El Colegio de México
- Samuel David Schmid, Department of Political and Social Sciences at the European University Institute in Florence
- Daniela Vintila, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies

MIGCITPOL’s main goals for 2020 were to ensure presence at the IMISCOE Annual Conference, expand membership, reach out to PhD students, ensure visibility on social media, and organize an event with network members and outsiders. During this challenging time, we found ways to realize these plans in a different format.

The CfP for our inaugural workshop, entitled “Regulating and Experiencing Immigrant Status Transition: Comparing Entry, Settlement, and Naturalization” received dozens of submissions from all world regions. We put together a diverse program containing 16 papers organized in 4 cohesive panels, which mixed some of our long-time members with newcomers, seasoned scholars with young PhD candidates. This event was originally planned to take place in May 2020 at the GIGA Berlin but was eventually moved to October and held online (Webex supported by IMISCOE). To avoid online fatigue we spread the panels over four weeks, starting with a Keynote by Prof. Marco Martiniello (see the program here). We are pleased to report that garnered international attention, good attendance, and produced fruitful discussions.

MIGCITPOL organized nine panels for the IMISCOE Annual Conference and increased its social media presence, reaching out to over 650 followers. As every year, MIGCITPOL co- coordinators contributed to the screening of panel and paper proposals submitted, attended business meetings of the network, and have been proactive in encouraging members to submit panel and paper proposals for the upcoming 2021 Annual Conference, and.

Finally, our coordinators strengthened collaborations with other SCs, notably the MiGoG, which organized a webinar in collaboration with the Migration Policy Center at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) on 27 January 2021 entitled Migration Governance and Politics in the Face of the Pandemic. Our SC co-coordinators Gianni D’Amato and Ana Margheritis were among the speakers. Regarding funds, there were no actual expenses during 2020.

Having reflected on last years’ experience, for 2021 we want to make the most out of the circumstances. Besides our usual efforts for and at the 2021 Annual Conference, this year we will strengthen our online presence further and extend our cooperation not only to other SCs in IMISCOE but to other associations, such as the ECPR Standing Group Migration and Ethnicity in the framework of the new ECPR Online Seminar Series on Migration.

We will also take a more endearing approach towards supporting concrete research outputs in our area and give impulse to innovative research and outreach ideas brought forward by our members. Moreover, we will launch a PhD membership campaign in the upcoming Spring Conference with the goal of fostering

closer mentoring, feedback, and research partnerships among them. This year we will also award the Prize €250 for the best paper presented at the IMISCOE Annual Conference in our SC. Finally, we will continue a practice that we started in November 2020 of fostering collaborations among members of MIGCITPOL in the form of teaching exchanges in courses related to Citizenship, Migration and Political Participation.

Migrant Transnationalism

Coordinators

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

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

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

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

Agenda of activities

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

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

*Training events and PhD courses:* The PhD Network member of the Board of the Migrant Transnationalism SC will be responsible for coordinating training events with the PhD Network and the IMISCOE Training Committee. The Standing Committee will organise training events at a biennial basis, e.g. PhD courses in relation to ongoing projects or research symposia.

*Research Symposia:* To foster research exchange on particular research projects or topics, we will



organize research symposia, which may include a PhD course component. The symposia will be open to participants within and beyond the Standing Committee. These symposia will include activities such as paper presentations, roundtable discussions and workshops for developing joint publications, special issues or proposals for funding.

*Kick-off Symposium:* To support the development of the new Standing Committee, a larger symposium will be organized in 2020 where all members and other interested will be invited to discuss the wider dynamics of migrant transnationalism. The aim of the symposium will be to encourage networking and innovative research in the migrant transnationalism research field.

### Output

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

## Reflexive Migration Studies

### Coordinator

- Anna-Lisa Müller, University of Osnabrück, Germany

### Speakers

- Janine Dahinden and Andreas Pott

Initially, the main ambitions of the SC for 2020 had been to bring the members of the SC, including the board members, together and discuss our objectives and future work plan, including our activities at upcoming IMISCOE's Annual Conferences. However, as local shutdowns and lockdowns came along with the covid-19 pandemic, we revised our activities of 2020.

Luckily, we were able to realize our kick-off workshop in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, in January, hosted by Prof. Dr. Janine Dahinden who co-chairs this SC. During the 2-days-workshop, at which 27 scholars participated, we presented and discussed the workplan for the SC together with the SC's members. After two days of intense exchange, the SC changed its name to "Reflexivities in Migration Studies" in order to better acknowledge the multitude of voices within the SC and the fact that a call for reflexivity has to allow the co-existence of different understandings of reflexivity. A respective blog entry can be found on IMISCOE's website (<https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/news/news-from-members/1079-kick-off-workshop-neuchatel>).

During the months in lock-down, we had two additional virtual board meetings and two virtual members' meetings, one of them at IMISCOE's Online Annual Conference 2020. At that conference, we were also able to realize the planned panel discussion on "Reflexivity in Migration Studies". It included a roundtable with five inputs on challenges of reflexivity in migration studies. Inputs were provided by Mara Gabrielli & Jordi Pàmies (Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain); Marta Jaroszewicz & Jan Grzymski (Centre of Migration Research, Warsaw University, Poland); Faten Khazaei (University Centre of Legal Medicine in Latin Switzerland/University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland); Kesi Mahendran (Open University, UK); Laura Stielike

(IMIS, Osnabrück University, Germany). The panel was chaired by the board members Stefan Manser-Engli (PhD representative) and Asya Pisarevskaya. The panel attracted numerous colleagues, several of them later also applying to the SC for membership.

As concluding event for 2020, the international conference "The Moral Economies of Knowledge Production on Migration", organized by the Research Group "The Production of Knowledge on Migration" at IMIS/Osnabrück University in cooperation with our SC took place as virtual event on 2-4 December. Both presenters and audience were international, and the interest was so great that the number of participants attending the online panels had to be limited to 85 allow intense discussions. A description of the conference and the program can be found on IMISCOE's website (<https://www.imiscoe.org/events/member-events/1024-the-moral-economies-of-knowledge-production-on-migration>).



The Netherlands - Rotterdam, 2018 - Cross Migration Conference

## Research Iniatives

New research initiatives that focus on a very specific line of activity and a specific group of researchers geared to that.

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

### Norms and Values in Migration and Integration

#### Coordinators

- Brigitte Suter, MIM, Malmö University
- Ingrid Jerve Ramsøy, MIM, Malmö University

#### 2020/21 Activity Report for the IMISCOE Research Initiative Norms and Values in Migration and Integration (NOVAMI)

The NOVAMI Research Initiative is coordinated by Dr. Brigitte Suter and Dr. Ingrid Jerve Ramsøy, both at Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM), Malmö University in Sweden. The funding for the research initiative was awarded to us in 2019 and since then we have worked steadily to build a research network of both early stage and more experienced researchers focusing on questions related to norms and values within the field of migration and integration. As is reflected below, we have organized panels and workshops on the topic, and we are, with the help of our student assistant Linnea Adebjörk, developing our website as a way to keep in touch with the growing network of value researchers.

#### NOVAMI activities 2020 (and plans for 2021)

##### Activities in 2020

Workshop in Malmö, 18/19 May: The workshop on ‘Value Transformation, Value Transmission and Value Circulation in Migration and Integration’ was initially planned to take place in situ (at the Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM)), but had to be held digitally. This was a two-day event that gathered international scholars (including PhD candidates) on values in migration and integration related topics. We had 11 presentations and a panel discussion around the themes of value transformation, value transmission and value circulation from a multidisciplinary perspective. The workshop facilitated much appreciated time to expand networks, (seek potential future collaborations) and strengthen the important exchange of knowledge within the field of Norms and Values in Migration and Integration.

Panel at IMISCOE Conference, 2-4 July: We held a panel on ‘Norms and Values in Migration and Integration’ at the Annual IMISCOE conference (online). We had 5 presentations on the topics of value transformation, transmission and circulation.

Developing webspace: The RI’s own webspace at IMISCOE went through some updates during the fall, in order to stay current and to further facilitate a space for staying connected with international peers across the globe. A new section for publications, with NOVAMI associated topics were added, a section we hope

will continue to grow as we move forward. We received help from a student assistant (Linnea Adebjörk) with this task.

##### Activities in 2021

PhD-led workshop, 27/28 April on ‘Norms and Values in Institutions, Societies and Migration’: The workshop was organised by two PhD students in International Migration and Ethnic Relations (IMER) at Malmö University. The workshop featured 11 panels, each organised by a PhD student (many of them from the IMISCOE network). The rational was to provide graduate students with the opportunity to discuss their own work with a number of people with similar research experiences and interests. The event also featured a keynote address by Sophie Guerard de Latour (ENS Lyon) on ‘Is Hospitality towards refugees a democratic value?’. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the H2020 project NoVaMigra (Norms and Values in the European Refugee and Migration Crisis, 2018-21), as well as the PhD schools in International Migration and Ethnic Relations and Global Politics at Malmö University. We received help from a student assistant (Linnea Adebjörk) with organising this event.

##### Panel at IMISCOE Conference, 6-8 July

We will hold a panel, ‘Integration and societal transformations from a value perspective’, at this year’s IMISCOE conference, with 4 presentations. The attendance of one PhD candidate panellist is sponsored through our NOVAMI funding.

##### Future plans and aims

As reflected above, our research initiative has been active on several fronts since its beginning. Not only have we organized several workshops and panels, but, more intangibly, we are building a network from which we hope both publications and future research collaborations might arise. While several prospects have been discussed among network members, we have yet to materialize such plans. At the current moment, future meetings or collaborations remain undefined, but we have communicated to several network members that we are open to suggestions. Our long-term aim is that the NOVAMI research initiative will be a steady and organic contact point for migration and integration scholars with an interest in norms and values.



## Privileged Mobilities: local impacts, belonging and citizenship

### Coordinators

- Jennifer McGarrigle, IGOT-CEG, University of Lisbon
- Franz Buhr, IGOT-CEG, University of Lisbon

PriMob was created in 2019 with 13 researchers and has since expanded to include 46 researchers from 17 different countries. The aim of the RI is to bring together researchers working on diverse forms of privileged migration – retirement, lifestyle, investment, amenity, elite, entrepreneurial, highly skilled and international residential mobilities. The research initiative aims to create an open working group within IMISCOE, with the objective to expand and evolve in the future to include new researchers at different career stages and from different disciplines.

### Kick off meeting and website

We kicked off the research initiative with a virtual meeting in October 2019 to organize our activities, introduce members of the Research Initiative and discuss our expectations. At this time, we also began to create our website: <http://primob.ceg.ulisboa.pt/>

The PriMob website is an online space where the members of the initiative can share their research through the publication of blog posts on new articles and fieldnotes on ongoing fieldwork and research. PriMob events and other conferences on privileged mobilities are also publicised. The website also hosts Mapping the field – a section that brings together key references in the field of privileged mobilities and migration. All papers were suggested by members of the PriMob network in a collaborative exercise. It is a non-exhaustive list, which is updated constantly (<http://primob.ceg.ulisboa.pt/mapping-the-field/>). This initiative translates an effort to systematize scholarly knowledge on migration, making it clearer and more accessible. It was inspired by the collaborative approach to knowledge accumulation put into practice by IMISCOE's Migration Research Hub.

The website content aims to attract a wider audience including academics, policy makers, journalists, the general public and students.



### PriMob events

During 2020 PriMob organized three panels. The first PriMob panel took place within the 2020 IMISCOE Spring Conference in Lisbon. The conference was entitled 'Moving, living, investing and surviving: housing and migrations in uncertain times' and brought together nearly one hundred scholars working on the intersection of migration and housing issues.

Six PriMob members from Canada, Portugal and the Netherlands presented papers on the second day of the conference, February 7. (Paper titles are available here: <http://primob.ceg.ulisboa.pt/2020/02/10/imiscoe-spring-conference/>)

PriMob also organized a study visit entitled "Walk and talk: a moving workshop on urban change and migration in Marvila, Port of Lisbon" on the last day of the conference. Over 30 participants attended the rainy tour of Marvila, a neighbourhood in the process of socio-spatial change due to transnational investment, touristification and new forms of lifestyle/investment migration.

On July 1-2, IMISCOE organised its 17th annual Conference, which was also its first virtual conference. PriMob coordinated two panels on privileged mobilities entitled Unpacking 'privilege' in privileged migration. The eight presenters critically engaged with the concept of privilege and reflected on the potentialities and limitations of this notion within their work.

### PriMob internship

Lea Molina Caminero, a graduated M.A. student from the University of Osnabrück successfully completed her thesis on lifestyle-oriented youth mobilities to Lisbon in 2020 as part of a research internship within the PriMob Research Initiative at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon. Her thesis was supervised by Prof. Andreas Pott, University of Osnabrück, and Dr Jennifer McGarrigle, Universidade de Lisboa. Lea published a blog post about her work here: <http://primob.ceg.ulisboa.pt/2021/03/15/reflections-on-privileges-within-international-youth-mobilities-to-lisbon/>

### Joint publication

A small group within the RI are working collaboratively on an agenda setting paper on Privileged Mobilities to be published on the website and submitted to Comparative Migration Studies. Authors responded to a call to reflect on the analytical work that "privilege" does in their own research. We received short pieces of writing in response that will serve as the basis of the paper.

### Future activities

PriMob will host three panels in the 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference Online "Crossing borders, connecting cultures". Two panels relate to a specific call for abstracts disseminated by PriMob entitled, **Does privilege travel? Debating class, privilege, and belonging within contemporary forms of mobility and migration.** This workshop will follow a one-slide presentation format containing an important quote (from fieldwork participants, literature or any other source deemed relevant), and/or a picture that somehow captures and illustrates the presentation topic. Responding to ever-more-frequent suggestions for innovative ways to present and disseminate research results, the workshop format aims to draw attention to presenters' narratives as they unfold from the picture/quote they have selected to use.

An additional panel on privileged mobilities stems from papers submitted directly to IMISCOE for the conference.

Future plans

1. The Research Initiative plans to design and host a two-day writing workshop on Privileged Mobilities in the summer of 2022 in Lisbon. The event aims to bring group members together in a creative environment to hear inspiring talks on writing and researching privilege in migration and participate in a writing workshop. The goal is to develop collaborative writing practices and work on a joint publication.
2. PriMob plans to develop a Seminar series during autumn/winter 2021. The series will consist of monthly online meetings bringing keynote speakers for a 30-40 minute presentation followed by Q&A. This will be an opportunity for PriMob members and invited external researchers to interact, while being open to the general public. The videos (or extracts) will then be used for dissemination at PriMob’s website.
3. The RI aims to maintain visibility within IMISCOE by continuing to be present and host panels at IMISCOE’s Annual Conference, offering a dynamic space to advance knowledge and build synergies on privileged mobilities. A future concern relates to building a consortium for future applications for competitive research grants to develop joint projects.

Revisiting Return Migration in Shifting Geopolitics

Coordinator

- Zahna Vathi, Edge Hill University

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

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

This RI aims

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

Agenda of activities

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

Its deliverables include

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

Output

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





## A chat with - Pascal Beckers

Today we sat down with Pascal Beckers from RUNOMI to discuss their new-entry into the IMISCOE Network. We talked about what led to join, their memories with IMISCOE, their future projects and much more! Enjoy! Pascal Beckers is the scientific coordinator of the Radboud University Network on Migrant Inclusion (RUNOMI), an interdisciplinary cooperation of scholars working on migrant inclusion issues at Radboud University. Pascal is co-founder of the network and representative to the IMISCOE board.

- What is RUNOMI?

Since 2018 we increased university wide collaboration on migration and integration studies, and developed a broader network which is at the moment bringing together about 80 scholars working at 6 different faculties of the Radboud University in the Netherlands. The aim of the network is to bundle expertise in this field and benefit from interdisciplinary collaboration. At RUNOMI we work together in education activities, research and valorisation focusing on three broad and interconnected domains: Economic inclusion; Social Inclusion; and migrant access to public services, healthcare and housing. What brings us together at RUNOMI is expertise in migration and integration studies and societal engagement. We actively engage with migrant communities and other societal stakeholders.

- First of all, welcome to IMISCOE. What led you and your team into applying to be part of IMISCOE?

IMISCOE has been a European network that many of our members have been engaged with in various ways, what is new now is that with the university endorsement, we wish RUNOMI to become a hub of scholarly exchange within our European network.

- When was your first-time hearing of IMISCOE?

Personally, I've been involved with IMISCOE since the very beginning, more than 10 years ago (2005-2006) when I was doing my PhD research. With warm memories I'm looking back to many of the annual conferences and workshops that have been organised by IMISCOE in various places.



Pascal Beckers

- You've been to previous IMISCOE conferences. What's one of your fondest memories of these experiences?

I can remember many. The scholarly discussions throughout annual conference programmes have always been very inspiring for my own work. Comparative perspectives have been enriching (learning about policies etc in Europe), but also the warm atmosphere at IMISCOE has always been valuable: there is an



open communication and eagerness to learn about all the various opinions and research. This has been bundled with social activities as well. I recall many years ago I organised a seminar at the European University Institute in Florence on migrant entrepreneurship and economic integration of migrants, which has been very enriching with bringing many expert speakers together in this very pleasant setting. My favourite event: the annual conferences. There is always an opportunity to be back in touch with colleagues from other countries but also from the Netherlands because I don't see them that often. The annual conferences are an essential meeting point for integration scholars in Europe.

- What does RUNOMI bring to the table to IMISCOE and its landscape?

There are several features I think that make RUNOMI very valuable:

1. RUNOMI is one of the largest (local) networks connected to a single university with at the moment around 80 members, from PhD students to professors, thereby enriching the full range of expertise of the Radboud University
  2. RUNOMI is based on a strong institutional setting, which is unique considering the broad scope of expertise around migrant inclusion studies. Next to the classical disciplines that are well represented within IMISCOE, RUNOMI also beholds disciplines that are less represented in IMISCOE, such as management, law, medical faculty and historian experts. It is this broad range of expertise that RUNOMI bundles that is beneficial for the IMISCOE community
  3. In terms of organisation and structure we are unique within the IMISCOE network. We have a strong backing of the university's executive board, we have a network office with an officer, we have a board of representatives from all the participating 6 faculties of the university, we have an advisory board with migrants advising our activities.
  4. Finally, we have a large membership of young researchers as well, a very active community of PhD students who are willing to play an active role within IMISCOE as well, which is a mayor valued addition to IMISCOE.
- Finally, what are some of RUNOMI's latest migration-related projects you'd like to share?

With a membership of around 80 scholars there is a large number of projects ongoing ([on RUNOMI's website you can find an overview of this](#)).

Our most recent project is a university-wide collaboration on studying the implications of COVID-19 and related policies on European labour migrants and irregular migrants in the Netherlands. This NWO/ZonMw-funded project has just started in September 2020 and will run for 2 years. It connects medical- employment- and housing issues in the border region of the Netherlands and Germany (state of North Rhine-Westphalia) and compares the institutional arrangements and outcomes to ultimately derive recommendations for enhancing the vulnerable situation of migrants working in vital sectors. Concretely this is also a project that we're going to connect to the IMISCOE community in the standing committee 'migration politics and government', in which many of our project members participate (i.e. Tesseltje de Lange, Lisa Berntsen). Thank you to RUNOMI and Pascal for taking the time to talk to us and once again, welcome to IMISCOE! Looking forward for future collaboration!





# Publications

IMISCOE Annual Editorial Report  
Anna Triandafyllidou and Irina Isaakyan  
8 February 2021

The IMISCOE Springer series has been particularly active during the last three years. We have published 9 books for 2018 and 10 for 2019 and at this point 2021 will probably see 12 books published as there are Manuscripts that will be ready by June and cannot be held back for 2022.

Our review procedures (available also here: <https://www.springer.com/series/13502> ) include a peer review of all book proposals by 2 EC members and the EC chair, a full peer refereeing of each Manuscript normally by one EC member and one external reviewer.

Given the breadth of the series, we have expanded our membership to include four new members (see the list of EC members at the end of this report).

# PUBLICATIONS



List of books published in 2020

In 2020, we published 10 books, including: nine Open-Access books and one Closed-Access book.

| Author(s)  | Title   | Category                    |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Echeverria, Gabriel  | Towards a Systemic Theory of Irregular Migration Explaining Ecuadorian Irregular Migration in Amsterdam and Madrid          | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |
| Köpping Athanasopou-los, Harald                                | EU Migration Management and the Social Purpose of European Integration: The Spill-over of Misery                            | IMISCOE Book, Closed Access |
| Lafleur, Jean Michel and Vintila, Daniela                      | Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond: Comparing Access to Welfare Entitlements (Volume 1).                  | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |
| Lafleur, Jean Michel and Vintila, Daniela                      | Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond: Comparing Access to Welfare Entitlements (Volume 2).                  | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |
| Lafleur, Jean Michel and Vintila, Daniela                      | Migration and Social Protection in Europe and Beyond: Comparing Access to Welfare Entitlements (Volume 3).                  | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |
| Nori, Michele and Farinella, Domenica                          | Migration, Agriculture and Rural Develop-ment   | Short Reader                |
| Norocel, Ov Cristian; Hellstrom, Anders; and Jorgensen, Martin | Nostalgia and Hope: Intersections between Politics of Culture, Welfare, and Migration in Europe                             | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |
| Spencer, Sarah and Triandafyllidou, Anna                       | Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe: Evolving Conceptual and Policy Challenges.  | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |
| Weinar, Agnieszka and Klekowski von Kop-Penfels Amanda         | Highly-Skilled Migration: Between Settlement and Mobility   | Short Reader                |
| Vankova, Zvezda  | Circular Migration and the Rights of Migrant Workers in Central and Eastern Europe: The EU Promise of a Triple Win Solution | IMISCOE Book, Open Access   |

Books to be published in 2021

The following books are forthcoming in 2021

| Author(s)  | Title   |
|--|---|
| Danisi, Carmelo; Dustin, Moira; Ferreira, Nuno; and Held, Nina.                        | Queering Asylum in Europe: Legal and social experiences of seeking international protection on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Volume 1) |
| Danisi, Carmelo; Dustin, Moira; Ferreira, Nuno; and Held, Nina.                        | Queering Asylum in Europe: Legal and social experiences of seeking international protection on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity (Volume 2) |
| Erlinghagen, Marcel; Ette, Andreas; Schneider, Norbert; and Witte, Nils                | Returns from Global Lives: Individual consequences of international migration through the life course   |
| Federico, Veronica and Baglioni, Simone  | Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers' Integration in European Labour Markets. A Comparative Approach on Legal Barriers and Enablers                        |
| Fibbi, Rosita; Midtbøen, Arnfinn; & Simon, Patrick                                     | Migration & Discrimination (Short Reader)   |
| Jauhianen, Jussi and Tedeschi, Miriam  | Undocumented migrants and their everyday life   |
| Lejeune, Catherine ; Pagès-El Karoui, Delphine; Schmoll, Camille; and Thiollet, Hélène | Migration, Urbanity and Cosmopolitanism in a Globalized World   |
| Massari, Alice   | Visual Securitization: Humanitarian Representations and Migration Governance  |
| Nikielska-Sekula, Karolina and Desille, Amandine                                       | Visual Methods in Migration Studies: New Possibilities, Theoretical Implications, and Ethical Questions   |
| Palumbo, Letizia   | Labour Exploitation and Trafficking in Human Beings: A Critical Analysis of Legal Instruments and Approaches in the EU                                      |
| Rynduk, Oleksandr; Suter, Brigitte; and Odden; Gunhild                                 | Migration to and from Welfare States: Lived experiences of the welfaremigration nexus in a globalized world   |
| Triandafyllidou, Anna  | Migration and Pandemics: Spaces of Solidarity and Spaces of Exception   |
| Van Praag, Lore; OuSalah, Loubna; Hut, Elodie; and Zickgraf, Caroline                  | Migration and Environmental Change in Morocco: In search for linkages between migration aspirations and environmental change                                |



Special Notes

The Migration Reader Series

In 2020, we have continued our work on the production of Short and Regional Readers, which was initiated in 2018 and 2019. We have already published 2 Short Readers in 2020. In 2021, we are expecting to publish 1 more Short Reader and our first Regional Reader. Four more Regional Reader Ms and 11 Short Reader MS are now in preparation.

List of Short Migration Readers

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

The Regional Readers were added to our Series in 2019. They are edited volumes focusing on migration issues and approaches in a given world region (e.g. South America, Central America, Southeast Asia, East Africa, West Africa etc), edited by a leading scholar based in that region and with contributors mainly from that region. The Regional Migration Readers are by invitation only, like the Short Readers.

We expect the first Regional Reader to be published at the beginning of 2022.

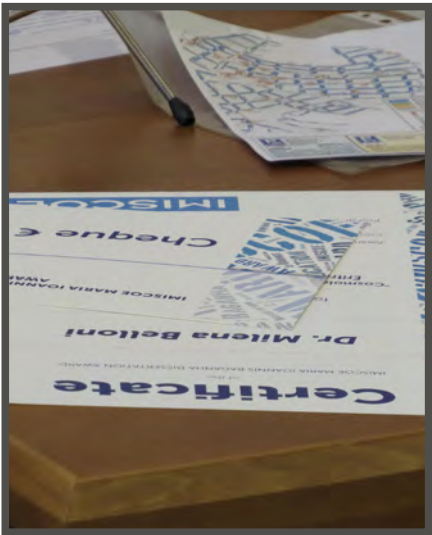
Regional Migration Readers in preparation

| Author(s)                                   | Title                          | Date of Publication  |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Masferrer, Claudia and Esco-bar, Augustin   | Mexican Migration to the USA   | 2021, in-production  |
| Herrera, Gioconda                           | Migration in South America     | 2022, in-preparation |
| Petcharamesree, Sriprapha and Capaldi, Mark | Migration in South-East Asia   | 2022, in-preparation |
| Rajan, Irudaya                              | Migration in South Asia        | 2022, in-preparation |
| Rugunanan, Pragna                           | Migration in South(ern) Africa | 2022, in-preparation |
| Teye, Joseph                                | Migration in West Africa       | 2022, in-preparation |

All Short and Regional Readers are 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.

Newly committed books

In 2020, we have accepted 26 new book proposals, including 3 short reader proposals and 3 regional reader proposals. 12 of all proposals were selected during the Competitive Calls 2019 and 2020. Each Call assigns 3 prizes (1st winner with full OA fee waiver, 2nd winner with 50% of OA fee waiver, 3rd winner with honourable mention, no additional fee waiver) but we also retain those book proposals that are of high quality even if they did not win one of the three prizes. Typically each call for proposals has over 10 proposal submitted.



Winner of the Maria Ioannnis Baganha Dissertation Award 2016: dr. Milena Belloni



| Author(s)                                 | Title   | Status         |
|---|---|----------------|
| Masferrer, Claudia and Es-cobar, Augustin | Mexican migration to the USA (Regionl Reader)   | In-production  |
| Massari, Alice                            | VisualSecuritization: Humanitarian Representations and Migration Governance   | In-revision    |
| Rugunanan, Pragna                         | Migration in South(ern) Africa (Regional Reader)  | In-revision    |
| Schweitzer, Reinhard                      | The Micro-Management of Irregular Migration   | In-revision    |
| Keskiner, Elif et al.                     | Revisiting Granovetter: New conceptualisations of the social ties of migrants and their children in the labour market | In-review      |
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Journal Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)

Update for IMISCOE Board of Directors, February 2021

Current state of affairs

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

CMS has a steady pipeline and backlog of publications. This includes two special issues per year (one focused on the theme of the IMISCOE annual conference and one selected after an open call), and a ‘commentaries’ series around a topic that is considered of particular relevance to the field of migration studies. Recently we have introduced a continuesly call for a *Paper Cluster* (max. 4 papers without an editorial). We already received the first Paper Cluster now currently under review

Inclusion in SCOPUS and the Emerging Sources Citation Index  
Since 2018, CMS is included in SCOPUS. This makes sure that in most countries, authors will receive ‘publication credits’ under their university systems. In 2019 the journal is also included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index of Thomson Reuters, which is used by Clarivate Analytics. This means that the journal is now monitored for inclusion in the SSCI. Looking at the google scholar citation indexes, the journal is now approaching the top-10 of journals in the category Social Sciences – Human Migration (see table 1).

Table 1: Google scholar citation index for the category Social Sciences – Human Migration (accessed on 18 February 2021).

| Nr. | Publication  | h5 -index | h5 -median |
|-----|--|-----------|------------|
| 1.  | Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies            | 50        | 78         |
| 2.  | Ethnic and Racial Studies                          | 44        | 62         |
| 3.  | Population, Space and Place                        | 36        | 53         |
| 4.  | Mobilities   | 34        | 48         |
| 5.  | International Migration Review                     | 28        | 56         |
| 6.  | Global Networks                                    | 26        | 46         |
| 7.  | International Migration                            | 25        | 37         |
| 8.  | Citizenship Studies                                | 25        | 35         |
| 9.  | Journal of Refugee Studies                         | 24        | 35         |
| 10. | Ethnicities  | 24        | 31         |
| 11. | Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies             | 23        | 34         |
| 12. | Comparative Migration Studies                      | 22        | 37         |
| 13. | Journal of International Migration and Integration | 22        | 33         |
| 14. | Identities   | 21        | 24         |
| 15. | Migration Studies                                  | 19        | 33         |
| 16. | IZA Journal of Migration                           | 17        | 32         |
| 17. | Journal of Intercultural Studies                   | 17        | 23         |
| 18. | Refugee Survey Quarterly                           | 16        | 22         |
| 19. | Migration Letters                                  | 15        | 36         |
| 20. | International Journal of Refugee Law               | 15        | 22         |



Continued growth in number of article submissions

As figure 1 shows, the number of submissions has steadily increased to 106 in 2020. All publications (including individual articles to special issues) are subjected to a double-blind peer review procedure. In order to improve the turn-around time for submissions to the journal, this review procedure has been developed further in the Editorial Manager portal. This is a complicated technical procedure which is nonetheless important for securing the journal's ranking.

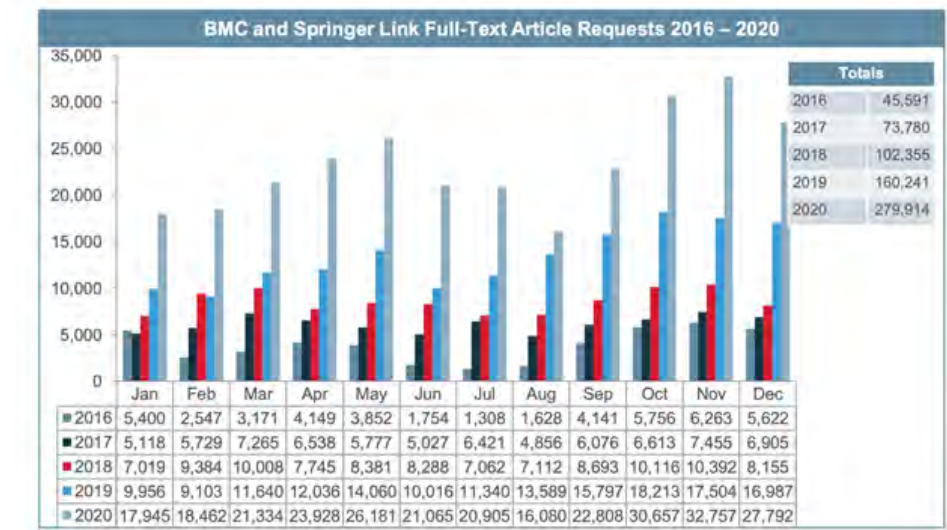
Figure 1: number of submissions, acceptances and rejection rate since 2015 (data until December 2020)



Very significant growth in usage of articles

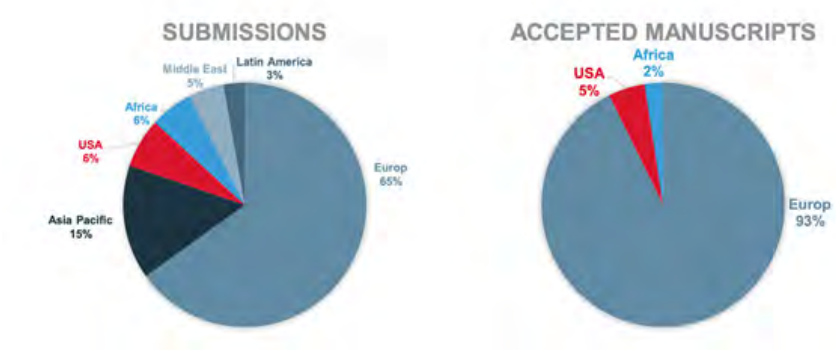
In terms of impact, the journal has grown rapidly over the past years to almost 280.000 successful full-text article requests (incl. downloads) in 2020 (see figure 2). This is an incredible increase when compare to the 160.000 from 2019. This signals an acceleration in the growth of the journal. It also signals the success of the open access strategy. Possibly, the COVID19 situation in 2020 is one of the reasons behind this acceleration.

Figure 2: Successful full-text article requests



However, the globalization of the journal's output remains an issue of concern. There has been an increase in submission of articles from beyond Europe and N-America. However, unfortunately, this has not yet led to a significant increase in the output of articles from beyond Europe and N-America (see figure 3).

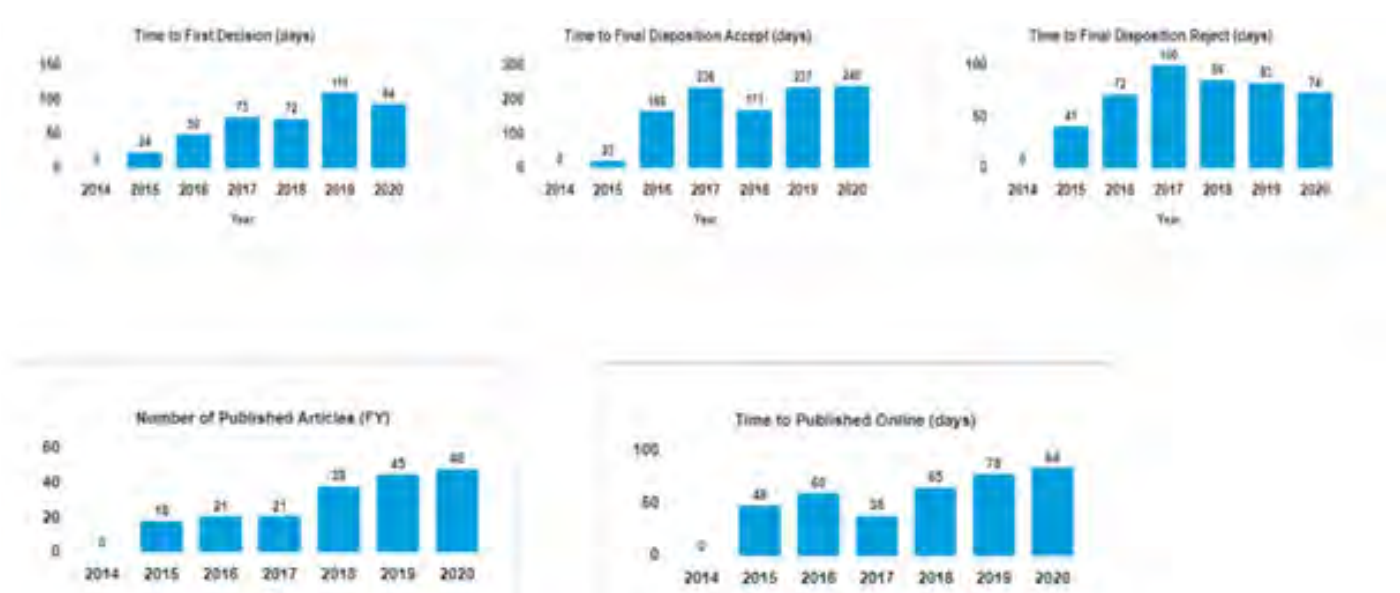
Figure 3: author country of origin of manuscripts submitted and accepted to CMS



Turnaround time

Another issue that remains for the journal is the turnaround time. The time to first decision has decreased from 111 to 94 days in 2020. Although this is not so much out of par with other journals, we continue to strive for a decision within 3 months from submission. We expect that the enlargement of the Editorial Board and a more efficient communication between editors and the board should bring the turnaround time well below 90 days again. The COVID19 situation in 2020 also seems to have complicated and delayed review procedures over 2020.

Figure 4: turnaround times to first decision, final dispositions and final publication.



## Finances and APC's

The Journal CMS receives an annual contribution from IMISCOE. This includes 28.600 to cover the OA fees for IMISCOE members and 13.500 for the editorial manager (Karin Milovanovic) of CMS. The journal only covers the OA fees where lead authors are IMISCOE member and when there is no other option for covering the OA fee. We experience that gradually the availability of and knowledge on university OA funds and national OA deals with Springer have improved. We expect that this will enable the journal to expand the number of annually published articles in the future, without the need for an increase of the IMISCOE contribution.

## Globalisation of the journal

As announced, we have made further attempts to globalize the editorial board. This has led to new members from Australia and South-America.

## The composition of the board is now as follows:

- AKM Ahsan Ullah, Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Brunei
- Andreas Pott, Professor of Social Geography at the University of Osnabrück, Germany
- Andrew Geddes, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- Anju Mary Paul, Yale-NUS College, Singapore
- Birte Nienaber, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- Jacques Ramirez, University of Cuenca, Ecuador (Contemporary Anthropology Program)
- Magdalena Arias Cubas, Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Australia
- Martin Bak Jørgensen, Aalborg University, Denmark
- Nir Cohen, Bar Ilan University, Israel
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- Sanam Roohi, Centre for Modern Indian Studies, Georg-August-Universität, Germany
- Sieglinde Rosenberger, University of Vienna, Austria
- Tabea Scharrer, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany

## Furthermore, we have also made further progress in globalizing the advisory board:

- Amauel Isak Tewelde, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- Beatriz Padilla, University of South Florida, USA
- Birte Siim, Professor at Aalborg University, Department of Culture and Global Studies, Denmark
- Christine Inglis, Honorary Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Social Policy, University of Sydney, Australia
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- Tamirace Fakhoury, Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon
- Tesfaye Tafesse, Professor of Political and Social Geography, Center for African and Oriental Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

## Call for Special Issues - open now!

We now [welcome proposals for Special Issues](#) - **deadline 1 September 2021.**

All special issue proposals will be submitted to internal review by the editorial board. Each proposal should contain 1-2 completed papers. You can submit your *Special Issue proposal* to Karin Milovanovic ([info@comparativemigrationstudies.org](mailto:info@comparativemigrationstudies.org)) and Esther Otten ([Esther.Otten@springernature.com](mailto:Esther.Otten@springernature.com)).





# A chat with - Anna Triandafyllidou

Maybe some of our newest followers might be surprised when thinking Ryerson University in connection with IMISCOE. Although the network dates a while back, it still contains "Europe". The network has been undergoing an expansion process, which seems like a natural consequences of the topic at heart of this organization.

- Why do you think it is important for IMISCOE to have members from North America, and how did the Ryerson University-IMISCOE connection come about?

We are excited to be the first institution from the Americas to join IMISCOE. Migration is an international matter and all countries of the world are connected in some way, either as the place of origin, transit or as the receiving country. Canada's unique experience offers the international scholar new insights and understanding. Because of the high level of immigration here, we can assess certain programmatic approaches or public responses that can help inform opportunities elsewhere. At the same time, Canada needs more exposure to the migration challenges that are experienced around the world, and needs to lend a voice in how we best manage migration as an international community. Our program at CERC Migration intends to help support Canada expand its international knowledge base and understanding, as well as its connections to the international community.

- IMISCOE's biggest yearly event is the Annual Conference. What has been your experience with those and what is your fondest memory?

I have participated in IMISCOE's annual event for many years. While not my fondest, this year's annual conference will remain strong in my memory. The world over, academics are adapting to the online forum for sharing knowledge across networks. This conference, as with all online experiences I have had this year, has underscored the great potential of technology but also its limits. Face-to-face connections are invaluable for building shared understanding. However, perhaps we are now in the process of evolving.

Anna Triandafyllidou



- Talking about the annual conference, brings to mind the last one held digitally. This year has been characterized by the pandemic and its effects worldwide on all levels. How has your university adapted to this challenge and how does this set the new-normal for the academic world?

CERC Migration at Ryerson University has seized the challenge of the pandemic and turned it into an opportunity. Because we are able to connect with academics far and wide, we have been able to gather participants for important discussions and build an online community at a breadth and speed that would have been difficult to achieve if we were relying on physical gatherings. Our Pandemic Border blog, for example, has over 40 contributions, written by experts in over 12 countries; and our accompanying webinars have attracted well over 1,000 participants.

- This very same challenge surfaced many questions also from a migration standpoint, for instance regarding the "essentiality" of migrant workers. What should be the top concerns for countries in light of Covid-19 and migration. [We are well aware this question (like the one next) would take on its own an interview!]

Yes, this question is front and centre with the academic community. The pandemic has clearly revealed cracks in the system of our dependency on temporary labour migration and the conditions under which temporary migrants are employed. I, and many others, are seizing the moment to show governments that now is the time to improve policies to better support our domestic operations but lead to more equitable conditions for migrants with pathways to citizenship in the long term.

- The last months have also showcased the rise of anti-discrimination movements, re-ignited by the latest events taking place in the US. What started there developed into a wider global protest against social inequality, injustice and institutional racism. How is CERC Migration responding to the challenges on the ground in Canada?

The anti-racism movement is active here in Canada, and has helped remind Canadians that we are not immune from racism, despite being one of the most multicultural societies in the world. CERC Migration has launched a creative project to explore the changing face of Canadian identity. We will select a few dozen graduate students to work with an established Canadian film maker, Cyrus Sundar Singh, to produce short vignettes expressing the complexity of their identity. We believe this digital storytelling research project, entitled I am, will help open the dialogue and lead to a stronger appreciation of our differences and recognition of the problems of racism here in Canada.

The I am project is certainly an exciting initiative. However, we have many projects on the go. Next week, CERC Migration brings together an international group to explore the effectiveness of indicators in measuring the governance of religious and cultural diversity partnering with the Horizon2020 project GREASE and with the Global Centre for Pluralism based in Ottawa.

We have been conducting comparative analysis on what makes immigration successful in small to mid-size cities (i.e. not the typical gate-way cities that are the destination for the majority of migrants) within the framework of an international network led by Monash University in Melbourne (the other non-European partner of IMISCOE) and a few European Universities including Rotterdam (that obviously chairs IMISCOE). We expect this comparison to provide important insights for countries around the world that are looking for ways to better improve regional distribution of integration.



Another issue that is close to my (academic) heart at this moment is how the pandemic impacts migrants around the world – I am preparing an edited volume in the IMISCOE Springer series that I hope can be ready by summer 2021 – and in a more medium-term perspective, how the pandemic may shape the future(s) of migration in Canada, in Europe and globally. While this is a more long-term research project that I want to pursue, a conversation will be started through our Pandemic Borders blogging space in cooperation with Open Democracy in mid October followed up by a series of webinars.

- Finally, a question we often ask here at IMISCOE to our members. The network revolves centrally around migration. How do you see the state of the art as far as migration research goes right now?

Without question, having more granular data, within a short time frame, is increasingly vital to understanding what is going on, and how are migration patterns affected by policy change. Advances in big data, artificial intelligence, geospatial data, social media data will significantly improve our capacity to analyze what is occurring on the ground.

At the same time, I think we are in need of a more comprehensive analytical framework that can bring the difference pieces of the migration puzzle together in a meaningful combination. I hope that with our work at the CERC at Ryerson we can contribute towards both these research directions.

Thank you Anna and Ryerson University for taking the time with us to answer all of our questions. Looking forward for the next opportunities to collaborate!



# IMISCOE EVENTS

- **past events**
- **future events**



## The IMISCOE 2020 Annual conference – *times of innovation*

The year 2020 will go into the records as the first year where the IMISCOE annual conference was organized online. The conference was originally planned to take place at the University of Luxemburg. Faced with the pandemic, the onsite conference had to be cancelled (or as originally thought, deferred to 2021). However, especially at times of the pandemic, with the lack of opportunities for social interactions and for engaging with each other's work, organizing a conference was perhaps more important than before. To this aim, and with support of the IMISCOE Board of Directors, the decision was taken to organize the conference fully online. This would require the network to embark on a unique innovation; IMISCOE would be one of the first to organize an online conference of this scale in the first phase of the pandemic in 2020.

A conference committee was established to 'boldly go where no one had gone before' and design the online conference. This committee was led by Angelique van Dam from the IMISCOE Network Office, together with the original hosts from the University of Luxemburg (Prof.dr. Birte Nienaber, Dr. Nicole Holzapfel-Martin) and with the Open University (Prof.dr. Parvati Raghuman and Dr. Gunjan Sondhi). The committee was supported by a large group of XXX supporters, including many PhD students and master students from IMISCOE members.

The organization of the online conference required a lot of small but very innovative steps. For panels, an elaborate structure of Webex rooms and panels was created, also with support of Cisco the company behind Webex (for whom the conference was also a source of experiences). The conference booklet was more than just a booklet, it was an elaborate bookwork of links, instructions and overview pages, allowing the participants to 'navigate' the conference. Also, the committee designed a virtual parallel to the social sides that usually attract people to our conferences. There was an elaborate social program, ranging from a coffee room (attended by almost 25% of all participants), to a dance room, a game room, a yoga session and the showing of the theatre play Borders.

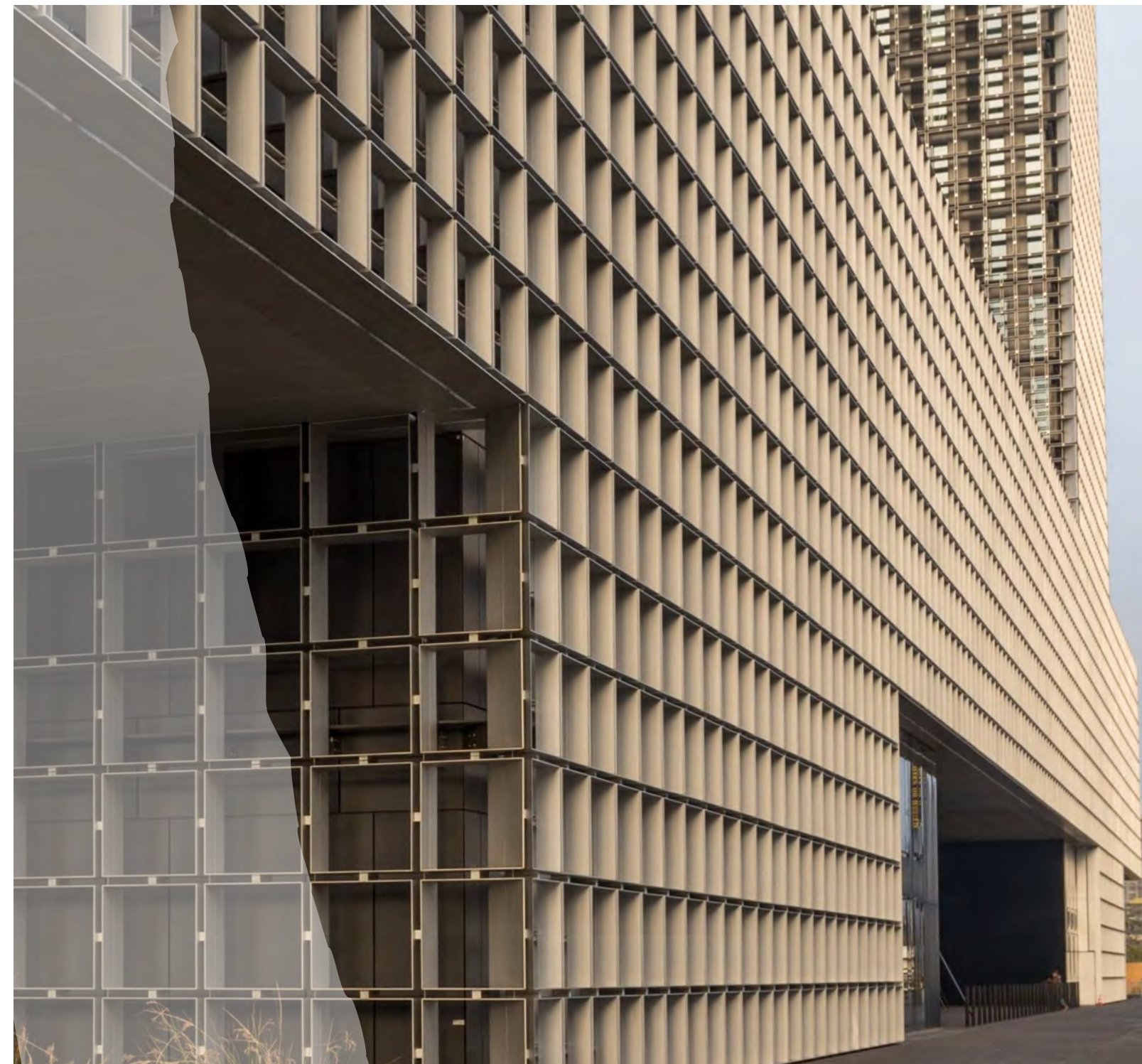
That there was a strong desire to come together and 'go' to a conference, even if online, is shown by the very high number of participants. With 758 participants it was one of the largest IMISCOE conferences ever organized. All participants could participate at a reduced fee. Also, for various PhD students and students, reduced fees were offered in order to encourage participation. In total no less than 327 PhDs participated in the conference. Also, 47 participants from the areas in the Global South received fee reductions.

Reflecting the pandemic times in which the conference took place, the conference theme was (re) framed as 'Mobilities and immobilities in pandemic times.' Covering this theme the conference included key-notes by Prof. Biao Xiang as well as Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou in an opening plenary. Also, there was a roundtable, chaired by Prof. Parvati Raghurman, on doing migration research on, in and for the pandemic, including Prof. Ludger Pries, Dr. Guia Gilardoni and Prof. Adolfo Sommarribas.

Although probably no online event will ever be without technical glitches, the conference was overall a great success. This is also revealed by the strongly positive evaluation of the conference as manifested in the survey (more than 65% rated the conference with a 4 on a scale of 1-5, or higher). Interesting was also

that the conference attracted relatively many participants that had never been to an IMISCOE conference before (about 60%), and also from a broader range of countries than what is usual for IMISCOE annual conference.

First of all, the conference has had a key soothing effect on the scholarly community in pandemic times; an opportunity to get together and engage with each other's work, precisely because in these times that is more than ever important. Also, the conference was a key learning experience for the post-pandemic future of academic conferencing and events. This includes not only technical lessons on how to do online conferencing, but also in terms of the immense capacity also the organization of an online conference requires. Here the Network owes great gratitude to the conference committee for making this happen, and pioneering the network into the future. By time of writing of this annual report, we all know that these experiences were indispensable for the organization of a second fully online conference in 2021. And probably some aspect of online conferencing will always remain with us. We have learned now that it can be done, how it can be done, and we have also learned that it also brings opportunities in terms of engaging with a broader scholarly community than before, bringing new participants who otherwise for various reasons may not have been able to engage with IMISCOE.





### An inside look at the conference with Birte Nienaber and Nicole Holzapfel by Adham Aly

On September 22, 2020, I met with Professor Birte Nienaber and Nicole Holzapfel-Martin from the University of Luxembourg (UL) online. The UL was supposed to host the IMISCOE 2020 Conference, which needed to be postponed to July 2021 due to the pandemic. We talked about the last six months, which have been very eventful and busy and looked ahead into the future.

- Birte and Nicole, welcome and thank you for being here with us today! We are here to talk about three IMISCOE-conferences: the postponed IMISCOE 2020 face-to-face conference, the IMISCOE 2020 online conference and the IMISCOE 2021 conference. As we know, annual conferences are the biggest moment of the year for IMISCOE: is the time when we get together with our 56 and counting institutes and we meet people from all over the world, connect, share knowledge and also quite simply get to talk with those who we have been exchanging emails for the past few months. This year however, things went differently. The bad impact of the pandemic is felt everywhere and it did not spare academia. The IMISCOE 2020 conference planned to take place in Luxembourg had to be moved online. My first question to both of you is this: when did you find out that the conference could not take place (face-to-face) and what was your initial reaction?

*Birte:* The first official communication we received from the Luxembourg government indicated that this situation (the lockdown) would only last four weeks. Yet, we immediately concerned whether this situation will last longer. At the time, we thought that it might even last until the summer. During this time, we were always in close contact with the IMISCOE Network Office and around mid-March the decision not to have the conference this summer in Luxembourg was jointly taken.

*Nicole:* Those were and are crazy times and lots of uncertainties continue to persist. These are unprecedented circumstances for us and it was a hard decision to make. We are six months into the pandemic in Europe and we still do not know how long this exceptional situation will persist and when we will get back to "normal".

- Indeed the time to be sorry was very short and you had to find a solution. When did you know online was going to be the way forward?

*Nicole:* I think this idea already started to emerge when we realized that the physical conference will not happen this summer. With IMISCOE we discussed several options and this was the most promising one. However, from this point it took us some time until we knew that we would actually be able to shift the conference online as many questions had to be answered, for example about which platform to use, whether we can afford it and so on.

*Birte:* We were happy that the EUR, the Open University, and the UL, as well as the BD and EB, worked together on this huge task. This allowed us to not make this decision on our own, but in fact it became the result of the community effort. And of course, the Luxembourgish law would have not allowed the event to take place at that time, hence the new format.

*Nicole:* It is also important to highlight the generosity of the University of Oslo which was supposed to host the conference in 2021. They were so kind to postpone their own conference for one year, so a great thank you goes out to them!

- This sounds like a collaborative process, which will have impacts on the future of IMISCOE conferences. Generally speaking, Nicole and Birte, how did you experience this online conference and what elements are you thinking of keeping and using again for the 2021 conference?

*Birte:* In general, I think this conference went really well. Of course, several elements are missing during an online event. Most of all the interpersonal and spontaneous, informal ways of meeting and interacting. To compensate, we had a coffee bar and we were also able to invite people to cook and dance together during breaks. We saw that an online conference requires a different approach and a different way of planning, but also opens up new opportunities on how to get together. With respect to the IMISCOE 2021 conference, we need to think of those people who might still encounter issues getting here next summer. For instance, there might still be travel restrictions in place or some people might not feel safe to board a plane. We might not be able to go back to a fully physical conference but we aim for a strong face-to-face component.

*Nicole:* That's right. The conference went very well, which is also reflected in the results of the conference feedback survey. The results showed that most participants were very happy and satisfied about how the IMISCOE 2020 conference went. The majority of participants were understanding that the conference was built from scratch in no time. The IMISCOE-community is a very supportive one. We have already started planning the IMISCOE 2021-conference together with the Network Office as we wanted to take advantage of the extra time. We have gained so much experience and with the additional time available, we hope to be able to change the conference elements that need improvement.

- We talked about the past, we now want to look forward. The current situation suggests that the 2021-conference could be the first ever hybrid conference for IMISCOE. How do you account for uncertainties in your conference planning?

*Birte:* At this time, it is very difficult to be specific as we are still at the beginning of the planning process. What we have learned so far is that our conference planning needs to be as flexible as possible in order to be able to adapt to any changing situation very quickly. We have to see how this pandemic and the uncertainties will develop. It will take some time to evaluate how much online content we will need to have.

- I have heard that you plan to run the Luxembourg conference sustainably. Can you talk to us a little bit on how sustainable this conference aims to be?

*Birte:* Since we started planning the 2020 conference, we decided to plan a sustainable and family friendly conference. For instance, we have purchased a conference app, which will allow participants for example to create their own personalised schedule. We will use this app for the first time at the 2021 conference and we hope that ultimately this or another app will replace the paper-version of the conference booklet thus saving resources. We have selected caterers who are using as much local, organic and fairly traded products as possible. One of the catering companies is a social enterprise which employs and trains handicapped people, young people without qualifications and sells products from local workshops and reintegration initiatives, thus actively promoting social inclusion and solidarity. Values that IMISCOE and the UL live and practice.



Nicole: Yes, the food will be organic, local and mostly CO2 reduced and there will be no single-use plastic - for example, we will not have single use plastic water bottles at the conference but will provide environmentally friendly alternatives. If we really need to use plastic, we will make sure it is bio-degradable or recycled. This conference is a large event and we really hope that its scale will help to make at least some positive social and environment impact, for instance by highlighting the small producers of this region. We hope to show that running conferences sustainably is indeed possible and to get more organisers to do the same.

- This sounds beautiful. Is there any last message you have for the community?

Birte: Welcome to Luxembourg!!! This is what we really want to say! We want to make Luxembourg a welcoming place for you. This will be the first big event after Covid-19 to bring people back together. We hope that we will be able to catch up on personal interactions at the Luxembourg conference as this was partly missed this year.

Adham: I speak for myself but I am very excited for 2021. I hope that we can all join in person. I believe the University of Luxembourg's hybrid and sustainable conference planning could inspire other organisations' events.

Birte and Nicole, thank you for this nice conversation.

(Note: this interview has been held on 22 September 2020, before the decision was taken to go online)



Professor Birte Nienaber and Nicole Holzapfel-Mantin

## Spring Conference - 2020

### Moving, living, investing and surviving: housing and migrations in uncertain times

IMISCOE's Spring Conference in 2020 took place at the [Centre of Geographical Studies \(CEG\)](#) , [Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, IGOT](#), University of Lisbon, one of the network's founding partners, on 6-7 February. The topic chosen for the conference was housing and the various intersections of housing with migration. The conference explored how housing represents a major dimension of immigrant settlement and immigrant integration.



The question of housing is not limited to its 'where' component, but unfolds into how migrants inhabit these spaces and the kinds of (urban) experience they allow to take place (Datta, 2008). Such transversal concerns cut across the ideas of ownership and the notion of housing as a commodity to also encompass housing as home, identity, well-being and access. Additionally, the impacts of tourism, increasing international residential investment and lack of supply have resulted in housing crises in southern European cities (Allen, Barlow, Leal, Maloutas & Padovani, 2004), such as Lisbon and Barcelona, but also other parts of the world. In this context, migration plays a complex role inasmuch as migrants may be among the most vulnerable populations and thus risk eviction, but could also be triggering gentrification and real estate speculation processes, in the case of privileged and investment migration.

In this context, the objective of this IMISCOES Spring Conference was to address the links between housing and migrations, whether material or immaterial, for different populations (privileged migrants, refugees, native residents, etc. across different settings (whether urban, peri-urban and rural) and that in origin and receiving regions.

[The conference's programme](#) included 11 panels with 42 presentations, 1 book launch, 2 field visits, and a total of 101 participants.

The Spring Conference in Lisbon happened back-to-back with the final conference of the CrossMigration project (H2020), which allowed researchers and policymakers not necessarily working on housing to attend the Spring Conference panels and keynote speeches.

The conference had two keynote speakers, whose presentations are available at IGOT's Youtube channel. [Jonathan Darling, Durham University \(UK\)](#), presented his reflections on the privatisation of housing in the UK's asylum dispersal system. [Thomas Maloutas](#), from Harokopio University (Greece), talked about the changing landscape of housing for migrants and refugees in the EU's southeastern border.

Two study visits were included in the conference programme and attracted a great number of participants. One was organised by the association [Renovar a Mouraria \(MyGranTour-Lisbon\)](#) consisted of a migrant-led walk through Lisbon's most multicultural neighbourhood, Mouraria. The second study visit was held in partnership with the ROCK project (H2020) and explored the rapid urban transformation taking place in the neighbourhood of [Marvila](#), which is increasingly attracting international property investors and residents. This visit was framed within the new IMISCOE research initiative on privileged mobilities, [PriMob](#), whose coordinators Jennifer McGarrigle and Franz Buhr are also from CEG/IGOT ([MIGRARE](#) research group).



During the conference, the new IMISCOE-Springer book [Politics of \(Dis\)integration](#), edited by Sophie Hinger and Reinhard Schweitzer, was launched. The event included a short presentation by three of the book chapters' authors Tina Magazzini, Amandine Desille and Sarah Nimführ. This presentation was followed by a discussion and critique by Rinus Penninx.



*Housing and migrations: the key themes of the IMISCOE Spring Conference 2020*



# Future IMISCOE Events

Annual Conference - 2022

OSLO MET

IMISCOE

Welcome to the 19th annual conference

June 29 to July 1, 2022 in Oslo

**MIGRATION AND TIME**

Temporalities of mobility, governance and resistance

OSLO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY  
STORBYUNIVERSITETET

Hosted by SVA, Fafo, ISF and PRIO

Spring Conference - 2022

**MigSoz**  
**biWzOS**  
MIGRATION UND SOZIALPOLITIK

**IAQ**

**Shifting rationalities in Migration Policies throughout Europe?**  
The (Un)Making of Integration by Discourses, Policies and Migrant Strategies

**IMISCOE SPRING CONFERENCE**  
IN COOPERATION WITH

Gefördert durch:  
Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales

**InZentIM**  
Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung

**UNIVERSITÄT DUISBURG ESSEN**  
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**16–18 March 2022**  
**Duisburg Germany**

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*The Netherlands - Rotterdam, 2018 Cross Migration conference*

# **IMISCOE Finances**



### Summary

IMISCOE has faced a challenging financial year due to the global pandemic and the postponing of the annual conference. This has exposed financial risks in the network, especially with the annual budget depending very much on revenue from the annual conference. It has also exposed the need for our financial policy to maintain a healthy financial reserve for a network of our size. The BD decision to adjust the annual budget for 2020 has mitigated the immediate risks. Also, the organization of an online conference has brought costs but also some revenue that has helped rebalance the budget.

Due to the BD budget amendment and the online conference, a budget deficit could be avoided. The year was concluded with a small surplus of just over 4k euros. This shows the effect of the budget cuts and the income from the online conference. However, in some cases it was hard to achieve the budget cuts that were proposed. Also, especially the professionalization of the website and the investments in the online Webex meeting infrastructure are leading to a cost increases that need to be assessed in terms of implications for the long-term IMISCOE budget.

On the longer term, it is important that (1) IMISCOE continues to maintain a healthy financial reserve and (2) that there will be a gradual decrease of the dependency of the annual budget on the revenue of the conference from the same year as the expenses.

### Revenues

The main source remains membership fees as well as conference fees. This year the income from conference fees was 51,95k euros, against the expected 160k for an on-site conference.

- Income from **institutional membership**. The membership payments that have been verified to be received have been included in the budget (including 12k which is received in 2021, but concern 2020 membership fees)
- Due to the COVID-19 developments the original planned **annual conference** in Luxembourg could not take place. This has influenced a main income source for IMISCOE, namely the conference fees – which were expected to be almost 160.000 euro for 2020. This has led to the decision to cut costs for many activities that were planned in 2020. Fortunately, there are some revenues from the online conference that was organized for the IMISCOE community in July 2020. The total received amount of conferences fees is hence 51.950 euro.
- With regards to **OA-books**: IMISCOE published over 8 OA-books in 2020. However, not all authors are obligated to pay (half of) the fee, as some of the books are published in the short book series.
- A total of 9075 was received from OA-book fees. Some authors already paid their fees last year, as in some cases authors will lose their resources if not spend within a certain period. IMISCOE is therefore accommodating towards such authors.
- The annual support by **Erasmus University** DPAS has been received as was agreed upon in 2018.
- We took slightly less from the **reserve fund** for the new website in order to be able to cover financial obligations to Designserver over 2021.

### Expenses

The total amount of expenses over 2020 was about 280k euros. This is more than 100k less than usual, also due to the budget cuts agreed by the BD

1. The **budget cuts** agreed up on by the BD include:

- Standing Committees received only half of the expected budget 4000 euro, and hence received 2000 euro
- All chairs of the extended network office received half of the expected budget of 2500 euro, and hence received 1250 euro. An exception was made for the editorial committee, as the budget to this committee is spent on staff and was hence based in a contract. The ReSOMA travel budget was limited to the travel costs made for the Spring Conference in Lisbon
- The coordinator received only half of his replacement costs, which is a total amount of 4250 euro
- Lastly, the BD decided not to publish the call for research initiatives in 2020, which means that the budget of 10.000 euro could be saved
- Other small costs were also cut, such as costs for the annual report, the payment to Scholars at Risks was suspended for this year, the awards were suspended and we counted on lower bank fees due to the conference

2. *Not all abovementioned budget cuts could be implemented fully.*

Bank fees turned out higher due to the conference attendance, the network office had to make at least some communication costs (including annual report). Also, the pandemic brought specific additional costs: additional costs (under miscellaneous) involved legal costs that the network office made for exploring potential risks surrounding the conference

3. The **Network Office costs** were this year slightly higher than mentioned in the amended budget (82,8k rather than 78,8k)

4. An appointment of a new network officer (Angelique van Dam who partially needed to overlap with Warda Belabas)

5. Support by a financial officer Sahil Somnez to manage the increasing financial flow for IMISCOE

6. Costs for **publications** (book series) were budgeted somewhat too low. A correction will be made for future budgets

7. Regular costs for **events** include the spring conference (Lisbon), the BD dinner (also in Lisbon), the PhD Summer School and the annual conference.

The costs for the annual conference (34,3k) include specific technical and personnel costs (conference organizers, conference support). The PhD summer school, to be organized by Koc university, was paid during 2020 but will be held in the fall of 2021

8. Costs for **the research infrastructure** turned out lower, due to the cancellation of the call for research initiatives and the budget cut for standing committees

9. Costs for **website and communication** were higher than expected (38,5k instead of 35,7k).

This is primarily due to rising costs for maintaining the website and the migration research hub. The network office will follow up with a further monitoring and planning for the sustainability of these costs. This includes the Clarivate subscription, which was calculated without VAT. This also includes various other costs:

- The **PhD network** only spent 500 euro from their annual budget of their 2000 euro. Due to the budget cuts, this year they had only 1000 euro to spend. With approval of the coordinator, the remaining 500 euro will be spent in 2021.
- Only half of the 5000 euro for the **Maria Baganha Award** was spent, as the winner received the Award price (2500 euro), but there was no reimbursement for travel costs. The **Rinus Penninx Award** was not awarded this year.
- As the annual conference normally brings about much more financial flows, this year the **bank costs** are much lower (1500 euro, instead of the budgeted 5000 euro).
- Miscellaneous includes the costs for legal support, mentioned earlier above



Financial reserves:

We started the year 2020 with a financial reserve of almost 105k euros. This included a remaining 23,7k from the investment fund for the website; the real reserve at the end of 2019 was 80,9k.

The reserved changed in various ways:

- The 2020 surplus was added (4k)
- A total of 14,7k was spent from the reserved investment fund for the website. This leaves 9k of the fund for 2021
- By the EB decision, uncoverable income from 2015 and 2016 were waived. These were still included in the calculated IMISCOE reserves; 2812 euros
- A budget correction took place on the reserves end 2019. These were increased with 1122,35. This was due to various income items (conference fees, publication fees, transaction fees) that were not attributed to IMISCOE due to a discrepancy between year in which the income were booked and when they were received. These items were now added

With these items, the reserves at 31-12-2020 are 92.445,87 euros. This includes a reservation of 9k for the website investment. This brings the real reserves by the end of 2020 at 83.445,87 euros.

Although this is a healthy reserve for IMISCOE, it is important to prepared for future uncertainties. This applies in particular to a situation where IMISCOE would once again need to organize an online-only conference.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Reserves end 2019   | €104.688,66<br>(including 23,7k investment fund; real reserves €80983,4) |
| Positive result over 2020                                 | +€4152,53  |
| Reserve from Investment Plan 2020 (earmarked for website) | -€14705,26   |
| Loss of uncoverable income from IMISCOE member            | -€2812,41  |
| Financial corrections EUR                                 | +€1122,35  |
| Reserves end 2020   | €92.445,87   |
| Earmarked for investment plan 2021 (website)              | €9000  |
| Real reserves end 2020                                    | €83.445,87   |

IMISCOE Budget 2020

|          |   | 2020            | 2020                   | 2020       |
|----------|---|-----------------|------------------------|------------|
|          |   |                 | Amended budget         |            |
|          |   | Original budget | after conference shift | Achieved   |
| Income   |   |                 |                        |            |
|          | Institutional membership fees                 | 165.000,00      | 165.000,00             | 166.500,00 |
|          | Conference fees (individual membership)       | 159.375,00      | 0,00                   | 51.950,00  |
|          | Erasmus University Rotterdam Contribution     | 41.500,00       | 41.500,00              | 41.500,00  |
|          | Eramarked reserves investment plan (website)  | 23.705,26       | 23.705,26              | 14.705,26  |
|          | Other OA fees                                 | 9.075,00        | 9.075,00               | 9.075,00   |
|          | TOTAL   | 398.655,26      | 239.280,26             | 283.730,26 |
| Expenses |   |                 |                        |            |
|          | Network office                                |                 |                        |            |
|          | Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs         | 8.500,00        | 4.250,00               | 4.250,00   |
|          | Network officer W. Belabas                    | 49.000,00       | 49.000,00              | 23.744,37  |
|          | Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)    | 13.500,00       | 13.500,00              | 9.630,30   |
|          | Network officer Adham Aly (Research Database) | 10.500,00       | 10.500,00              | 11.379,76  |
|          | Travel costs Network Office                   | 3.500,00        | 1.500,00               | 1.956,00   |
|          | New network officer Angelique van Dam         |                 |                        | 29.531,32  |
|          | New financial officer Sahil Somnez            |                 |                        | 2.331,84   |
|          | sub-total                                     | 85.000,00       | 78.750,00              | 82.823,59  |
|          | Extended Network Office                       |                 |                        |            |
|          | Editorial Manager Journal CMS                 | 13.500,00       | 13.500,00              | 9.630,30   |
|          | Coordinator Editorial Committee               | 10.000,00       | 10.000,00              | 10.000,00  |
|          | Coordinator Training Committee                | 2.500,00        | 1.250,00               | 1.250,00   |
|          | Coordinator PhD Committee                     | 2.500,00        | 1.250,00               | 1.250,00   |
|          | Coordinator External Affairs Committee        | 2.500,00        | 1.250,00               | 1.250,00   |
|          | Coordinator of CMS Board                      | 2.500,00        | 1.250,00               | 1.250,00   |
|          | EUMIGS budget                                 | 5.000,00        | 2.500,00               | 2.500,00   |
|          | Members of Financial Committee                | 2.500,00        | 1.250,00               | 1.250,00   |
|          | ReSOMA travel budget                          | 2.500,00        | 0,00                   | 539,59     |
|          | sub-total                                     | 43.500,00       | 32.250,00              | 28.919,89  |
|          | Publications                                  |                 |                        |            |
|          | Book series (Springer contribution)           | 29.040,00       | 29.040,00              | 31.000,00  |
|          | Extra book                                    | 2.722,00        | 2.722,00               | 2.722,00   |
|          | Journal CMS                                   | 28.600,00       | 28.600,00              | 28.600,00  |
|          | sub-total                                     | 60.362,00       | 60.362,00              | 62.322,00  |
|          | Events  |                 |                        |            |
|          | Spring Conference                             | 3.500,00        | 3.500,00               | 3.500,00   |
|          | Annual Conference                             | 74.000,00       | 0,00                   | 21.715,39  |
|          | Annual BD Diner                               | 2.500,00        | 2.500,00               | 2.500,00   |
|          | PhD Summer School                             | 10.000,00       | 10.000,00              | 10.000,00  |
|          | sub-total                                     | 90.000,00       | 16.000,00              | 37.715,39  |
|          | Research Infrastructure                       |                 |                        |            |
|          | Standing Committees                           | 45.000,00       | 22.500,00              | 22.500,00  |
|          | Research Initiatives                          | 10.000,00       | 0,00                   | 0,00       |
|          | sub-total                                     | 55.000,00       | 22.500,00              | 22.500,00  |
|          | Website and communication                     |                 |                        |            |
|          | Website                                       | 31.705,26       | 31.705,26              | 32.207,42  |
|          | Communication material                        | 2.500,00        | 0,00                   | 868,95     |
|          | Annual report                                 | 2.500,00        | 0,00                   | 307,28     |
|          | Clarivate subscription                        | 4.000,00        | 4.000,00               | 5.154,60   |
|          | sub-total                                     | 40.705,26       | 35.705,26              | 38.538,25  |
|          | Other   |                 |                        |            |
|          | PhD Network - material costs and travel costs | 2.000,00        | 2.000,00               | 505,32     |
|          | Maria Baganha Award                           | 5.000,00        | 2.500,00               | 2.500,00   |
|          | Rinus Penninx Award                           | 750,00          | 0,00                   | 0,00       |
|          | New Awards                                    | 750,00          | 0,00                   | 0,00       |
|          | Solidarity Fund                               | 1.000,00        | 0,00                   | 0,00       |
|          | Bank fee (paypal)                             | 5.000,00        | 500,00                 | 1.450,66   |
|          | Miscellaneous costs /Other costs              | 1.500,00        | 0,00                   | 2.302,63   |
|          | sub-total                                     | 16.000,00       | 5.000,00               | 6.758,61   |
|          | TOTAL   |                 |                        |            |
|          | total   | 390.567,26      | 250.567,26             | 279.577,73 |
| BALANCE  |   | 8.088,00        | -11.287,00             | 4.152,53   |



IMISCOE Budget 2021

|          |   |   | 2021       |
|----------|---|---|------------|
|          |   |   |            |
| Income   |   |   |            |
|          | Institutional membership fees             |   | 168.000,00 |
|          | Conference fees (individual membership)   |   | 159.375,00 |
|          | Erasmus University Rotterdam Contribution |   | 41.500,00  |
|          | Other                                     | OA fees                                       | 9.075,00   |
|          | TOTAL                                     |   | 377.950,00 |
|          |   |   |            |
| Expenses |   |   |            |
|          | Network office                            |   |            |
|          |   | Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs         | 8.500,00   |
|          |   | Network officer W. Belabas                    | 49.500,00  |
|          |   | Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)    | 14.000,00  |
|          |   | Network officer Adham Aly (Research Database) | 11.000,00  |
|          |   | Travel costs Network Office                   | 3.500,00   |
|          | Extended Network Office                   |   |            |
|          |   | Editorial Manager Journal CMS                 | 13.500,00  |
|          |   | 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 of CMS Board                      | 2.500,00   |
|          |   | EUMIGS budget                                 | 5.000,00   |
|          |   | Members of Financial Committee                | 2.500,00   |
|          |   | ReSOMA travel budget                          | 2.500,00   |
|          | Publications                              |   |            |
|          |   | Book series (Springer contribution)           | 31.000,00  |
|          |   | Extra book EC                                 | 2.722,00   |
|          |   | Journal CMS                                   | 28.600,00  |
|          | Events                                    |   |            |
|          |   | Spring Conference                             | 5.000,00   |
|          |   | Annual Conference                             | 74.000,00  |
|          |   | Annual BD Diner                               | 2.500,00   |
|          |   | PhD Summer School                             | 10.000,00  |
|          | Research Infrastructure                   |   |            |
|          |   | Standing Committees                           | 45.000,00  |
|          |   | Research Initiatives                          | 10.000,00  |
|          | Website and communication                 |   |            |
|          |   | Website                                       | 16.000,00  |
|          |   | Communication material                        | 2.000,00   |
|          |   | Annual report                                 | 2.000,00   |
|          |   | Clarivate subscription                        | 4.000,00   |
|          | Other                                     |   |            |
|          |   | PhD Network - material costs and travel costs | 2.000,00   |
|          |   | Maria Baganha Award                           | 4.125,00   |
|          |   | Rinus Penninx Award                           | 750,00     |
|          |   | New Awards                                    | 750,00     |
|          |   | Solidarity Fund                               | 1.000,00   |
|          |   | Bank fee (paypal)                             | 5.000,00   |
|          |   | Miscellaneous costs /Other costs              | 1.500,00   |
|          | TOTAL                                     |   | 377.947,00 |

BALANCE 3,00

| Parameters                             | 2020 |  | 2021 |
|--|------|--|------|
|  |      |  |      |
| Number of conference participants      | 850  |  | 850  |
|  |      |  |      |
| Number of member institutes            | 55,5 |  | 56   |
| OA fee per book incl. VAT (if 8 books) | 3630 |  | 3630 |
| Number of books published              | 5    |  | 5    |
| Number of short books                  | 3    |  | 3    |



Vienna and Liège, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Statement of representations on the financial reporting and budgeting

In our responsibility as the Financial Committee (FC) to ensuring that IMISCOEs governing body discharges its financial responsibilities and that the network remains financially viable we declare that we have looked at the revenues for 2019 and 2020, as well as the scenarios for the conference in 2021. We are aware of the current (financial) situation and familiar with the announced objectives and plans. This brings us to the following statement:

- we hereby approve the budget and the annual financial report for 2019. There are no inexplicable deviations that need to be noted and we do not advice to change anything.
- we also declare that the budget for 2020 has been approved.
- Furthermore, we declares that we have taken this decision based on sufficiently complete information. At the moment, we have no request for additional information and we will be able to continue along the same lines with the forthcoming overview.

We approve the coordinator's proposal not to spend the additional revenue that has been generated. We see this as an important measure to strengthen the continuity of IMISCOE as an organisation. We advise to keep this income and the current surplus in order to replenish our reserves and to cover risks in the uncertain times of income in 2021. We support the importance of making IMISCOE financially stronger and more stable by working on the transition to the system that expenditure follows on previously generated income instead of expected income. We also advise to strive to have strong reserves.

For the Financial Committee

Marco Martiniello. Liège Université







# IMISCOE Committees

## Building a PhD community during a global pandemic (Rethinking the PhD Network)

The year 2020 brought incredible challenges to all sector of life and work, and it was no different for IMISCOE and its PhD community, but with the challenges came the potential for improvement and growth. In fact, IMISCOE as an organization has been growing exponentially and so has its PhD community, which has been actively involved in all the new initiatives within the larger group, such as the planning of the IMISCOE academy or the anti-racism group through the PhD Representative Isabella Trombetta. Thanks to Peter Scholten and the IMISCOE board, who fully believe and support the PhD Community, the PhD Network was also formally included in the official IMISCOE website with its own self-managed space, which was the first formal step towards becoming a structured fully recognized IMISCOE organ.

The pandemic and the complications of the time pushed the PhD Network and its representative to gather the knowledge and expertise built in the past years to taking steps towards a globalization and professionalization process, which will enhance the cooperation with other IMISCOE organs, such as the Standing Committees and the presence of a strong international PhD community in the field of migration that will stand as landmark for all prospective students and young scholars.

Preparation to the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Luxembourg

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, our Networking team was busy preparing the 'Intergenerational Feedback Sessions' and some social activities for the IMISCOE PhD community during the annual conference in Luxembourg. The idea behind the Feedback sessions is to group students and experienced scholars according to their interests and make the session beneficial for both parties. This year we received up to thirty confirmations from experienced scholars willing to join the sessions; which is a lot in comparison to last years. Apart from the Intergenerational Feedback Session, we were also preparing an "academic speed dating" event for the PhD peers to pitch their research in an interactive and engaging way, and connect across research fields. With the emergence of the pandemic and the following cancellation of any in person activities we had to reconsider our plans. Cancel all? Transfer one-to-one to an online format? Or, let's start totally new with the question: What is really needed in these times? We decided for the latter.

### New plan for an online format: PhD Discussion rooms

In May 2020, right a month before the conference, we started developing completely new activities for the PhD community. Our main aim in this: to foster exchange among each other and to learn from each other for dealing with the new challenges. This is how the "Discussion rooms" were born. The idea behind the Discussion rooms was to create online rooms with an open atmosphere where more experienced scholars and students discuss the most problematic and difficult aspects in the PhD life - in general, but also with regard to the pandemic situation. Thanks to the support of the IMISCOE Office, we could make the activities "free of charge" for all PhD students who registered for the program. Consequently, up to two hundred PhD students all over the world joined the Discussion rooms. There were four rooms in total. Each room was focusing on a different, potentially challenging aspect of PhD life, moderated by one of us engaging with invited more senior scholars.

In the first room, moderated by Sandra Morgenstern, PhD students and three more senior scholars discussed ethical and methodological challenges of field research in migration studies. Judith Kohlenberger, from the



Vienna University of Economics and Business, discussed the importance of the issue of “representation” for survey compositions. Milena Belloni, from the University of Antwerp, pointed at how we frame the idea of “vulnerability” in ethnographic research with hard-to-reach populations. Willy Sier who did her research on the Wuhan community “online” was especially insightful, since the pandemic forced (and still forces) many of us to change their approach to data collection.

The second discussion room was focussing on Publishing strategies and was moderated by Hakan Kilic. Although generally expected from PhD students, how to engage in publishing and especially strategic publishing, is rarely thought. In this session, Deniz Sert from Özeğin University, shared her view on the so-called “Mystery of Academic Publishing”. Martha Montero-Sieburth from the University of Amsterdam, talked about the ins and outs of English-language academic writing, the foundation for successful international publishing.

The third room was moderated by Olav Nygard and had its focus on how to effectively communicate the findings of our research. Jacqueline Broadhead, director of the Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity section of COMPAS at the University of Oxford, shared her insights regarding strategies and the challenges making research visible in public and political debates. Multimedia journalist and PhD researcher Sara Creta, from Dublin City University complemented these insights with a particular focus on the language and focus needed for an effective ‘outside’ communication.

Finally, in room four the discussion concentrated around the post-PhD life and was moderated by Domiziana Turcatti. The decision-making on where to go after accomplishing the PhD-title and how to do so is a crucial issue for PhDs in their last years. In this room the more senior scholars are people who have recently defended their theses. Marie Mallet-Garcia and William Allen from the University of Oxford recounted the challenges of an academic post-PhD life and revealed their decision-making strategies. Jill Alpes, from the Nijmegen Centre for Border Research, shared her journey to a non-academic post-PhD life.

Over all discussion rooms we were blessed with almost no technical issues, although we would have been prepared with two helping hands in the back observing everything, Maria Shaidrova and Gülce Özdemir. We have received very positive and encouraging feedback from PhD students and speakers. The discussion rooms had a warm and lively atmosphere which made all participants feel welcome and free to engage in discussions.

#### **Activity of the Teaching Group: Workshop “Online Teaching Challenges in Times of COVID-19”**

In response to the contemporary pandemic and its effects, the Teaching Group organized a workshop on the online teaching challenges brought by the outbreak of COVID-19, which took place on the morning of the first day of the conference from 09:00 until 10:30. The workshop was open to all PhD students who were teaching (or were planning to teach) and facing challenges, particularly in the light of the numerous substantial changes brought by COVID-19 pandemic in the field of higher education. The workshop gathered 25 PhD students in total.

The workshop was split into two sections: a presentation held by Prof. Dr. Christoph Helm (Linz School of Education, Johannes Kepler University Linz), who had already published a few articles on ‘COVID-19 and Educational Challenges’, and a discussion on topics such as teaching experiences/challenges faced during online classes, inclusion of students in teaching-learning processes, internet access and/or technology struggle to participate in digital learning, student preparation and different types of exams, advantages

and disadvantages of digital education etc. After the speaker's presentation, the PhD students also had the opportunity to get in touch with their colleagues in an active and informal setting, by sharing their experiences and exchanging ideas. All participants regarded the workshop as valuable and expressed their thanks to the speaker and organizers.

The Workshop group instead focused on two series, the “IMISCOE Ph.D. Network Presentation Series”, an opportunity to develop better presentation skills as well as learn how to critically analyze and offer feedback to the academic work of Ph.D.’s peers, and the “Online Workshops on Research Methods and Techniques” – to improve the research methods and techniques of young researchers. This was a great opportunity to discuss with peers research methods and techniques, to receive feedback, and get acquainted with other students’ research by providing them feedback on their methodology.

Finally, the PhD blog group provided PhD students globally with interesting reads on a monthly basis during the entire year, despite the difficulties of the several general lockdowns. The posts published in 2020 discuss theoretical matters as well as research results and PhD experiences in these difficult times, which were published on the official IMISCOE website, where the PhD blog has been permanently moved.

Thanks to prof. Zapata Barrero, the PhD Network has embarked in a new adventure: The Bulletin, an online publication put out by the IMISCOE board of directors, with a column dedicated to the PhDs. The PhD representative created the column ‘Coffee with an academic’ which consists of informal interviews with professors and other academics on topics relevant to their work and to the work of PhDs. From the blog group, Marina Lazeri, has taken on the lead of the Bulletin initiative for PhDs, with the precious help of Domiziana Turcatti and Maria Shaidrova, guaranteeing the success of this tool for PhD students to express themselves and have their voices heard in the larger academic community for the entirety of 2020.

#### **Training Committee**

The IMISCOE Training Committee organised a reflection session on the theme of a proposed IMISCOE Academy at the Spring conference in Lisbon in February 2020. The reflection session, where a developed plan for the IMISCOE Academy was discussed was fruitful. The proposed IMISCOE Academy is not a PhD program of course, but a means to realise the potential which the IMISCOE network offers, as a network, for PhD students in the broad field of migration studies to liaise, connect, and make the most of what IMISCOE has to offer. It is thus complementary to the PhD network and its activities, but will enrol members, thus ensuring a relationship of two-way engagement and commitment between the IMISCOE Academy and enrolled PhD students.

The Training committee and PhD network remain in close dialogue. As much else, meanwhile, the Training committee’s work was hampered by the effects of the pandemic for much of the remainder of 2020, with activities only picking up in late autumn 2020. With valuable support from the Network office, the work toward launching the IMISCOE Academy in 2021, pending BD approval in July 2021, resumed.

The Training Committee was furthermore boosted in early 2021, in order to facilitate the preparations – and eventually pending BD approval, the launch of the IMISCOE Academy in 2021. The Training Committee now consists of the following individuals: Marta Bivand Erdal (Chair, Peace Research Institute Oslo); Eleonore Kofman (Middlesex University); Jens Schneider (IMIS); Parvati Raghuram (the Open University); Thais Franca (xxx), Hakan Kilic (Danube University); Mariana Rosca (PhD representative) and Angelique van Dam (IMISCOE Network office).



### The EuMIGS European Master in Migration Studies: Qualitative and quantitative consolidation

While the Covid-pandemic put international student mobility and exchange into crisis, 2020 was in several ways a particularly successful year for the EuMIGS network:

EuMIGS is growing: In July 2020, a new Erasmus+ agreement was signed by a now enlarged consortium of twelve EuMIGS members. Five new partners joined the network from Salzburg, Lyon, Nice, Rotterdam and Barcelona. From 2020/21 onwards, students enrolled at any of the master programs specialised in migration studies that are part of the EuMIGS network can now choose to spend up to one year at any of the other partner programs, distributed over nine European countries. Currently five EuMIGS partner programs are offering students the opportunity to obtain a Double Degree from both their home and their host universities, plus a special certificate from IMISCOE.

**Student mobility continues:** While due to the pandemic only two students took part in the Double Degree scheme in 2020/21, the recently selected 4th cohort is the biggest so far: 17 students will embark on the EuMIGS Double Degree adventure, going abroad in September 2021. And also the shorter exchange stays within the larger EuMIGS network has met increased interest for the coming academic year.

**Student mobility goes virtual:** In addition to the physical presence in another academic environment, heavily constricted during most of 2020, EuMIGS has developed the possibility for virtual student mobility. In August 2020, the University of Osnabrück was awarded funding by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to develop joint teaching activities online within the EuMIGS network. A first joint course on "international student migration" was offered in the first quarter of 2021. In this course, students and researchers from six EuMIGS partner institutes – Neuchâtel, Osnabrück, A Coruña, Salzburg, Linköping, and Lyon – worked together with their international peers in small research projects. The design and results of this pilot seminar will be presented at the 18th IMISCOE Annual Conference.

**EuMIGS @ IMISCOE:** Thanks to the support of IMISCOE, EuMIGS Double Degree students have been able to participate in the annual IMISCOE summer conferences. During the digital Annual IMISCOE Conference in July 2020, as in the previous conference in Malmö, a panel was dedicated to the master thesis topics and the exchange experiences of EuMIGS Double Degree students.

**Updated EuMIGS website:** In line with the design of the IMISCOE website, the EuMIGS website was redesigned and updated in December 2020. Next to details on the two exchange schemes, the participating institutes and their master programs, the website now also offers an overview of events organised by the members and by EuMIGS, including a joint lecture series.

In close cooperation with the IMISCOE Training Committee, the EuMIGS network hopes to deepen the international collaboration on training students in migration studies in the future. Joint (virtual) teaching formats and events will enable the participating institutes to learn from each other, create synergies, and offer international mobility experiences also to those students, who cannot move abroad. To make student mobility even more inclusive, we hope that we will be able to provide students with scholarships in the future. Furthermore, we are working on increasing teaching mobility and exchange between the master programs, and also including other researchers within IMISCOE giving them the opportunity to look into the topics and theoretical issues that younger going-to-be researchers in the field are interested in and working on. We are looking forward to sharing our experiences with all other IMISCOE member institutes and wish to thank the IMISCOE network office for their continuous support.











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