

THEME

The Mediterranean lies at the heart of migration studies in Europe and, currently, it is a focal point of large-scale human displacement. This is both a global and a local challenge with major effects on origin and destination countries in terms of society and politics, and with important implications for border and diversity policies, and geopolitical strategies. **The 2018 IMISCOE Annual Conference in Barcelona** raises the theme 'Mediterranean human mobilities' and 'Mediterranean intercultural challenges'. The aim is to draw attention to the geographical dimension of migration, and to approach human mobilities as a reality and diversity as a resource and an opportunity to connect societies and cities in the Mediterranean area. We particularly seek to focus on specific current categories in migration studies, such as transnationalism, super-diversity, solidarity, diaspora and co-development, and to link these with broader ideas on human rights, democracy and liberalism. The Conference will promote a dialogue between scholars and policy makers, and to open a forum for methodological discussions linking Mediterranean and migration studies.

Bringing the Conference with this particular topic to Barcelona highlights the traditional bridging role of the Euromediterranean partnership, launched as "Barcelona Process" by the EU its Mediterranean neighbours to create conditions of working with a Mediterranean approach.

We welcome contributions from various disciplines, theoretical and empirically oriented, case-studies and comparative research, micro/meso and macro levels of analysis. We also encourage proposals to be interdisciplinary, intergenerational and gendered.

It is possible to submit individual papers, panel proposals and workshops (all sessions will each be assigned 90 minutes). Submissions directly related to the conference theme are especially welcomed as well as those on other topics in the broad field of migration and ethnic studies contributing to develop the research agenda.

Panels and papers will be brought together into thematic lines throughout the conference program. Specific ones related to the Main Conference Theme are:

- The refugee situation in Europe and beyond
- Mobilities and Settlements in Mediterranean societies
- Intercultural relations in the Mediterranean
- Mediterranean Cities and Societies
- Research-Policy Dialogues on Migration and the Mediterranean
- Research agenda on Mediterranean migration studies
- Euro-Mediterranean governance of migration and EU external policies and Migration

PAPERS

Submission of papers should include a 250 word abstract and the name and affiliation of the author. Individual papers will be thematically clustered into panels.

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RESEARCH PANELS

Proposals for a research panel should consist of 3 thematically consistent and related papers on a relevant topic of choice. Optionally, chairs can include three "papers on the table", which means that the papers will be circulated and discussed together by a discussant, but without previous presentation. The Call welcome panels related to the main topics of Standing Committees (indicated in the submission form).

Submission should include a 250 word abstract of the theme of a panel, the name and affiliation of the chair, a discussant for each paper (and an additional one to discuss the "papers on the table"), the title and a 250-word abstract as well as the name and affiliation of the author/s/presenters.

WORKSHOPS

Besides panels, proposals can also be submitted for workshops. This can involve **book workshops, policy workshops or roundtables**. The aim of such workshops can be to discuss research or to shape a future research agenda.

Submissions for workshop should include a max. 400-word overview of the rationale of the workshop, what it is expected, and the names and affiliation of the organizer(s) and persons taking part in the workshop.

CONDITIONS/REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are allowed to be the lead presenter of only one paper in the conference; in addition, every applicant can chair one panel. The deadline for submitting proposals is **Friday 15 January 2018 (24:00 CET)**. All submissions should be made online via www.imiscoe.org. Applicants will be informed about acceptance of their submission by **February 28th 2018**.

The conference fee is € 200; for PhD students the fee is € 150. The fee includes conference materials, lunches, coffee breaks, receptions and events. Accommodation is not covered by the conference fee. The conference fee also includes a one-year individual membership of IMISCOE.

GRANTS

The applicants coming from MENA countries that are no members of IMISCOE are allowed to apply to this Barcelona Conference. A number of them (max. 20) will be selected. The fees will be free and they will benefit of support in the travel and accommodation. They should add to the application a letter justifying the request.

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

There will be an opening (academic oriented) and a closure (policy oriented) key-lecture, and three semi-plenaries and Workshops. Proposed themes (still under discussion): Responding to the Refugee Crisis: research limits and policy dilemma; Intercultural relations in the Mediterranean: cities, societies and politics; How human mobilities shape Mediterranean societies: history and current times. Key note speakers will be announced soon.

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