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A portrait of Prof. dr. Peter Scholten, a man with short brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown.

Coordinator's message

Next year, the IMISCOE Research Network will celebrate its 15th anniversary. On April 1st 2004 IMISCOE set out with 19 partners. The key mission of IMISCOE was, and has remained, to promote the development of high quality academic research on migration, integration and social cohesion. Since then it has developed various activities geared towards achieving this mission, including support to research groups as well as the establishment of publication series (books and journal), events and a broad variety of training activities. As a result, IMISCOE has become more than a network, but a real community where migration scholars at various stages of their careers meet.

At the start of 2018 this number has increased to 40 institutes from all over Europe, with more institutes about to join soon. This also reflects the growth of the research field of migration studies more broadly; with the growing pertinence of migration issues, the number of scholars involved in migration studies has expanded significantly as well. Migration studies is coming of age.

This growth also comes with challenges. IMISCOE faces the challenge of responding to the growth of the field of migration studies on the one hand, while at the same time maintaining its function as a community of scholars and reforming its organization structure to cope with growth. And this includes, as you will be able to read in this report, plans of IMISCOE to grow beyond Europe.

This annual report in front of you covers the 13th year of IMISCOE's existence; 2017. It is however for the first time that the network issues an annual report like this one. In fact, this annual report is one of the concrete efforts to cope with the growth of the network. It tries to capture the various developments of the network in a comprehensive way in one report. The report does not only contain reports on what the network has achieved in 2017, but also several flashbacks as well as flashforwards. Throughout the report, you will find various plans on how the network will develop further in the period to come.

I hope you enjoy reading our first annual report on our thirteenth year of existence. And I hope the report's contents will be sufficiently inviting to you to share with us also the celebrations next year at our fifteenth anniversary!

Prof.dr. Peter Scholten

State of the Network

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

History

International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE) was established as a Network of Excellence on April 2004. Initially, the European Commission funded the network (in a period of 1 April 2004- 31 March 2009) for five years. The funding was seen as an investment that should encourage cooperation between researchers in the EU.

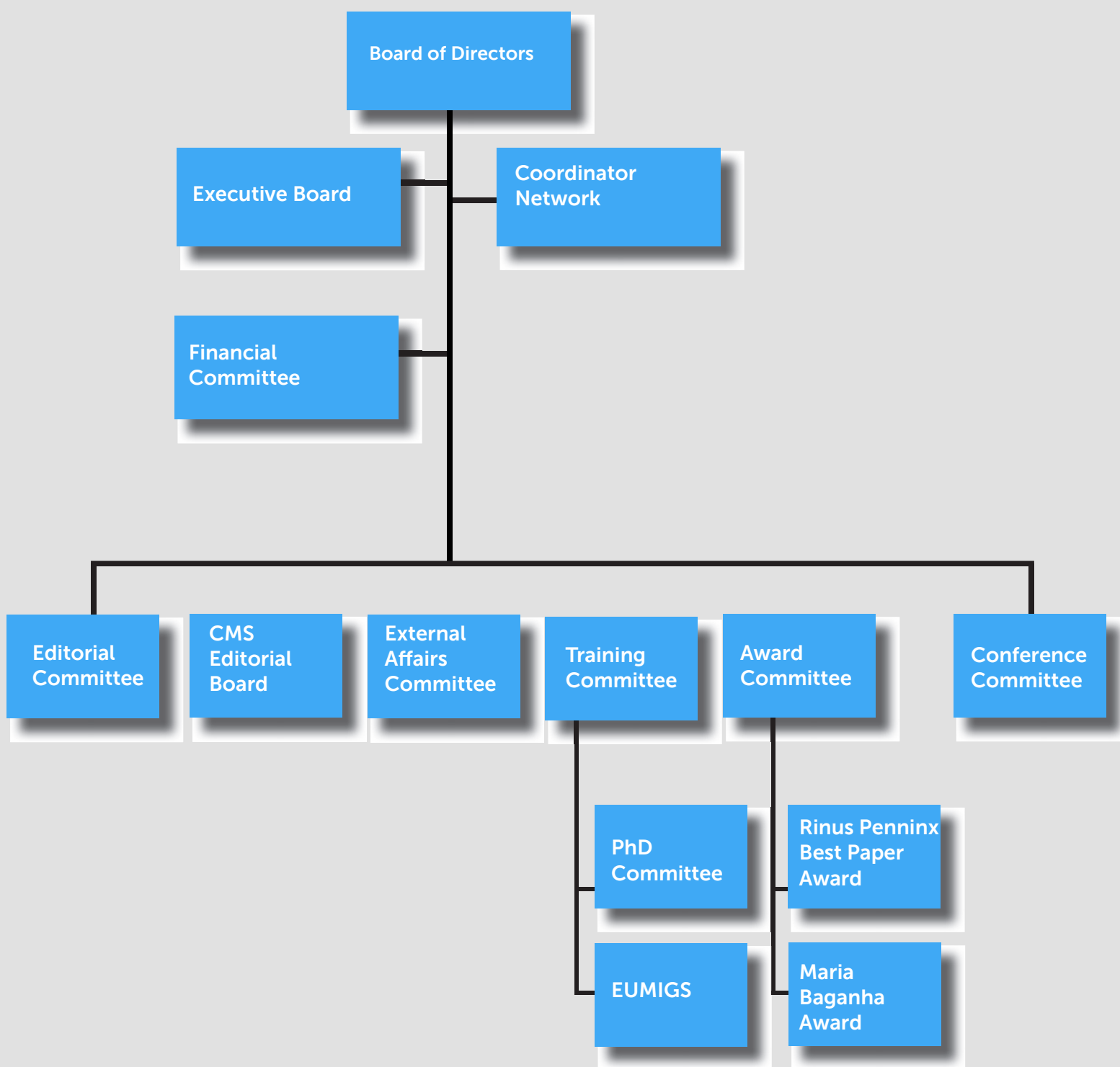
In 2010, when the funding expired, IMISCOE showed its success and decided, with the participants, to continue the collaboration in an independent IMISCOE research network. Since, 2014 the coordination of the network is allocated to Erasmus University Rotterdam.

By 2018, the network expanded its participation and success to 40 institutes and more than 700 researchers. Herein, a great number of publications based on systematic comparison is generated and new, comparative, and interdisciplinary research also.

Moreover, IMISCOE has an infrastructure for the training of future researchers and focuses on disseminating the knowledge that is generated within the network. IMISCOE's legitimacy and relevance is to be seen in its ability to reinvent itself as a Research Network.

There are three significant contributions of IMISCOE to the development of migration and integration research in Europe. First of all, it has provided a platform for excellent scholars throughout (and beyond) Europe, to initiate comparative research and organize research projects. IMISCOE is also the largest European network of scholars in the area of migration and integration research. The IMISCOE conferences contribute a lot to migration scholars. Secondly, IMISCOE also contributed to the training of young researchers and the exchange of researchers throughout and beyond Europe. Lastly, IMISCOE promotes mutual dialogue between society and researchers (policy, politics, and civil society). This also contributes to the joint shaping of research agendas and also the joint operation in research proposals.

Organisational Structure



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

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

Board of Directors and Executive Board

Board of Directors

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

Coordinator & Network Office

The Coordinator is the main executive power in IMISCOE, and is controlled by the BD, EB and Financial Committee. The coordinator is elected once in every four years by the Board of Directors, based on a detailed 'bid book' containing a policy and financial program for IMISCOE for a 4-years period. Coordinators can be re-elected. From 2004 to 2014, Rinus Penninx (University of Amsterdam) was the coordinator of IMISCOE. From 2014-2018, Maurice Crul and Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam) shared the coordinator role, and from 2018-2022 Peter Scholten will be the coordinator of IMISCOE.

The coordinator is supported by a Network Office, also established at Erasmus University Rotterdam. The Network Office consists of Warda Belabas (senior network officer) and Karin Milovanovic (website, journal CMS and communication). During Warda Belabas' leave in 2018, Sevgi Yilmaz MSc. will take over her responsibilities (including drafting this annual report).

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

IMISCOE Committees

Executive Board

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

Members of the Executive Board:

Gianni D' Amato (University of Neuchâtel, SFM/FMS - Switzerland)
Pieter Bevelander (Malmö University, MIM - Sweden)
Lucinda Fonesca (University of Lisbon, IGOT/UL - Portugal)
Izabela Grabowska (University of Warsaw, CMR, (deputy chair) - Poland)
Eleonore Kofman (University of Middlesex, MDX - United Kingdom)
Helga de Valk (NIDI, The Hague - The Netherlands)
Peter Scholten (EUR, coordinator IMISCOE - The Netherlands)
Warda Belabas

Members of the Financial committee:

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

Editorial Committee

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

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

Members of the Editorial Committee:

Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute, Florence
Stefan Jonsson, Linköpings universitet
Jorge Malheiros, Centre for Geographical Studies (IGOT - University of Lisbon)
Eva Østergaard-Nielsen, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Agata Gorny, University of Warsaw
Stephanie Alison Condon, INED (National Demographic Studies Institute, France)
Jean-Michel Lafleur, University of Liège & FRS-FNRS
Albert Kraler, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, Vienna
Aneta Piekut, Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield, UK
Laura Oso, Universidade da Coruña, Spain
Irina Isaakyan serves as the committee's managing editor.

External Affairs Committee

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

Members of the External Affairs Committee:

Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Andreas Pott, Marco Martiniello, Albert Kraler and Sarah Spencer.

CMS Editorial Committee

The Journal Comparative Migration Studies (CMS) has its own 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.

Members of the Training Committee (2017/2018):

Marta Bivand Erdal, Cathrine Talleraas, Jens Schneider, Eleonore Kofman, Marco Martiniello.

Award Committee

Members of the Award Committee:

Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award Chair: Rinus Penninx

Jury: Deniz Sert, Laura Oso, Pedro Gois, Ursula Reeger, Marta Bivand Erdal, Joaquin Eguren, and Blanca Garcés

Maria Baganha PhD Thesis Award

Chair: Rosa Aparicio Jury: Han Entzinger Pawel Kaczmarczyk, Russell King, Albert Kraler, Endre Sik, Ferruccio Pastore and Janine Dahinden

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 links below.

The PhD Representative for 2017-2018 is Cathrine Talleraas.

EuMIGS

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 gain a double degree. The 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, and 4) to strengthen cooperation and exchange between scholars and students within Europe and beyond.



Launch of EuMIGS at the Osnabrück Townhall

Coordinators:

Ali Konyali, Andreas Pott, Jens Schneider (IMIS, Osnabrück University)



IMISCOE Awards

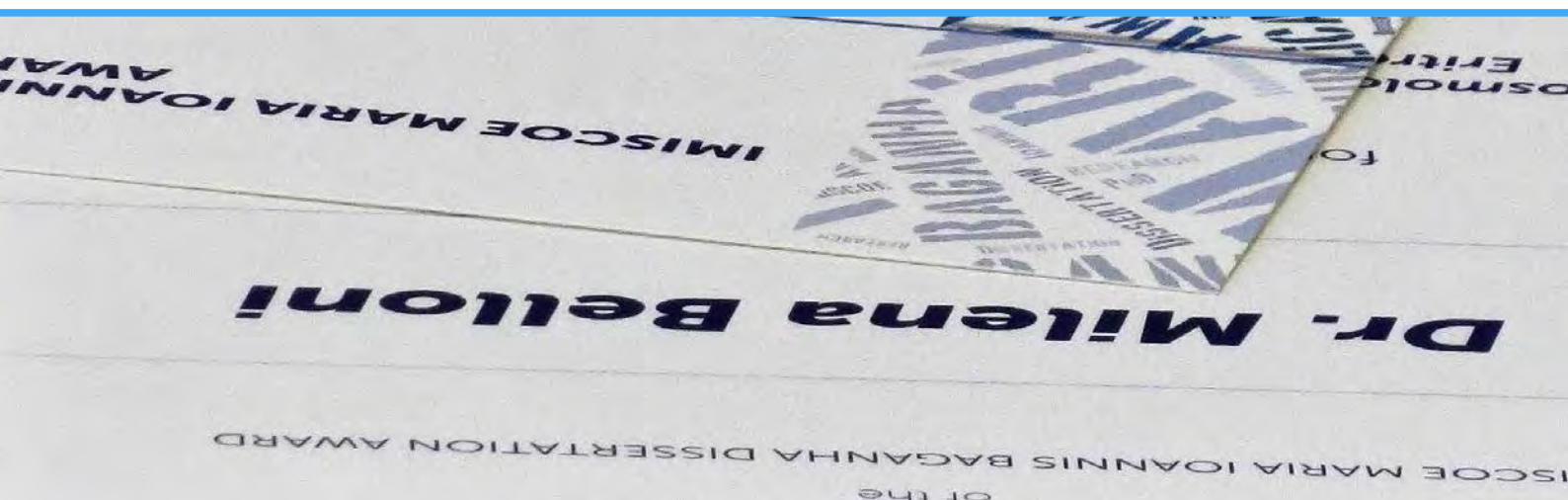
Maria Baganha Award

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

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

Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award

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





The first Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award:
Marie-Laurence Flahaux and Hein de Haas for
their paper entitled: "Migration from, to and
within Africa: the role of development and
states."



Dr. Erik Vickstrom received the Maria
Baganha Award 2015 for his dissertation en-
titled : "The Production and Consequence of
migrant Irregularity: Senegalese in France,
Italy and Spain"



Overview of Member Institutes

AMIS (Centre for Advanced Migration Studies), University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
EUR (Erasmus University of Rotterdam), the Netherlands, Network Coordinator
CEDEM (Centre d'Études de l'Ethnicité et des Migrations), University of Liège, Belgium
CEMIS (Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies), University of Antwerp, Belgium
CDI (Centre for Diversity and Inclusion), Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway
CGM (Centre on Global Migration), University of Gothenburg, Sweden
CMR (Centre of Migration Research), Warsaw University, Poland
COMPAS Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford, UK
DEMIG (Department for Migration and Globalisation), Danube University Krems, Krems, Austria
DEUSTO (Research Unit on Migration, Management of Diversity and Social Cohesion), University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
ERCOMER (European Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations), University of Utrecht, The Netherlands
ESOMI (International Migration Sociology Team), University of A Coruña, Spain
EUI (European University Institute), Florence, Italy
FAFO (Institute for Labour and Social Research), Oslo, Norway
FIERI (The Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione), Turin, Italy
FLSHASE (Faculty of Language and Literature, Humanities, Arts and Education, University of Luxembourg), Luxembourg
GEOMIGRACE (Geographic Migration Center), Charles University, Czech Republic
GRITIM-UPF (Interdisciplinary research group in immigration), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
ICMPD (International Center for Migration Policy Development), Vienna, Austria
IEM (Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones de la Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid), Spain
IES (Institute for European Studies, Free University Brussels), Brussels, Belgium
IGOT-UL (Institute de Geografia e Ordenamento de Território), University of Lisboa, Portugal
IMES (Institute for Migration & Ethnic Studies), University of Amsterdam. The Netherlands
IMIS (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies), University of Osnabrück, Germany
INED (Institut National d'Études Démographiques), Paris, France
ISR (Institute for Urban and Regional Research), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria
ISF (Institute for Social Research Oslo), Norway
ISMU (Fondazione Ismu - Initiative e Studi sulla Multietnicità), Milan, Italy
LIMS (Leiden Interdisciplinary Migration Seminar), University of Leiden, The Netherlands
MACIMIDE (Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development), Maastricht University, The Netherlands
MDX (Middlesex University), London, UK
MIF (Migration Institute of Finland), Turku, Finland
MIM (Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare), Malmö University, Sweden
MiReKoc (Koç University), Istanbul, Turkey
MPI-MMG (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity), Göttingen, Germany
NIDI (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute), The Hague, The Netherlands
NOVA (Norwegian Social Research), Oslo, Norway
OU (Open University London), London, UK
PLUS-MMG (Paris Lodron University of Salzburg), Salzburg, Austria
PRIO (Peace Research Institute Oslo), Oslo, Norway
REMESO (Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society), Linköping University, Sweden
SCMR (Sussex Center for Migration Research), University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, United Kingdom
SFM (Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies), the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
UNISHEF (University of Sheffield), Sheffield, UK
UNIVE (Ca' Foscari University), Venezia, Italy



Participants:

Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Sevgi Yilmaz, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Majella Kilkey, University of Sheffield
Izabela Grabowska, CMR, University of Warsaw
Ferruccio Pastore, FIERI, Turin
Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute, Florence

The situation:

Membership at IMISCOE has been expanding, within Europe with several new members applying, being reviewed, and being expected to join in the upcoming BoD meetings.

IMISCOE is skewed towards northern and western Europe and there is a consideration that concrete efforts should be made to attract member institutions from central eastern and southeastern Europe.

So far IMISCOE has expanded its membership on an offer-driven basis: notably institutions come up spontaneously and ask for membership. They are reviewed in terms of expertise (in the wider migration field) and quality of scholarship and are then accordingly accepted. It would be advisable to have a clear set of criteria for admission so as to make the process more transparent.

So far there have been no limits into the number of institutions joining from a single country nor to the total number of institutions which will soon exceed 40 and in rather fast pace (about 7% expansion in each half yearly BoD meeting)

Premise:

The question of expanding the membership rests on the assumption that the current annual institutional membership fee is quite reasonable (3,000 euro) and is not expected to be a significant barrier for new members, including from middle income countries.

Questions:

The issue arises whether IMISCOE should expand to the EU's immediate neighbourhood to the East and South, notably the Middle East, North Africa and perhaps Eastern Europe

A second question that arises is whether IMISCOE should seek to expand in other continents beyond the EU's neighbourhood such as North America for instance (the USA or Canada).

Challenges:

Governance structure: if the membership expands well beyond 40 members would it make sense to envisage a role for an expanded Executive Committee that would take a higher number of decisions, and the BoD's role would be to some extent reduced (in order to be kept manageable)?

What are the criteria for expanding the membership to institutions outside the EU:

- Quality / excellence of new members
- Strategic considerations and in particular:
 - The mission of IMISCOE to contribute to capacity building in these institutions
 - The creation of a broader international Migration Research Area
 - The strategic role of the new members' country/region for migration scholarship and more broadly
 - The visibility and relevance of such international networks and the added value of new members in terms of top excellence and expansion to new world regions

With regard to expanding the membership to regions in the EU Neighbourhood there were two proposals for scouting possible partners:

To follow on from personal contacts with colleagues and check their interest and capacity to join in
To consider offering membership to a group of entities, for instance established networks of Universities or research centres working on migration in a single country or in neighbouring countries so that they can mitigate the cost of membership and also profit collectively from joining IMISCOE.

A related challenge is what is the niche that IMISCOE is occupying in the global academic field. We need also to consider the work of related networks such as METROPOLIS, which is also a truly global but looser network, or SIRIUS that focuses on migration and education challenges. The question arises about cooperation and competition and what is the role that we want to carve out for IMISCOE in the next 5 years.



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

Process:

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

Funding:

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

Aims:

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

Branding:

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

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

Director: Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Spain

GRITIM-UPF Network Officer: Gemma Aubarell

Chair of the Steering Committee: Ibrahim Awad, Egypt

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

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

Brief Outline

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

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

Initial support and actions

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

What has been done so far?

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

EuroMedMig network kick-off meeting

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

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

Visibility

- Twitter: @Euromedmig

Google search:

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

Geographical coverage

1. **Belgium:** Hassan Boussetta, CEDEM, University Liege
2. **Egypt:** Ibrahim Awad, Director of the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies in the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at The American University in Cairo.
3. **Israel:** Adriana Kemp, Head, Dept. Sociology and Anthropology School of Social and Policy Studies Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences Tel Aviv University.
4. **Italy:** Anna Triandafyllidou: Professor at the Global Governance Programme (GGP) of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), European University Institute.
5. **Lebanon:** Tamirace Fakhoury, associate professor in Political Sciences and International Affairs in the Department of Social Sciences, and Associate director of the Institute of Social Justice and Conflict Resolution (ISJCR). Lebanese American University
6. **Morocco:** Mohammed Khachani, Professeur à l'Université Mohammed V - Agdal Rabat. Président Association Marocaine d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Migrations
7. **Palestine:** Abdelrahman Alamarah Tamimi, Director General Palestinian Hydrology group for Water and Environmental Resources Development Ramallah, The Palestinian Authority.
8. **Spain:** Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Full Professor, GRITIM-UPF director, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.
9. **Norway:** Jørgen Carling is Research Professor of migration and transnationalism studies at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
10. **Netherlands:** Peter Scholten, Erasmus University of Rotterdam.
11. **Tunisia:** Hassan Boubakri, Professor of Geography / University of Sousse (Tunisia) Migration & CS (Civil Society) Forum Expert Chairman of the Centre of Tunis for Migration and Asylum (CeTuMA)
12. **Turkey:** Ahmet İçduygu, Director of the Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc).



Dr. Milena Belloni receives the Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award 2016 for her dissertation entitled: 'Cosmologies of destinations: roots and routes of Eritrean forced migration toward Europe'.

Future of IMISCOE Research Network

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Over the past decade, IMISCOE has provided seed money to selected Research Initiatives and Standing Committees. The aim of this seed funding was to mobilize colleague-researchers to explore possibilities of enhancing new research, joint publications or other activities around specific topics. During the last 10 years, these RI's and SC's have proven to be:

- the 'backbone' of the IMISCOE network: their bottom-up establishment led to a strong commitment, which not only reflects in the output of the groups, but also the strong embedding within IMISCOE.
- In addition, in recent years the involvement of RI's and SC's within IMISCOE has grown further. This is reflected, for example, in the fact that SC's are now involved in the evaluation of paper-submissions for IMISCOE's annual conference. The work that RI's and SC's conduct is hence highly valued and forms a substantial part of IMISCOE's identity and visibility to the outside world.

Different circumstances and developments, however, indicate that we should rethink the current structure of RI's and SC's.

- *First*, there seems to be much fragmentation and overlap between the current standing committees. The current SC's are very topic-specific networks, that are sometimes too 'narrow' in terms of scope. Moreover, some of the groups are working on topics that are closely related to one another. For example: the 'Contested childhoods'-group and the Families-group are very similar. Overall, this leads to an incoherent image of the research network.
- *Secondly*, because of the 'inductive' manner in which research initiatives and standing committees come to existence, we still have many 'blind spots' in the research network: some important topics in the field are currently not covered in the list of RI's and SC's that are being funded by IMISCOE. In the case of research initiatives this is not necessarily a problem, because of their bottom up character: the role of RI's is hence to be a radar on emerging topics on migration, development and social cohesion. However, we also find a very unclear relationship between SCs and RIs. RIs as new initiatives could be housed in broad SCs. Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation map out their field with three overlapping areas. New ones could be added. We should rethink the relationship.

- *Thirdly*, and lastly, given IMISCOE's ambition to connect with the outside world and to establish a network that is appealing to many different groups/individuals, RI's and SC's should also be attractive for (individual) members to join. However, in the current situation researchers that operate in the same subfields are not necessarily attracted to our RI's and SC's. This lack of openness is further strengthened by the fragmented nature of our research network.

The questions hence arise: *how to restructure our RI's and SC's in a manner that will further prevent these developments? How to deal with these challenges?* To this aim, a research structure committee was established at the BD in Warsaw (2018). This committee provides the following suggestions to structurally reform the research structure:

I. *A reform of the research structure*

The first priority is to develop a more structural approach to SC's and RI's; structural both in terms of considering more systematically the topics that should be covered by a research network as IMISCOE, as well as structural in terms of the embedding of SC's and RI's in the network itself. According to the committee, this should involve:

- Making an inventory of current SC's to identify gaps and overlaps. In case of overlaps or other potentials for collaboration, try to merge SC's in order to get stronger SC's for the longer term.
- Making an inventory (in collaboration with CrossMigration) of issues that not covered in our network yet. Based on this inventory, we can identify the existing 'blind spots' and prioritise some topics for the coming years. This can lead to specific efforts from IMISCOE to establish new SC's in relevant areas.

In the end, this should lead to a structure where:

- Standing Committees are IMISCOE structures in which the major disciplines and themes of migration studies are represented by SCs, that function similar to sections in other academic associations, SCs are largely autonomous, organize series of panels at the Annual Conference, publish internal newsletters and organize separate workshops, can determine the content of a page on the IMISCOE website, create inventories of syllabi, etc.
- Research Initiatives are an IMISCOE instrument to promote new research through collaboration among several IMISCOE institutes. RIs are bottom up initiatives; they get seed funding for a limited period of time if they meet conditions with regard to their composition and are evaluated in terms of their excellence. RIs may be formed within or across SCs but should eventually be hosted by an SC if they want to continue beyond the funding period as an IMISCOE group.

II. *Strengthening the embedding of SCs in other IMISCOE activities*

The existing SC's possess a lot of expertise and skills that we should maximally put use in the IMISCOE Research Network itself. Examples are to further strengthen their role in the annual conference, involve them in targeting new research priorities (see point 1), give them more visibility on the website and motivate them to create more openness (e.g.: reward them for attracting new researchers from different disciplines). More involvement, more openness and creating more sustainability are the key words. More involvement of the groups will in turn also lead to a stronger sustainability in terms of the existence and commitment of RI's and SC's.

Concretely, we propose to include as a requirement for SC funding as of next year:

- SC's should spend their funding on activities related to networking (organizing meetings, conferences, symposium), research (for instance writing a research proposal) or publications (books, journal articles, policy briefs)
- SC's should contribute to the IMISCOE research network via

- Hosting at least 2 sessions during the annual conference
 - Maintaining a clear presence on the IMISCOE website
 - Contributing at least one policy brief to the new IMISCOE policy brief section per year
 - Contribution at least one video-interview to the new IMISCOE video section per year.
- Reporting will be simplified, including a brief summary of 400 words for the IMISCOE annual report, and a 1 page financial report.

III. *Rethinking the funding structure:*

In order to achieve a greater sustainability of our RI's and SC's, we propose to adjust the current funding scheme for research seed funding. To promote more sustainability, part of the funding could be dedicated to existing SC's for their current activities. A remaining part can then be targeted at new emerging activities in RI's around clear research priorities.

- Based on the inventory, a specific call can be issued for the development of new SC's on specific topics. This call should match Cross-Migration needs and award funding to proposals that meet the thematic description and come up with the best plan. Based on the discussion on how to position or merge existing SC's, these can also receive funding on a more structural basis.
- New emerging Research initiatives, will continue to be selected based on an open call for bottom-up initiatives. These research initiatives do no longer automatically become SC's after a specific period of time, as the nature and focus of RI's will be different than SC's.

For Research Initiatives, IMISCOE can encourage members more to search for 'match funding'. For Standing Committees, match funding is less a priority, but instead a topic for debate is whether SC's could in the future also collect membership fees (as a small fee on top of the conference fee).

Finally: in evaluating the proposals and decide on funding, the idea is that we invite BD members to this procedure, in other words to compose an evaluation committee as a mixture of EB and BD members and make common skype decision making. It would involve BD much more and would make more sense to the member institutes.

IV. *Organizing an IMISCOE Research Conference:*

The above suggested steps need to be discussed during a 'Research Conference', in which all RI's and SC's gather together to discuss the possibilities for collaboration and prioritize together with members of the EB some topics that are not yet represented in the research network. This conference can mark the transition from the old support scheme for SC's and RI's to the new model to be developed by the Research Task Force. This research conference could be organized together with one of the events of the H2020 Cross Migration project.

H2020 Projects

IMISCOE was established in 2004 with the help of EU 6th framework funds. Since 2010 it has developed further independently, based on support from its members. Based on this independent position, IMISCOE is now once again involved in two EU H2020 projects, one even led by IMISCOE.

CrossMigration

The CrossMigration project is an IMISCOE-led H2020 project aimed at promoting systematic knowledge accumulation in migration studies. It maps and synthesizes knowledge and research on key issues in migration studies, and aims to promote the accessibility of this knowledge and research. A key part of the methodology for this systematic knowledge accumulation, is the development of a taxonomy for migration studies. Also, the project will establish an interactive hub for migration research, promoting access to research for policymakers as well as scholars and other interested parties. Key focal points of knowledge accumulation will be migration drivers, migration infrastructures, migration flows, migration policies and the interaction between these. Based on this knowledge accumulation, the CrossMigration project also aims to define a set of indicators on migration with the aim of defining plausible migration scenarios. Finally, CrossMigration will formulate a strategic research agenda to the EU, targeted at future FPs and JPIs.

CrossMigration builds in important ways on the knowledge and expertise of the IMISCOE member institutes, many of whom are involved in CrossMigration. This was also evident at the opening conference of CrossMigration, in Florence 31 May – 1 June, where many IMISCOE scholars were present. Furthermore, after completing the CrossMigration project, its

deliverables (such as the research hub) will be incorporated into IMISCOE. For more information on CrossMigration, see www.crossmigration.eu

Research-Social Platform on Migration & Asylum (ReSOMA)

Another H2020 project in which IMISCOE participates is ReSOMA. Led by IMISCOE member institute ISMU (Milan), ReSOMA involves key partners such as MPG, CEPS and a number of networks (Eurocities, PICUM, ECRE and Social Platform). The platform aims to provide a channel for researchers, experts and policymakers working in the areas of migration and asylum.

For more information on ReSOMA, see www.resoma.eu.



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Standing Committees

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

An overview:

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

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

Coordinators:

- Jeroen Doomernik (University of Amsterdam/IMES, Netherlands)
- Birgit Glorius (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coordinators:

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

This Standing Committee proposes to look into the impact of micro-, meso and macro level factors on migration flows and mobility patterns to and from Europe using a case study approach in relevant source and destination countries. Special attention goes to the effect of the social changes, political and ecological transformations on other processes of change, particularly political conflict, economic growths and recessions, (un)employment levels and gender (in)equality. The Standing Committee is led by Prof. dr. Christiane Timmerman, dr. Lore Van Praag and Prof. dr. Godfried Engbersen.

We have been participating at the Annual IMISCOE conferences (Madrid, 2014; Geneva, 2015; Prague, 2016; Rotterdam, 2017). We have organised several PhD workshops: 'Changing migration dynamics in the world and their impact on the diversification of migration around Europe' Antwerp 2015; 'Gender and Migration: a dynamic and reciprocal relationship', Lisbon 2016) that resulted in the edited volume: 'Dynamic Interplays Between Gender and Migration (2018) Christiane Timmerman, Maria Lucinda Fonseca, Lore Van Praag, Sónia Pereira (eds), Leuven University Press' and the workshop 'Aspirations within the context of changing refugee migration dynamic', Antwerp, 2017. We will elaborate further on the ideas raised during the last workshop during a roundtable at the IMISCOE conference in Barcelona 2018, with a similar group of re-

searchers. At the Barcelona conference 2018 the standing committee will also organise a symposium on the “New perspectives on migration as an adaptation strategy to climate change” which is a topic that did not receive many attention at the IMISCOE network and increasingly becomes important.

The main ambition of the Standing Committee is to concentrate on the preparation of new research projects, strengthening and guidance of young researchers and dissemination activities on innovative topics and research lines. Annually, we ask all participants of the IMISCOE conference symposia to come up with new and innovative themes for the next conference and PhD seminar that characterise the changing migration dynamics and receive little attention in academic research. Depending on the input, we will organise in 2019 a new PhD seminar on this emerging topic. Additionally, as the result of the ongoing symposia at the 2018 conference, two new publication projects will result from this standing committee: one related to the workshop held in Antwerp that will focus on refugee aspirations; a second one will be an IMISCOE reader on climate change and migration, for which the proposal will be submitted before the conference. We are very much open to new initiatives and ideas during the IMISCOE conference and hope in the next year, we are able to further collaborate together with other partners and prepare a research proposal together.

Contested Childhoods: Growing up in Migrancy

Coordinators:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coordinators:

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

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

IILME/IITUE intends to use (two sessions at) the 15th IMISCOE-conference in Barcelona in July 2018 as a starting point for its work as a new Standing Committee in the coming years. To do so, an Open Call for papers in the enlarged study field has been published, inviting scholars to develop proposals for a coordinated action on certain topics: a research proposal for cross-national comparative research on a specific issue, a thematic issue of a journal or a book on a specific topic, or any other research or publication activity that brings researchers from Industrial Relations, Migration and Labour studies together in a specific project.

Migrant families, children and youth

Coordinators:

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

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

- an open access special issue in English in the journal *Migraciones*, vol. 42 (Nov. 2017), entitled "*Innovative research methodologies with Migrant Families, Children and Youth in diverse contexts*" coordinated by Martha Montero-Sieburth, Rosa Mas Giralt and Joaquín Eguren - accessible from: <https://goo.gl/h4wYoc>;
- in August 2018, a special issue entitled "*South to North Intercultural Dialogues: Cases and Experiences of the Second Generation*", guest editor Martha Montero-Sieburth will be published in the journal of Intercultural Education;

- 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Rotterdam: a well-attended workshop entitled *"Critically exploring conceptualizations of 'the family' and recruitment methodologies in research with migrant/transnational families"* was held;
- Participation in IMISCOE activities by mentoring between Junior and Senior Researchers: two of the coordinators of the Standing Committee took part in the Intergenerational Feedback (IF) sessions during the 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference as senior scholars in line with the Standing Committee's aim to provide mentoring opportunities for junior scholars;
- Working meetings: during the 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference a working meeting was held to discuss future plans and explore synergies with the research group *'Global mobility and intimate and familial relationships'* – this meeting enabled progress on a prospective edited book on migrant families;
- in March 2018, another working meeting of the Coordinating Committee members took place in Madrid to identify publishers and draft a proposal for the edited book and a pre-call for chapters was circulated ahead of the Barcelona conference.
- During the summer 2018 and to continue into 2019, the Standing Committee has programmed several activities.
 - 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference in Barcelona: an open invitation workshop entitled *"Contemporary perspectives on migrant and transnational families"* has been organized to attract contributors for the prospective edited book. Participants' input will inform the final Call for Chapters which will be circulated in September 2018;
 - three of the members of the Standing Committee are going to take part in the IF sessions as senior researchers;
 - and a panel session entitled *"Emic Interpretations of Transnational Families and Youth in their Everyday Lives derived from the Field Research and Practices: Life Histories, Reflexivity and good practices"* has been organized which will include graduate to doctoral and senior researchers in a process that fosters intergenerational learning between junior and senior scholars.

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

Ageing Migrants ('Older Migrants')

Coordinators:

Tineke Fokkema (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, University of Groningen, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu (University of Geneva)

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

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

Concerning research, some ongoing projects deal with: transnational grandparenting (Mihaela Nedelcu),

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

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

Interaction of Migrant Integration and Transnationalism

Coordinators:

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

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

The IMITE standing committee is built on long-term collaboration, which has four pillars: research collaboration on particular research projects; joint publications; collaboratively organised conference sessions at the annual IMISCOE conference, and research symposia with PhD courses embedded, organised on an annual basis. During 2018-2019 the IMITE standing committee's activities reflects the above, with two special issues of peer-reviewed journals in progress, both of which relate to past conference sessions and to the ongoing PRIO-led research project 'Transnational lives in the Welfare state' (TRANSWEL).

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

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

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

Education and Social Mobility

Coordinators:

- Dr. Jens Schneider (University of Osnabrück, IMIS)
- Prof. Maurice Crul (Free University Amsterdam)

Report activities in 2017/18 and outlook on 2019

Activities and developments

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

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

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

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

Perspectives for 2018-19

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

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

Migration, Citizenship and Political Participation (MIGCITPOL)

Coordinators:

- Jean-Michel Lafleur (University of Liège)
 - Marco Martiniello (University of Liège)
 - Maarten Vink (Maastricht University)
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Annual report 2018

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

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

Finally, the three current co-directors have decided to step down after leading the SC for four years in order to make way for a fresh leadership. We are delighted to report that after a call for new co-directors we will be able to install a new leadership of the Standing Committee during the Annual Conference in Barcelona, consisting of Ana Margheritis (University of Southampton), Luicy Pedroza (GIGA Hamburg), Daniela Vintila (University of Liege). The new SC co-directors will present their ideas on how to take MIGCITPOL forward during a meeting at the Annual Conference in Barcelona.

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

Coordinators:

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

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

Coordinator:

- Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

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

Key topics in this standing committee are:

- Research-policy structures. This involves a comparative analysis of how research-policy relations are organized in various countries and on various levels of government.
- The use of knowledge and expertise in migration and integration policy making. This involves the policy role of expertise in different stages of the policy process (problem framing, policy formulation, policy implementation, policy evaluation) and different types of knowledge utilisation (instrumental, symbolic, conceptual, etc).
- Policy dialogues and the development of migration research. This topic covers the impact of diverse policy settings on the development of migration research, in terms of structural (knowledge institutes, research infrastructures, degree of consensus or fragmentation in a field), methodological (quantitative/qualitative, desk research/in-depth research, etc.) as well as disciplinary developments (dominant disciplines, knowledge conflicts, knowledge paradigms).

The Multilevel Governance of Immigrant and Immigration Policies

Coordinators:

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

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

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

Research Groups/Research Initiatives

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

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

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



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Conceptual and Qualitative Research

Coordinators:

- Ricard Zapata-Barrero (Universitat Pompeu Fabra , GRITIM)
- Evren Yalaz (Universitat Pompeu Fabra , GRITIM)

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

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

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

Coordinators:

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

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

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

The anthology is organized in 3 sections, which contain a total of 12 chapters, authored by both established and emerging scholars in the field, from various universities from across Europe. The book project explores the interplay between such concepts as hope and nostalgia, at the intersection between welfare and culture. The socio-cultural cleavage is presently juxtaposed to the traditional cleavage structure opposing welfare (left) and capitalism (right), leading to a polarization between (closed) demarcation and (open) integration. We argue that socio-economic analyses must take into account also the socio-cultural aspects, and by the same measure all socio-cultural analyses must be aware of the socio-economic elements on the matter. In other words, it is not a question of either or, but of both one and the other.

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

Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective

Coordinators:

- Rosita Fibbi (SFM, University of Neuchâtel)
 - Arnfinn H. Midtbøen (ISF, Oslo)
 - Patrick Simon (INED, Paris)
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The research cluster Discrimination in Cross-National Perspective was formally established at the 2015 IMISCOE conference in Geneva. The main rationale of creating the research cluster was to close the gap on this topic within the IMISCOE network, emphasizing the role of discrimination in migrants' integration processes. The first goal of the research cluster was to establish IMISCOE as the key arena for discrimination research in Europe by organizing panel sessions on the topics in the IMISCOE annual conferences.

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

Diversity, Migration, and Social Cohesion (DIV/MIG/SOC)

Coordinator:

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

June 2017-May 2018

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

Panel: Social cohesion revisited – community cohesion and ethnic diversity

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

The speakers included:

- Conrad Ziller presented a paper written with Hans-Jürgen Andreß (both University of Cologne, Germany) entitled 'Ethnic diversity, institutional capacity, and social cohesion in European cities' extending current social cohesion research by looking at the citizens satisfaction with urban services.
- David Bartram (University of Leicester, UK) in his talk 'Social cohesion and natives' happiness: What is the real "threat" posed by immigration?' provoked some heated debate in relation to the undertaken by him happiness-studies perspective on attitudes towards immigration.

- Monique Borsenberger (University College London, UK, and Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research) presented a novel conceptualisation of social cohesion in a paper entitled 'Values of social cohesion and their evolution in a multicultural society. The case of Luxembourg, 1999-2008'.

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

Plans for June 2018 – May 2019

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

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

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

Discussant: Janine Dahinden (University of Neuchatel)

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

Global Mobility and Familial and Intimate Relationships

Coordinator:

Eleonore Koffman (University of Middlesex - MDX)

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

The objectives of this research cluster are to:

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

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

Coordinators:

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

Investment Fund

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



Opening Ceremony at the 11th IMISCOE Conference - Madrid - 2014

Information and Communication Technologies and Migration

Coordinators:

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

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

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

Coordinators:

- Ferruccio Pastore (FIERI)
 - Irene Ponzo (FIERI)
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Objectives:

This Research Group has gone through two stages:

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

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

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

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

Members:

- Joaquin Arango (Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset)
- Tiziana Caponio (University of Turin, Collegio Carlo Alberto and FIERI)
- Alessio D'Angelo (Middlesex University)
- Claudia Finotelli (Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Fundación Ortega Marañón)
- Maria Lucinda Fonseca (IGOT- Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território, Universidade de Lisboa)
- Birgit Glorius (Chemnitz University of Technology, Department of European Studies)
- Sophie Hinger (University of Osnabrück, IMIS (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies))

Research Initiatives

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

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

Coordinators:

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

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

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

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

International Student Mobility and Migration

Coordinators:

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

The research cluster on 'International Student Mobility and Migration' targets the most pressing empirical and theoretical gaps in the International Student Migration (ISM)-literature. The research cluster was initiated in 2016, and focused on ISM-policies in 2016-2017, the gender gap in study abroad in 2017-2018, and

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

The IMISCOE Southeast European Migration research group (iSTEM)

Coordinator:

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

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

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

Migrants and social organisations

Coordinators:

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

The aim of the research group “Migrants and Social Organisations” is to examine collaborations between academia and other relevant actors in the field of migration research. By bringing together scholars with expertise on participatory methods and research experiences carried out in liaison with institutions and groups beyond academia, this group intends to continue the discussion of the possibilities, limits and challenges of making use of participatory methods in migration research. This is particularly relevant at a time when not only scholars but also different institutions are currently promoting participation and societal involve-

ment in research. There has been however little discussion on how participation is actually understood and the limits and challenges of participatory research projects. Building on the reflections and debate already initiated we seek to expand them and actively engage in this debate to build knowledge around the value of collaborative and participatory mechanisms in migration research. The research group creates a space for interdisciplinary discussions between different actors and aims to increase the visibility of the growing network of scholars interested in participatory approaches in migration research

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

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

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

Coordinators:

- Anders Hellström (MIM)
 - Martin Bak Jørgensen (Aalborg University)
 - Ov Cristian Norocel (MIM)
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This is what we currently do

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

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

Future activities:

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

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

Coordinator:

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRANSMIG (Transnational Practices in Migration)

Coordinator:

- Maja Povrzanović Frykman

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

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

Information on TRANSMIG members' projects and publications is updated in connection to the annual

conferences. A joint publication *Migration, transnationalism and development in South-East Europe and the Black Sea Region* was published by Routledge in 2017, co-edited by Russell King, Maja Povrzanović Frykman and Julie Vullnetari.

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

A book on highly skilled migrants in Sweden (co-edited by Maja Povrzanović Frykman and Magnus Öhlander) was published in Swedish by Arkiv förlag in May 2018, with several contributions of TRANSMIG members. In 2019, Maja Povrzanović Frykman will pursue the networking that started at the occasion of the TRANSMIG workshop at the 13th IMISCOE conference, with the goal of outlining joint publications and research proposals with the novel research agenda concerning highly skilled migrants. A meeting with Louise Ryan - with the purpose of a joint publication proposal - has been scheduled for April 2019.

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

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

Ukrainian migration to the EU

Coordinator:

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

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

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

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

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

Coordinators:

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

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

The current initiative will produce the following outputs:

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

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

Coordinators:

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

The YAMEC Network particularly set out to research how the hardest hit population group – that of young adults – coped with this economic downturn, and how national policies reacted to their hardships. With the aim of providing a platform for the sharing of research on these issues, a number of key initiatives and activities have particularly dominated the cluster's activities since its inception in 2013. Among these

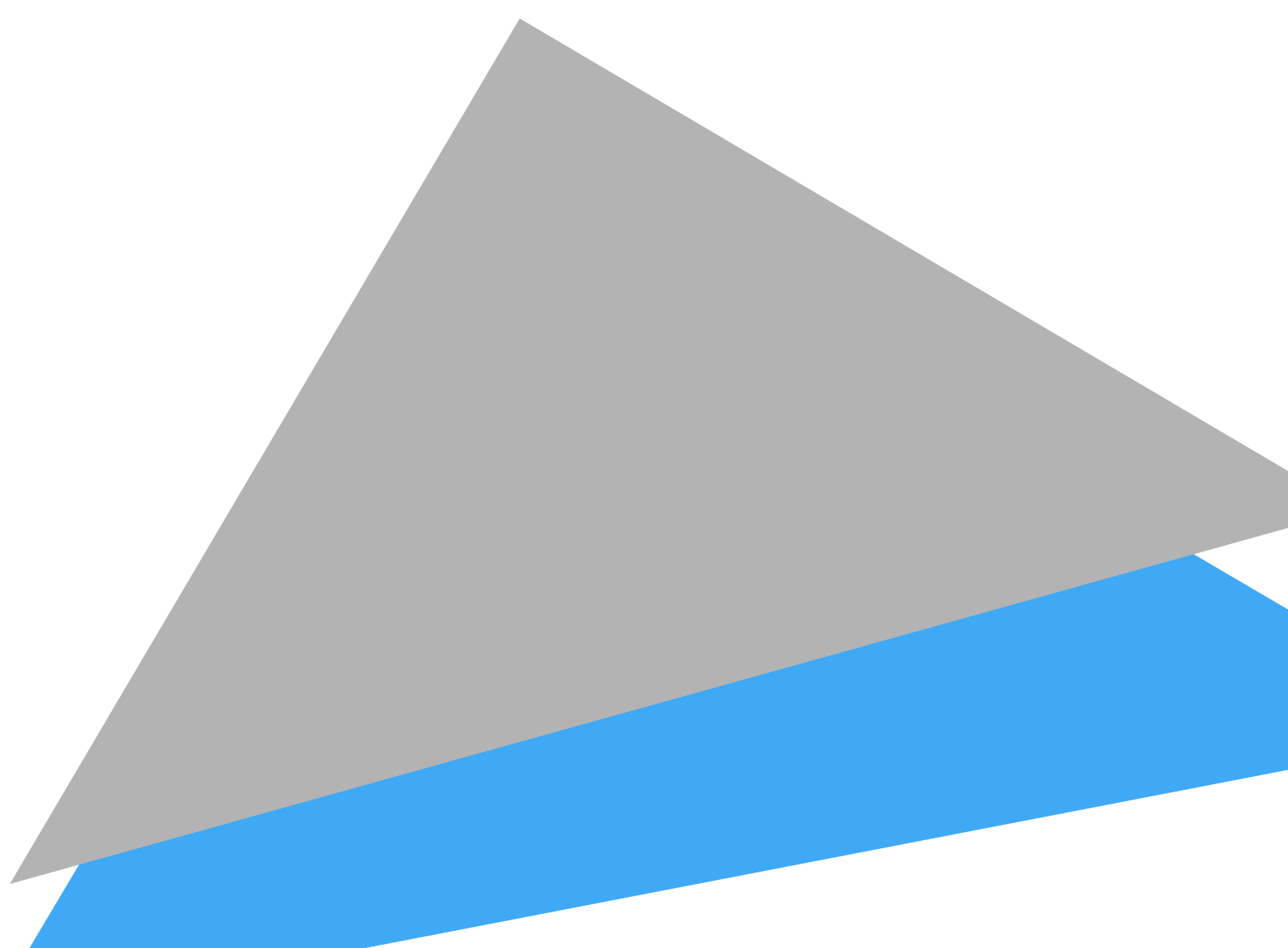
Research Initiatives

activities we particularly highlight the awarding of two IMISCOE Initiatives, the first entitled Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis (2013/14); the second named Young Adult Mobility Options and Alternatives in Times of Economic Crisis. The Way Forward (2014/15).

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

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

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



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Rinus Penninx Award Winner (2015), James Tariq Laurence for his paper entitled: "When Numbers Count: Community Ethnic Composition, Prejudice, and the Moderating Role of Inter-Ethnic Segregation for the Contact and Threat Hypotheses."



Dr. Apostolos Andrikopoulos received the Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award 2018 for his dissertation entitled "Argonauts of West Africa: Migration, Citizenship and Kinship Dynamics in a Changing Europe".

IMISCOE

Publications

IMISCOE publishes the peer refereed journal *Comparative Migration Studies* (CMS) on Open Access, and a dedicated book series that includes Research Monographs and Edited Volumes, targeting a more specialized audience, as well as a new Short Migration Reader Series aimed at students and young researchers or practitioners who need a concise and simple introduction into a specific topic.

Book publications

The IMISCOE Springer book series is largely Open Access (in our own digital library and in OAPEN) with entire books and separate chapters available for download for free, thanks to a privileged agreement between IMISCOE and Springer publishers.

A recent study by Springer has demonstrated that Open Access books are downloaded 7 times more than those which are not OA and receive 50% more citations. In addition OA seeks to distribute costs between authors/editors and customers seeking to offer a more equitable solution, open to the largest possible number of readers/users.

Editorial Committee

IMISCOE Editorial Committee Memo
Anna Triandafyllidou and Irina Isaakyan
21 May 2018

The IMISCOE Editorial Committee has followed up on a sustained pace with the initiatives already undertaken and reported at the BoD in February.

Competitive Call for Book Proposals 2018

The call has been already launched in the IMISCOE newsletter and in the IMISCOE conference booklet with the aim of taking advantage of the wide interest that the Conference attracts. We expect this to raise the number of proposals received and the visibility of the Call. It also gives the opportunity to prospective authors and editors to talk to us at the Springer- and Editorial Committee stand at the conference. The deadline for book proposals to be received is 31 October 2018. The Call opens on 1 July 2018.

More information is available at: <https://www.imiscoe.org/news/network-news/816-imiscoe-competitive-call-for-book-proposals-2018>

The Call for Book Proposals of 2017 has led to contracts with the two winners:

Letizia Palumbo (European University Institute, Florence, and University of Palermo, Italy), with an authored book 'Labour Exploitation and Trafficking in Human Beings: A Critical Analysis of Legal Instruments and Approaches in the EU'.

Sophie Hinger (Institut für Migrationsforschung und Interkulturelle Studien, Universität Osnabrück, Germany) and Richard Schweitzer (Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK), working on the edited volume 'Regimes of Dis-Integration'.

Three more books from those submitted have been accepted:

- Gabriel Echeverria 'Irregular migrants in Amsterdam and Madrid. Lives at the margins of the state';
- Ilka Steiner and Philippe Wanner 'From Migrants to Expats: The Swiss Case'; and
- Marieke Slootman 'Soulmates: Reinvention of ethnic identification among higher educated second-generation Moroccan and Turkish Dutch' – Marieke Slootman's manuscript is ready and going to production in summer 2018.

The Migration Reader Series

We have already commissioned eleven Readers for our newly established IMISCOE Springer Migration Reader Series on important topics related to migration and we expect these books to be published in 2019-2020. Five more proposals for Readers are in the pipeline.

Author(s)	Title(s)	Status
1. Nori, Michele; and Domenica Farinella	Migration and Rural Development	Contracted
2. Oliveira, Catarina	Migration and Entrepreneurship	Contracted
3. Otterbeck, Jonas; and Magdalena Nordin	Migration and Religion	Contracted
4. Christou, Anastasia; and Kofman, Eleonore	Gender and Migration	Contracted
5. Weinar, Agnieszka	Highly Skilled Migration	Contracted
6. Fibbi, Rosita; Arnfinn H. Midtbøen; and Patrick Simon	Migration and Discrimination	Contracted
7. Rigoni, Isabelle; and Lazzaret, Christine	Migration and Media	Contracted
8. Dines, Nick	Migration and Cities	Contracted
9. Van Praag, Lore, Timmerman, Chrisiane. and Fiona-Katharina Seiger	Migration and Climate Change	Contracted
10. Gorny, Agata, and Salamonska, Jystina	Migration and Quantitative Methods	Contracted
11. Pecoud, Antoine	Migration and Religion	Contracted
12. Martiniello, Marco	Migration and Cultural Production	Proposal expected
13. Recchi, Ettore	Migration within the EU	Proposal expected
14. Siegel, Melissa; & Ortun, Merkle	Migration and Corruption	Proposal expected
15. De Valk, Helga	Migration and Demography	Proposal expected
16. Singleton, Ann	Migration Research and Policy Making	Proposal expected

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

Workload for the Editorial Committee

Despite having streamlined our Review Procedures for both Readers and other Research Monographs or Edited Volumes, the workload on the Editorial Committee is considerable.

Right now the procedure is as follows:

Reception of a book proposal – Review by 3 members (2 members + the Chairperson of the Editorial Committee)

Decision: reject / accept

Decision notified to all EC members.

If accepted with minor or major revisions, comments are sent to the author/editor but the author/editor is no longer required to send a revised proposal for final acceptance. A fixed delivery date of the MS is agreed and the author/editor get on with their work more swiftly. Contract is prepared by Springer.

When MS received, it is reviewed by one internal (Ed Com member) and one external reviewer.

Comments are sent back to author/editor and a final submission date of the MS is fixed.

NB: We envisage for some cases that we could ask two external reviewers if no EC member is available or if no EC member is an expert in the given field.

The workflow is very important in order to keep the proposals and manuscripts going and hence to ensure eight books (minimum) per year.

We have managed to produce 9 books for 2018 (which means that 9 final manuscripts are already submitted to Springer and hence will be published before the end of the year) and we are proud of this great achievement as it gives a new impetus and more visibility to our IMISCOE network. At the same time, we also save money as this brings the total OA fee to 3,000 euro plus VAT per book (instead of 5,000 plus VAT)! As you can see in the Annex, we have already placed several forthcoming manuscripts in the pipeline, which will be finalised in the second half of 2018 and hence be published in 2019, while the first Readers will appear in the fall 2019 and in 2020.

New Editorial Committee Member

We are pleased that Laura Oso from the University of La Coruna has joined the Editorial Committee. We have said goodbye to Nadia Fadil from the Catholic University of Leuven, who had to resign from the IMISCOE Books Editorial Committee due to a high workload and a sabbatical in the USA.

ANNEX

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List of books in production

Author	Title	Production date
1. Hunter, Alistair	Retirement Home? Ageing Migrant Workers in France and the Question of Return	Apr 2018
2. Dahlvik, Julia	Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria	May 2018
3. Rosenberger, Sieglinde; Verena Stern; and Nina Merhaut	Protest Movements in Asylum and Deportation	Apr 2018
4. Scholten, Peter and Mark Ostaijen	Between Mobility and Migration: The Multi-Level Governance of Intra-European Movement	June 2018
5. Zapata, Ricard; and Evren Yalaz	Qualitative Research in European Migration Studies	June 2018
6. Baubock, Rainer	Debating European Citizenship	July 2018
7. Baubock, Rainer	Debating Transformations of National Citizenship	Sep 2018
8. Moret, Joelle	From Migration to Mobility Capital: European Somalis' Cross-Border Movements and the Transnational Circulation of Resources	Fall 2018
9. Scholten, Peter; Maurice Crul; and Paul van de Laar	Coming in terms with superdiversity: The case of Rotterdam	Fall 2018

Books in-review/revision which we expect to be ready by 30 June 2018 and to be published in late 2018 or early 2019

Author	Title	Production date
1. Vickstrom, Eric	The Production and Consequences of Migrant Irregularity: Senegalese in France, Italy and Spain (MON)	End 2018
2. Slootman, Marieke	Soulmates: Reinvention of ethnic identification among higher educated second-generation Moroccan and Turkish Dutch (MON)	Early 2019
3. Magazzini, T. and Piemontese, S.	At the Edge of Solidarity. Securitization of the policies for 'Roma' and the deservingness of rights (EV)	2019
4. Keskiner, Elif	Generation in Transition: Youth Transitions among descendants of migrant from Turkey in Amsterdam and Strasbourg (MON)	2019
5. Pereira, Claudia and Joana Azevedo	Uncertain Futures at the Periphery of Europe. New and Old Routes of Portuguese Emigration (EV)	2019
6. Kasa, Rita; Inta Mierina; and Laura Suna	Transformations of the Latvian Diaspora: Transnational Identities and Diaspora Politics (EV)	2019

Note: MON = Monograph; EV = Edited Volume

List of Readers already commissioned (in-progress)

Author	Title	Date of completion
Nori, Michele	Migration and Rural Development	Nov 2018
Oliveira, Catarina	Migration and Entrepreneurship	Nov 2018
Christou, Anastasia and Kofman, Eleonore	Gender and Migration	Dec 2018
Otterbeck, Jonas	Migration and Religion	Dec 2018
Rigoni, Isabelle and Christine Larrazet	Migration and Media	Apr 2019
Dines, Nick	Migration and Cities	May 2019
Pecoud, Antoine	The Global Governance of Migration	June 2020
Timmerman, Christiane and L. Van Praag	Migration and Climate Change	Sep 2018
Salamonska, Justyna and Agata Gorny	Migration and Quantitative Methods	Nov 2018
Singleton, Ann	Migration Research and Policy Making	Nov 2018
Weiner, Agnieszka	Transatlantic Skilled Migrations	Nov 2018
Martiniello, Marco	Migration and Cultural Production	Dec 2018
Fibbi, Rosita, Arnfinn H. Midtbøen and Patrick Simon	Migration and Discrimination	Apr 2019
de Valk, Helga	Migration and Demography	May 2019
Recchi, Ettore	Migration within the EU	Nov 2019
Czaika, Mathias	Policies and Visas in Europe	Late 2019
Grabowska, Izabella	Migration and Skills	Late 2019

Journal Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)

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.

Since 2013, the journal has grown significantly. CMS publishes 5 issues per year, with a steady pipeline and backlog of publications. This includes one special issue per year (selected after an open call after the IMISCOE conference), and special 'commentaries' issue around a topic that is considered of particular relevance to the field of migration studies.

This year we will constitute a special issue around the conference theme, but which will be published only after the conference. Ricard Zapata-Barrero (organizer of IMISCOE's 15th annual conference) and Rainer Bauböck will be the initiators of this 1st special issue around this year's conference.

As figure 1 shows, the number of submissions has increased to around 90 in 2017. In 2017, the acceptance rate was 29%. All publications (including individual articles to special issues) are subjected to a double-blind peer review procedure. In order to improve the turn-around time for submissions to the journal, this review procedure has been developed further in the Editorial Manager portal.



Figure 1: Submissions since 2015 (figures until 1 December 2017).

Submissions	2015	2016	2017
Total Submitted	58	80	85
Total Decisioned	39	80	62
Accept	20	26	18
Reject	19	54	44

The global reach of the journal has also improved, especially in terms of submissions (see figure 2). However, this global reach seems less represented in the articles that are actually accepted in the journal. It does however show that the journal has become better known throughout different parts of the world.

Figure 2: Global spreading of submissions received since 2015.



In terms of impact, the journal has grown rapidly over the past years to 73.780 successful full-text article requests (incl. downloads) as of 2017.

Figure 3 shows how this number has increased rapidly since the journal moved to Springer in 2015. We believe that this is a clear manifestation of the success of an open access strategy. This is also reflected in the rapid increase in the number of citations to the journal. For securing a ranking, especially the number of references in SCOPUS-listed journals matters (figure 4). As a young journal, it takes some time before such references start to appear. Figure 4 indicates that in 2017 for the first time the journal reaches a number that should normally give access to SCOPUS listing for CMS and, if continued, would be a healthy basis for a SSCI ranking. Important is also to mention that the journal has worked hard, together with Springer, to develop a broader impact strategy, including active social media communication (which is also considered for securing a SSCI ranking).

Figure 3: Successful full-text article requests (2015-2017)

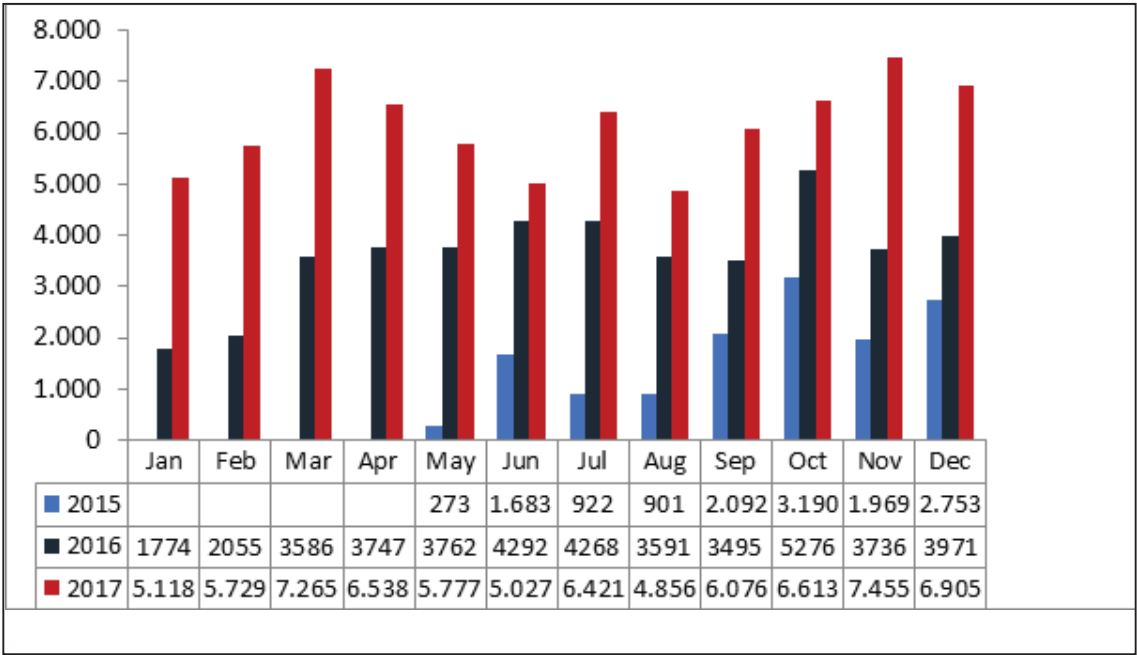
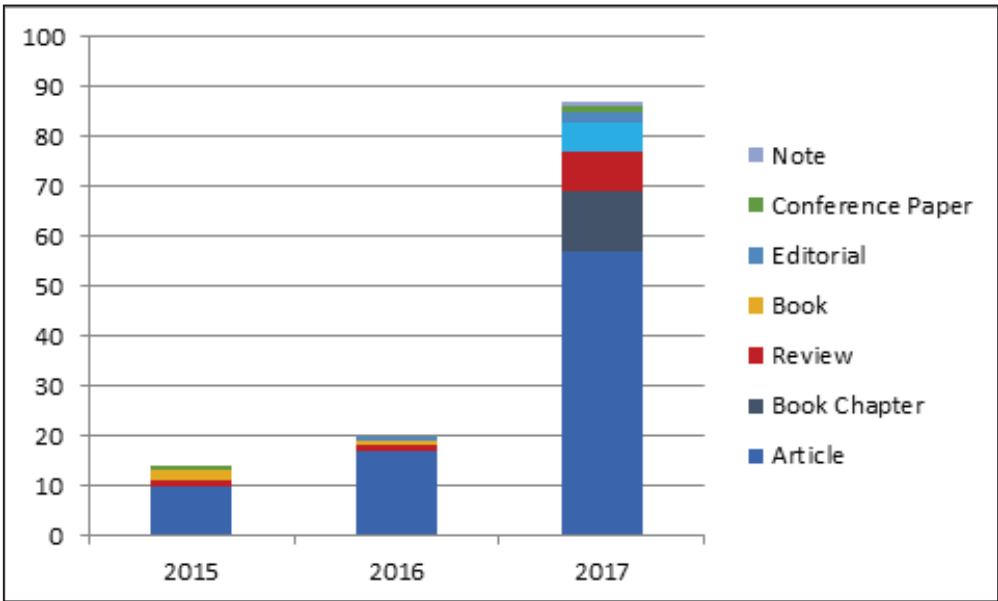


Figure 4: Publications in SCOPUS-listed journals that refer to publications in CMS (per publication year)



Finally, the journal has managed to secure a number of high-impact publications. The most downloaded paper, as well as the most referred to paper, is the one by Flahaux and De Haas on 'African Migration: trends, patterns and drivers'. This article won the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award in 2014, which is sponsored by CMS. Several other high-impact publications, such as by Will Kymlicka and by Tariq Modood, are parts of so-called special 'commentaries' series. This signals the success of such efforts to secure high-impact publications.

Figure 5: Most requested articles

Title	Author	Volume	Year	Article requests
African migration: trends, patterns, drivers	Marie-Laurence Flahaux and Hein De Haas	4	2016	41,523
Solidarity in diverse societies: beyond neoliberal multiculturalism and welfare chauvinism	Will Kymlicka	3	2015	10,450
Trade unions, immigration and immigrants in Europe revisited: Unions' attitudes and actions under new conditions	Stefania Marino, Rinus Penninx and Judith Roosblad	3	2015	7,382
Pragmatism, moral responsibility or policy change: the Syrian refugee crisis and selective humanitarianism in the Turkish refugee regime	Umit Korkut	3	2016	4943
Family involvement and educational success of the children of immigrants in Europe. Comparative perspectives	Philipp Schnell, Rosita Fibbi, Maurice Crul and Martha Montero-Sieburth	5	2015	4730

Figure 6: Articles by highest altimetric scored (weighed average of scopus citations, social media and other references)

Title	Author	Volume	Year	Article requests	Almetrics score
African migration: trends, patterns, drivers	Marie-Laurence Flahaux, Hein De Haas	4	2016	41,523	153
Scandinavian exceptionalism? Civic integration and labour market activation for newly arrived immigrants	Karen N. Breidahl	3	2017	1532	38
Must Interculturalism misrepresent multiculturalism	Tariq Modood	3	2018	1453	26
From forced migration to forced arrival: the campization of refugee accommodation in European cities	René Kreichauf	3	2017	1071	20
Deconstructing the meanings of and motivations for return: an Afghan case study	Marieke van Houte, Melissa Siegel, Tine Davids	5	2016	2724	19

Ambition

Launching a new journal is an incremental process, but with the journal's first lustrum coming along soon, the overall evaluation of the development of the journal is positive. Especially the development of the last 2 years has been very promising, also due to the collaboration with Springer. However, the journal has been launched with a clear ambition, which it is determined to achieve. In the coming years, journal CMS aims to:

- Continuing providing a high quality outlet for comparative and multidisciplinary work on migration and migration-related diversity
- Providing the leading outlet for free-of-charge Golden Open Access publishing in the field of migration studies.
- Securing a ranking of the journal, involving inclusion in SCOPUS as well as in ISI/SSCI journal index.
- Improving the global reach of the journal.

Plan

To achieve the abovementioned aims, the journal will develop the following activities:

- With help of the publisher Springer, a formal application for inclusion in SCOPUS has been made. Furthermore, preparations are in full swing for a SSCI application in 2019, which should provide the journal with a formal ranking.
- Continuing sponsoring of the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award, plus also offering sponsorship to a best paper award by the Council for European Studies Immigration Research Group.
- Continuing the development of one special 'commentaries' issue around a topic of particular concern to migration studies, as well as the publication of one regular 'special issue' after an open call to be issued after the annual IMISCOE conference.
- Globalizing the journal's Editorial Board and Advisory Board. Also for securing the journal's ranking, it is important that submissions but also actual publications show a good and fair global reach. The journal will selected (targeted) scholars from parts of the world that are not year represented in the journal.
- Expanding the journal's Editorial Board and Advisory Board in order to safeguard a fair turn-around time for submissions while facing a growing number of submissions. Priority will be given to people from IMISCOE, with a fair balance between different regions of Europe, disciplines, and diversity.



An overview of our recent publications/commentary series

Articles

Combining transnational and intersectional approaches to immigrants' social protection: The case of Andean families' access to health

Authors: Jean-Michel Lafleur and Maria Vivas Romero

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0073-7>

Playing the safe card or playing the race card? Comparison of attitudes towards interracial marriages with non-white migrants and transnational adoptees in Sweden

Author: Sayaka Osanami Törngren

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0074-6>

A migration effect? Comparing the acculturation of Russian migrant populations in Western Europe to Russians in three former soviet countries on attitudes towards government responsibility

Authors: Troels Fage Hedegaard and Hidde Bekhuis

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0072-8>

Segmented socioeconomic adaptation of New Eastern European professionals in the United States

Author: Nina Michalikova

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0077-3>

Ethnicity and nationality among Ethiopians in Canada's census data: a consideration of overlapping and divergent identities

Author: Daniel K. Thompson

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0075-5>

Commentary series recently published

Multiculturalism-Interculturalism

Editorial

Introduction: mapping the multiculturalism-interculturalism debate

François Levrau and Patrick Loobuyck

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0080-8>

Interculturalism in the post-multicultural debate: a defence

Ricard Zapata-Barrero

Comparative Migration Studies 2017, 5. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-017-0057-z>

Must Interculturalists Misrepresent Multiculturalism?

Tariq Modood

Comparative Migration Studies 2017, 5. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-017-0058-y>

Commentaries

War of words: interculturalism v. multiculturalism

Christian Joppke

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0079-1>

Is the post-multicultural era pro-diversity?

Tamar de Waal

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0084-4>

Moving the debate forward: interculturalism's contribution to multiculturalism

François Boucher and Jocelyn Maclure

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0078-2>

Moving beyond normative philosophies and policy concerns: a sociological account of place-based solidarities in diversity

Stijn Oosterlynck

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0083-5>

Towards a new way of interacting? Pondering the role of an interpersonal ethos

François Levrau

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0081-7>

Multiculturalism and interculturalism: redefining nationhood and solidarity

Riva Kastoryano

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0082-6>

Rejoinders:

Multiculturalism and interculturalism: alongside but separate

Ricard Zapata-Barrero

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0090-6>

Interculturalism: Not a new policy paradigm

Tariq Modood

Comparative Migration Studies 2018, 6. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0091-5>

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Rinus Penninx Award Winner (2016), Ali Chaudhary for his paper entitled: 'Voting "Here" and "There": Interrogating Immigrant Political Integration and Transnational Political Remittances'



2017

Liege Winter School 2017

The third 3CI PhD Winter School Migration and Urban Change took place in the Musée de la vie wallon in the centre of Liège between January 15 and 19 January 2019. It focused on the link between migration (old and new, in and out) and urban change, specifically but not exclusively at the cultural and political level. The lectures addressed different issues related to the theme of the Winter School. Furthermore, the Winter school explicitly addressed two key issues for PhD students: (1) how to get published? and (2) Ethical Issues in Migration research. Finally, fieldwork visits were organized in the different neighborhoods of the city.

In 2018, the Winter School was attended by 15 selected international PhD students. The guest lectures were given by the following professors: Prof. dr. Bieter Bevelander, Dr. Hassan Bousetta, Prof. dr. Godfried Engbersen, Prof. dr. Marco Martiniello, Dr Elsa Mescoli and Dr. Jean-Michel Lafleur.

Spring Conference - The Tyranny of Categories in Migration Policy, Research and Data Production (MDX Middlesex)

The IMISCOE Spring Conference has been held at Middlesex University London on 17 February 2017 on the Tyranny of Categories in Migration Policy, Research and Data Production. A number of writers highlighted the ways in which categories form the backbone of policies through which they define the conditions of mobility and the concomitant set of entry, residence, economic and social rights as well orient research and data production.



Eleonora Kofman (MDX - Spring Conference)

Rotterdam Annual Conference 2017

The 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference was held from June 28-30 in Rotterdam, organized by Erasmus University Rotterdam. The focus of the conference was on 'Migration, diversity and the city'. The conference attracted 670 participants, from IMISCOE and from Europe as well as beyond. The program of the Rotterdam annual conference clearly showed the increasingly interdisciplinary character of the IMISCOE network, with a growing visibility of a broader range of disciplines (including health sciences, psychology, political science, public administration, geography, demography, history, law, sociology, anthropology and many others). Saskia Sassen was one of the keynotes at the conference. The other keynote, Steven Vertovec, unfortunately could not attend due to circumstances in the end; however, a video was produced later of his keynote, providing an intriguing explanation for reluctance to superdiversity in cities like Rotterdam.

Impression of the Annual Conference





IMISCOE

Committees

PhD Committee

Status of the PhD Network

Current and future structure

There are four working groups in the PhD Network. These have recently been renamed as the Workshop group, the Blog group, the Teaching group, and the Networking group. Each working group has a coordinator and several actively engaged members. In addition to the working groups, there's a group responsible for social media platforms, and an advisory group made up of former members. Together, the working groups, the groups, and the Representative make up the PhD Soundboard – which functions as the board of the IMISCOE PhD Network¹. The PhD Soundboard has three Skype meetings annually, in addition to a meeting for those present at the Annual Conference.

See Annex 1 for an overview of the current members of the PhD Soundboard

The PhD Network has been growing over the last years: the PhD database counts more than 1000 people, the Soundboard consists of 21 active members, and the activities we organise increase and improve. The workload for the PhD Representative has therefore grown, and the Soundboard currently look for alternative ways to organize the PhD Network – to ensure professionalism and continuity.

Activities in 2018 and plans ahead

As one of the stated goals for 2017-2018 was to improve the visibility of the Network, we are happy to say that we have achieved this. The IMISCOE PhD website has been improved, and our new Twitter account has soon reached 300 followers. We currently work to maintain our online and social media activity, and look into opportunities to boost the blog and further improve the website content. A second goal for the academic year was to contribute to the institutionalization of the PhD Network. Currently, the work of the Workshop group and the Networking group is highly structured, but the Blog group and the Teaching group work to re-establish itself following a complete change of active members. For 2018-2019 the PhD Network will focus on these two groups to ensure continuity and increase their activity.

In the below there are four summaries of each of the working groups activities in 2017-2018, and some notes on future plans.

The Workshop group

As inherent to its work, the Workshop Group has been organizing the workshops for the PhD students at the Annual Conference of IMISCOE. As in the previous year, the group conducted a survey among the PhD network of IMISCOE to know which topics would be the most interesting. Based on these results, three workshops will be given on Monday morning before the official opening of the conference, namely: "Publishing in academia", "Research 2018 Annual Report of the IMISCOE PhD Network 4 funding" and "Critical thinking in academia and benefits from interdisciplinary work". The most difficult part has been to find speakers and have their acceptance.

The Blog group

The Blog group is up and running. Blogposts are published every month and communication about new contributions are spread via our social media canals, which runs smoothly. We get new subscribers regularly. For the future, we are exploring our options of further professionalizing the blog via a new website for the IMISCOE PhD Network, wherein the blog will be embedded (and not be a separate website). Also, we are thinking of new ways to attract bloggers for our website, as it remains to be a challenge to find new writers.

The Networking group

The Networking group carried out a survey among PhD members of IMISCOE, based on the IMISCOE Members' database. Members were asked to state their research interests and regional connections, with the aim of forming thematic clusters by research interest and regional/local clusters. 62 doctoral students filled survey and their answers are currently being analysed. The Nexus group has also organised the "Intergenerational Feedback" workshop at the 15th Annual Conference in Barcelona to provide junior researchers the possibility to receive feedback on their research by senior scholars. 22 participants were accepted and 9 senior scholars promised their participation. The Nexus group will be renewed in 2018; some current members have stated their intention to continue being active in the group.

The Teaching group

There is no news from the *Teaching group*.

ANNEX I: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE PHD SOUNDBOARD, FEBRUARY 2018 Working Group	Name	Institute
PhD Representative	Cathrine Talleraas	Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway
Workshop Committee	Elisa Palma Alves	IGOT - Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
Workshop Committee	Eva Zschirnt	University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Workshop Committee	Gabriela Petre	International Relations at National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Romania
Workshop Committee	Sandra Muller	
Blog Group (and twitter)	Sue Coccaro	IGOT, Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal
Blog Group	Ugur Yildiz	Carleton University, Canada
Blog Group	Jolien Klok	Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands
Blog Group	Stephan Simon	University of Bamberg, Germany
Nexus (IAFC)	Carmen Draghici IAFC	University Paris 13 – Sorbonne Paris Cité, France
Nexus	Mezzetti Giulia	Catholic University of Milan, Italy
Nexus (IAFC)	Byeongsun Ahn	University of Vienna, Austria
Nexus	Carolin Schütze	School of Social Work Lund University, Sweden
Nexus	Eddy Bruno Esien	Hilfsverein Baileke, Austria
Teaching Reflections	Dorina Dedgjoni	Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany
Teaching Reflections	Sherene Ozyurek	Victoria University, Australia
Teaching Reflections	Raktim Ray	The Open University Milton Keynes, UK
Teaching Reflections	Amanda Da SILVA	Université de Liège, Belgium
Social Media	Schmid Samuel David	EUI, Italy

Training Committee

Training committee

Marta Bivand Erdal, Cathrine Talleraas, Jens Schneider, Eleonore Kofman, Marco Martiniello

The IMISCOE Training Committee was re-activated as of the autumn of 2016. It is a rotating committee consisting of a representative of the PhD Network, the current and former responsible for the PhD summer school, the coordinator of the joint European Master's program, and the chair.

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

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

External Affairs Committee

Members of the External Affairs Committee:

Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Andreas Pott, Marco Martiniello, Albert Kraler and Sarah Spencer.

Memo 2018

Brief historical Outline

The External Affairs Committee (EAC) was set up during the Spring Conference in Middlesex (February 2017). The brainstorming phase about the mission and first ideas on how to externalise Imiscoe continued also in Rotterdam's Annual Conference (June 2017). Then in the spring Conference in Warsaw (March 2018) we had a first mapping debate trying to articulate better and pragmatically all the proposals put forward, we reviewed all the ideas/proposals with the purpose to reach a more pragmatic phase. These concrete proposals were defended during the last Imiscoe Board of Directors meeting in Barcelona (July 2018). From the reflection session in Warsaw, several short term concrete proposals to the BD come. A common shared focus is that we need to go beyond standards views and propose innovative ideas, use visual techniques to disseminate, among other recommendations with the purpose to have a clear external policy and develop the IMISCOE brand. Now we are in the practical phase of developing an implementation Plan to be defended in the next Spring Conference in Liege (February 2019), once our proposals were validated during the Barcelona Imiscoe Conference. We summarise and describe shortly each of these proposals.

Short-term proposals for implementation in 2019

First proposal: Imiscoe Research Magazine (IRM)

The suggestion is to do a regular Imiscoe Newsletter Research Magazine (IRM). At least then 6 IRM/year. IRM would disseminate results of current researches and report on existing policy oriented forms of presenting research findings (blogs, video-blogs, policy briefs etc.) done by IMISCOE members through their own networks. The budget and assignment need to be done.

Second proposal: VLogs

This Vlogs could be multipurpose: for informing, training, teaching. The person in charge of the Imiscoe Newsletter Magazine may also work on this Vlogs. A specific window in Imiscoe website section is needed with different sections. This Vlogs would disseminate current relevant researches, some debates, relevant TV appearances of Imiscoe Members or streaming lectures done by Imiscoe members. In the same vein, infographs and different formats (talking heads, animated videos) and other visualisations to support researchers in their dissemination activities.

Third proposal: EAC connected plenary at IMISCOE annual conferences

The need to always connect EAC with the coordination of a semiplenary session in all the Annual Conferences (beginning in Malmö 2019) promoting knowledge exchange between research, politics/policy and society.

Fourth proposal: Cross-Migration and Imiscoe

It was noted that there should be a link to Cross-Migration which will (or should at least) result in a good overview of research on part of the migration field in Europe, with Imiscoe. A way to keep this connection has been to incorporate Asya Pisarevskaya (Cross-Migration Research Network) at EAC.

Fifth proposal: Improving current Imiscoe Newsletter

A general typology of news and sections of Imiscoe Newsletter must be public and known by all Imiscoe Members. New books, articles from members, calls, Jobs bulletin. Maybe this Newsletter could overlap with the IRM. To avoid this, either we eliminate the Newsletter and use as main IMISCOE output the IRM,

or we give the Newsletter a mediated role with concrete functions, the result of a submission tool where IMISCOE institutes simply enter information in a publications/new projects template and that is then automatically presented as a list (structured by member institutes or concrete topics such as: Publications, Calls, Jobs Bulletin, for example).

Sixth proposal Funding Communication

Once a year (during Spring Conference) EAC team should invite representatives/members of (potentially interesting) European/international funding agencies/programmes to mutually inform one another about potential "collaborations".

Further EAC reflections: How to assess IMISCOE Impact

Once new channels of dissemination have been implemented, we suggest opening a reflection on strategies to improve Imiscoe impact.

Proposal for further establishment for the IMISCOE solidarity fund for scholars at risk

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

As IMISCOE we thought that it should be possible to initiate a support mechanism within our network. A first inventory received overall positive responses from 15 member institutes. Many stated that they do not have funds available, but they would be happy to accommodate/host academics, by i.e. arranging a working space, access to the library and a computer. Based on this, our idea was to set up a fund with the help of all member institutes. Whereas the members contribute as much as they can, we as IMISCOE should extend that amount in order to support, on request, institutes that host or otherwise support academics under threat.

Brief report of the initial development phase of the fund

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

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

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

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

Plan for the second half of 2018

Maurice Crul, Bediz Yilmaz-Bayraktar (scholar at risk at the IMIS, Osnabrück University) and Ali Konyali who were willing to work on the fund during the initial starting phase have set up a call for applicants for a Solidarity Grant for PhDs (see text below). The aim is to place this call and select three applicants until June 2018. In the best case at least one of them can be present during the IMISCOE conference in Barcelona in July 2018. This would help raising more awareness for the issues of threatened scholars among the IMISCOE network. Moreover, in consultation with Peter Scholten and Warda Belabas, Ali Konyali will establish contact with PhDs from the IMISCOE PhD network who are willing to work on the further institutionalization of the Fund within our network.

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

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Appendix I

Founding Statement of the Scholars at Risk Network

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

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

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

IMISCOE - Solidarity Fund

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

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

How to apply to the fund?

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

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

Are you a scholar at risk?

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

The IMISCOE Solidarity Fund committee

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

We ask for your solidarity as IMISCOE member organizations and individual IMISCOE members

The IMISCOE solidarity fund has started in October 2017 with a modest initial funding of 8,000 EUR provided by IMISCOE. In order to be sustainable and offer long-term assistance we depend on the solidarity of IMISCOE member institutes and individual members who donate to the fund. Any amount counts!

Donations can be made to the IMISCOE bank account, through this link: <https://ebs.fsw.eur.nl/mvc/modules/ebs/view.php?id=75> to the EUR payment form

We highly appreciate any donation

Call for Applications: IMISCOE Solidarity Grant for threatened PhDs (Draft to be placed online by Mid-May)

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

PhDs are depending on their supervisors to finish their dissertations. This makes them especially vulnerable since not only can they be threatened because of their own work and ideas, but also indirectly through their supervisors. Therefore, we want to reach out to young scholars who are in need of support while doing their research.

We call for applications for three grants of 2,000 EUR each.

Applying We call for applications from threatened PhD candidates who work in a field that is relevant to IMISCOE. Therefore, we ask applicants to present us with a statement letter (if possible, indicating existing connections to IMISCOE institutes or the IMISCOE research network in general), a CV and a work plan, clarifying their dissertation topic. In addition, we kindly ask all applicants for a risk statement letter and a reference person whom we can contact for further information about the applicant.



Dr. Yossi Harpaz received the Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award 2017 for his dissertation entitled “Compensatory Citizenship: A Comparative Study of Dual Nationality in Serbia, Mexico and Israel”.

Budget 2017

Income		
Institutional institute fees		110300
Individual fees		108750
Network office contributions		
	City of Rotterdam	in kind
	Erasmus University Board	20000
	Department of Sociology	in kind
	Department of Public Administration	in kind
Other	OA fees	7875
	Trustfonds subsidy 2016 conf book	5000
	Trustfonds subsidy policyletter 2016	1000
TOTAL		252925
Expenses		
Network office		
	Scientific director M. Crul	in kind
	Associate director PWA Scholten	in kind
	Network officer C. Jochemsen	in kind
	Network officer W. Belabas	in kind
	investment in Network office 2017	10992,75
	Postdoctoral assistant	8000
	Travel costs	5748
	Overhead	44
Publications		
	Editorial manager	17491
	Book series	0
	Investment 2017 extra book	0
	Journal CMS	9742,98
Events		
	Annual Spring conference	4203,57
	contribution to annual conference	30000
	Additional contribution to host annual conference	20500
	Contribution to PhD winter school	11897,72
	PhD program	1155,57
	Bank fee (paypal)	2822,22
Research initiatives		
	Allocation 80% research clusters '17-'18	39080
	Allocation 20% research clusters '15-'16	449,04
	Allocation to 'ad hoc' research initiative	2800
Communication		
	Web master	13200
	Website	5587,12
	Communication material	1645,5
Other		
	Editorial Committee	3990,59
	Maria Baganha Award	3768,9
	Rinus Penninx Award	968
	Training Committee	3815
	Trustfonds subsidy 2016 conf book	5000
	Trustfonds subsidy policyletter 2016	1000
Unforeseen		0
TOTAL		203901,96
BALANCE		26051,69

Budget 2018

Income			
	Institutional membership fees	117000	
	Individual membership fees	112500	
	Network office contributions		
	Erasmus University Board	5000	
	Department of Public Administration	31125	
	Remaining income Rotterdam	18375	
	Other	OA fees	9075
	From reserves	Investment Short books	5000
		Solidarity Fund	8000
		Spring Conference Sheffield	
	TOTAL		306075
Expenses			
	Network office		
		Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs	8000
		Network officer W. Belabas	43200
		Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)	13000
		Network officer Research briefs + movies	6000
		Travel costs NO	3100
	Extended Network Office		
		Coordinator Editorial Committee	10000
		Coordinator Training Committee	2500
		Coordinator PhD Committee	2500
		Coordinator External Affairs Committee	2500
		Coordinator CMS board	2500
	Publications		
		Editorial manager Book Series	5200
		Editorial manager CMS	13000
		Book series	29040
		Journal CMS	19000
		Extra book EC	4537,5
	Events		
		Annual Spring conference	3500
		Annual BD Diner	2500
		Spring conference Sheffield	
		Contribution to annual conference	45000
		Contribution to PhD summer school	10000
		PhD program	2000
		IMISCOE conversations	2500
		Bank fee (paypal)	2500
	Research initiatives		
		Allocation 80% research clusters '17-'18	36000
		Allocation 20% research clusters '16-'17	9000
	Communication		
		Website	6000
		Communication material	500
		Annual report	2000
	Other		
		Maria Baganha Award	5315
		Rinus Penninx Award	750
		Travel costs Editorial Committee	5000
		Solidarity Fund	8000
	TOTAL		304642,5
BALANCE			1432,5

Budget proposal 2019

Income		
	Institutional membership fees	141000
	Individual membership fees	121875
	Network office contributions	
	Erasmus University Rotterdam contribution	41500
	Other OA fees	9075
	TOTAL	313450
Expenses		
	Network office	
	Coordinator IMISCOE Replacement costs	8000
	Network officer W. Belabas	47500
	Network officer K. Milovanovic (webmaster)	13000
	Network officer Research briefs + movies	10000
	Travel costs NO	3100
	Extended Network Office	
	Coordinator Editorial Committee	10000
	Coordinator Training Committee	2500
	Coordinator PhD Committee	2500
	Coordinator External Affairs Committee	2500
	Coordinator CMS board	2500
	Publications	
	Editorial manager Book Series	5200
	Book series (Springer contribution)	29040
	Extra book EC	1815
	Journal CMS	19000
	Editorial manager CMS	13000
	Events	
	Annual Spring conference Liege	3500
	Annual spring conference Sheffield	3500
	Contribution to annual conference	50000
	Annual BD Diner	2500
	Contribution to PhD winter/summer school	10000
	Subsidy for PhD program (PhD Network)	2000
	Bank fee (paypal)	2500
	Research initiatives	
	Allocation 80% research clusters '17-'18	36000
	Allocation 20% research clusters '16-'17	9000
	Communication	
	Website	4000
	Communication material	2000
	Annual report	2000
	Other	
	Maria Baganha Award	6525
	Rinus Penninx Award	750
	Travel costs Editorial Committee	4000
	Solidarity Fund	1000
	Reservation for celebration 15 years IMISCOE	4500
	TOTAL	313430
BALANCE		20

Report from the Financial Committee

Statement of the financial committee on the financial report concerning the period January 2017-December 2017

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

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

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

However, there are two issues that to our mind need further attention:

IMISCOE has rather large reserves of about 170.000 Euros. As far as we understand, the coordinator intends to present an investment plan at the BD in Barcelona.

The research clusters and standing committees still have problems to use up the funds granted by IMISCOE for the development of their work. Since this is a central element of our yearly budgets, we wonder whether our research funding strategy needs discussion.

21 February 2018

Arnfinn H. Midtbøen and Wiebke Sievers

By Gianni D'Amato, Arnfinn Midtboen, Wiebke Sievers, Helga de Valk and Godfried Engbersen

The reserves of IMISCOE have fared well over the past four years. Due in particular to not spending a 10% unforeseen for several years, and due to underspending of several research groups, the reserves have increased to 193.000 euros (date 1 january 2018). During the BD in Warsaw, a committee was established to discuss what to do with these reserves.

Towards a structural reserves level of 25% of the annual budget

A first question that the committee considered, is what a good and healthy level of reserves would be for a growing network as IMISCOE. Here the committee considered financial risks that the network faces, which include in particular the Annual Conference and the contract with Springer for publications (books and journal). This means that IMISCOE should maintain a fair reserve, allowing it to cope with setbacks of up to 50.000-60.000 euros.

On a longer term, a reserve level of 25% of the annual budget is considered healthy for IMISCOE, given the risks that it faces. For a current budget of just over 300.000 euros, this currently means maintaining a reserves level of 75.000 euros.

Investment plan for core IMISCOE activities

Current reserves are 118.000 euros higher than the required reserves level of 25%. The committee considers it wise to use these funds for (temporary and ad-hoc) investments in several core activities of IMISCOE, and especially in those places where it can help to accommodate the growth of the network. Important is that with the perspective on long-term financial balance, these investments cannot be seen as structural investments.

The committee recommends to spend the surplus reserves on the following aims:

- Reform of IMISCOE's research structure (60k). The Network is currently undergoing a structural change in the structure of standing committees and research initiatives. This involves adding new standing committees and sometimes converging current standing committees (see plans on future research structure). To facilitate this transition, and to provide the standing committees with a bit more long-term funding, the committee proposes to invest 60k to allow standing committees to reform and develop further. These funds can be used for meetings of the SC's. In return, IMISCOE will try to embed the SC's more in the other developments in the networks, in particular by asking SC's to produce one policy brief or one video-contribution to IMISCOE's website per year.
- Research conference in Rotterdam (15k). To mark the transition from the 'old' to the 'new' research structure, it would be good to have a research conference that brings together the key actors for all SC's. The idea is to organize a Research Conference (29-30 November, in Rotterdam) together with the IMISCOE CrossMigration H2020 project.
- Innovations in the website (30k). The current website is already in need for further innovations in order to keep up with what is expected from websites; and to enhance its function as a central hub in the academic community of migration scholars. This involves adjusting the website to accommodate more movies and infographics, and to develop a section with policy briefs from projects by IMISCOE partners.
- Awards for advanced-career migration scholars (3k). Currently, IMISCOE has awards for PhD students, and for best papers at the annual conference. The committee would like to install two more awards; one for mid-career scholars (for instance a Research Award) and one for advanced scholars (career award, or contribution to the field award).
- Support for the coordinator (10k). The growth of the network has also led to a growing workload at the side of the coordinator. An increase in the contribution to the coordinator will allow for more time to invest in IMISCOE.

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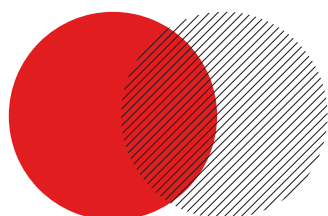
Agenda

Upcoming IMISCOE events

29-30 November 2018	IMISCOE - CrossMigration Research Conference (Rotterdam)
28 February 2019	IMISCOE Board of Directors meeting, CEDEM, University of Liege
28 February - 1 March 2019	IMISCOE Spring Conference, 'Migration and Social Protection in the European Union', organized together with MITSOPRO, CEDEM (Liege)
28-29 March 2019	IMISCOE Spring Conference, 'Transforming Mobility and Immobility', University of Sheffield (Sheffield).
26-28 June 2019	16th IMISCOE Annual Conference, 'Understanding International Migration in the 21st Century: Conceptual and Methodological Issues and Trends in Migration Studies', MIM, Malmo University (Malmo)



**Research Conference - IMISCOE-CrossMigration
Rotterdam 29-30 November 2018**



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Transforming Mobility and Immobility: Brexit and Beyond

28-29 March 2019, Sheffield, UK

Organised by the Migration Research Group (MRG) at the University of Sheffield in collaboration with the Centre of Migration Research (CMR) at the University of Warsaw, IMISCOE and the Noble Foundation

Confirmed speakers include:

Professor Nira Yuval Davis, University of East London
Professor Bryan Turner, Australian Catholic University and Potsdam University
Professor Feargal Cochrane, University of Kent
Professor Pawel Kaczmarczyk, University of Warsaw
Professor Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Professor Anna Triandafyllidou, European University Institute
Catherine Woollard, European Council on Refugees and Exiles

At the very moment the UK plans to exit the EU, we invite migration scholars to come together to discuss how Brexit cannot be understood in isolation, but must be seen in relation to a geographic, temporal and conceptual 'beyond'. We will collaborate to develop understanding of how on-going events in Europe and worldwide are transforming regimes, patterns and understandings of mobility and immobility.

In the 15 years since the 2004 Enlargement, at local and national scales, European countries have experienced seismic shifts associated with increasing intra-EU mobility, the economic crisis, austerity, the so-called 'refugee crisis', the rise of far-right and other populist sentiments. Brexit is clearly a notable political landmark in the UK's more generalised 'hostile environment', but globally it sits alongside other significant events such as Trump's 'raising the border' rhetoric in the USA to the forced displacement of the Rohingya from Myanmar.

Following Castles (2010: 1576), we understand these shifts as bound up in broader processes of social transformation in which 'existing social patterns are questioned and many are reconfigured'. A social transformation lens on migration, invites us, therefore, to interrogate what is changing in the politics, policies and practices of mobility and immobility, and what this means for our existing theoretical and conceptual frameworks.

We welcome paper proposals from various disciplines, theoretical and empirical oriented, case-studies and comparative and with relevance to the UK, Europe and beyond on the following themes:

- Shifting mobility and migration policy regimes
- Ordering and re-ordering of (im)mobile subjects in shifting regimes: gendered, classed and racialised implications
- Rescaling borders and everyday bordering
- Bottom-up strategies of individuals and groups to negotiate and resist borders
- Social transformation through migration: countries of origin and countries of living perspectives
- New and emerging patterns of migration and mobility
- Multicultures in place and understandings of integration in local contexts
- Understanding and responding to the politicisation of borders and migration

Important information

Day 1 of the conference is dedicated to doctoral research. PhD students will be given the opportunity to showcase their research, 'work in progress' and emerging research findings.

The Conference Opening Plenary and a wine reception will take place on the evening of Day 1 for all conference participants. Day 2 of the conference will include paper presentations from post-doctoral level researchers / academics and further plenary sessions.

Submission of paper proposals should include a 250-word abstract. The deadline for submitting paper proposals is 10th October 2018. Applicants will be notified about the acceptance of their paper proposals by mid-November 2018, at which point the conference registration system will open.



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