



Call for contributions

Cross-Migration issue briefs on methodological and related conceptual issues

Deadline for expressions of interests: 28.4.2019

Migration constitutes one of the most debated societal issues in contemporary Europe. Reflecting the salience of migration as a policy issue, migration research has grown exponentially. In this context, ready availability and accessibility to robust, relevant, and concise knowledge is important both for the further development of the field as well for public debates on migration, and ultimately for the development of evidence based migration policies.

With the goal of providing a comprehensive, efficient and integrative database which synthesizes, categorizes and maps out the vast field of migration in Europe and beyond, the H2020 project [CROSS-MIGRATION](#) brings together 16 leading research institutions, networks and policy institutes throughout Europe. While a research database compiling information on publications, research projects, datasets and experts will constitute the core of the Cross-Migration research hub, the hub will also feature synthetic accounts of major thematic dimensions (migration drivers, migration infrastructures, forms of migration and governance, migration consequences) relevant to understand migration processes. In addition, the hub will also feature a series of issue briefs tackling methodological and related conceptual questions. We are now seeking contributions for the Cross-Migration issue briefs on methodological and related conceptual questions.

Authors are invited to contribute to the project by submitting short papers of approx. 2500 words in length (incl. references) that will be published online as contribution to the Migration Research Hub. The issue briefs may be based on published works and thus also provide the opportunity to disseminate contributions about methodological issues in migration research to a broader public.

The issue briefs should be written in accessible language. They should tackle methodological and related conceptual issues. Issue briefs may address broad questions and provide a synthesis of recent methodological advances in the field, or more specific methodological questions tackling particular sets of methods. Contributions will be published on the Cross-Migration migration hub, which is planned to be incorporated in the completely overhauled website of the IMISCOE research network, the leading network of migration research institutes and migration researchers in Europe (www.imiscoe.org) once the Cross-





Migration project ends in February 2020. The migration research hub and publications published through it are thus expected to reach a wide audience in Europe and beyond.

In addition, selected contributors may be invited to rework their contributions into chapters for a planned textbook on migration, edited by Prof. Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and scheduled for late 2020 or early 2021.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Comparisons and comparability in migration studies
- Ethics in migration research
- Qualitative methods in migration research
- Quantitative methods in migration research
- Mixed methods in migration research
- Interdisciplinarity in migration studies
- Researching Hidden and Hard to Count Populations
- Surveying migrants
- Using Big Data for assessing flows and stocks of migrants
- Conducting multi-sited fieldwork in migration studies
- Researching immigration bureaucracies
- Using administrative registers as data sources for migration studies
- Visual Methods in migration research
- Using digital methods in qualitative migration research

The following structure is recommended:

- 1) Description of the methodological approach and where it has been used (overview)
- 2) Specific example of research for illustrative purposes.

Referencing should follow the APA style (see

https://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/style/reference/tf_APA.pdf for a reference).

To express your interest in contributing, please submit an abstract (maximum 300 words) and a short bio describing your expertise to fiona-katharina.seiger@uantwerpen.be by **19.4.2019**

The final manuscript will be expected by **Friday, 14th June 2019**.

