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## IMISCOE

International Migration Research Network

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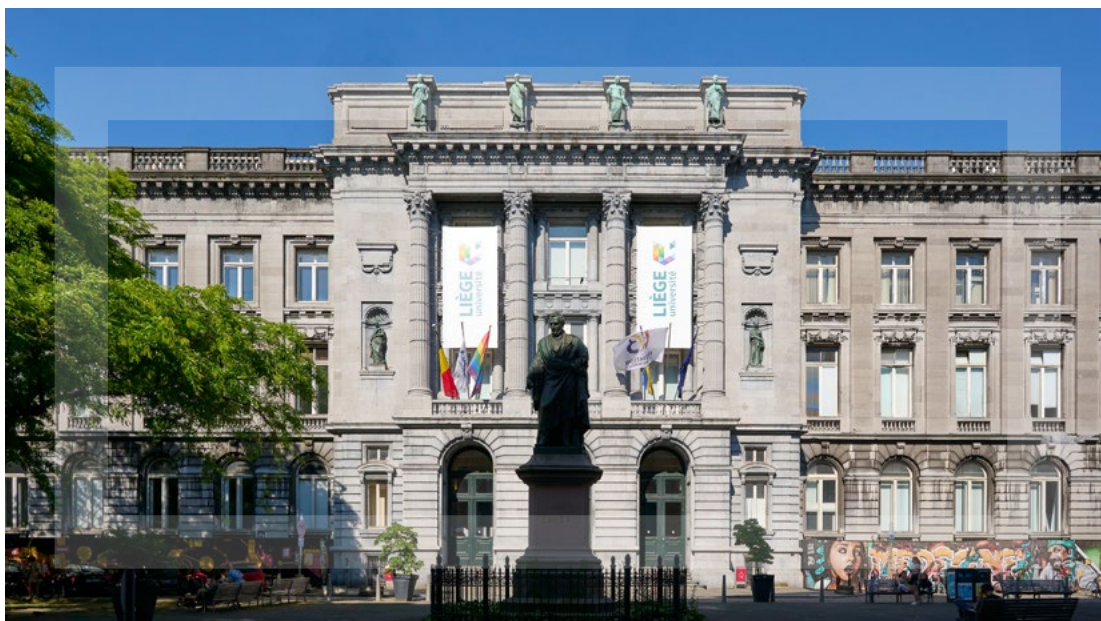
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## FOREWORD FROM THE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIÈGE

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Dear members of the IMISCOE community,

It is my pleasure to open the second IMISCOE Annual Report since the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège has taken over the coordination role of the IMISCOE Network in April 2022.

After two years in this coordination position, the ULiège community has measured the importance for our institution to host IMISCOE and how aligned our priorities are with the those of the Network. As shown in this 2023 Annual Report, the past year has been incredibly busy in terms of scientific activities organized by IMISCOE. Important steps forward have been taken especially in the area of anti-racism and anti-discrimination with the creation of a new IMISCOE Standing Committee on Race, racism and discrimination. The organization of the 2023 Spring Conference in Nice — a partner institution of Liège in the EuMIGS network of Master programmes in migration studies— also placed emphasis on these issues with the conference theme entitled “Postcolonial migrations - heritages, specificities, mobilizations”. Furthermore, the 2023 IMISCOE PhD School on “Critical reflections on migration studies, racism and discrimination” co-organized by four Belgian universities including ULiège reiterated the new prominence given to these topics in the IMISCOE Research Network.

These IMISCOE priorities are very well aligned with the institutional priorities and initiatives of ULiège on anti-discrimination, which have accelerated in recent years with the launch of the #RESPECT campaign against discrimination and the creation of a Gender and Equality Council responsible for proposing an institutional strategy and for implementing projects in this field. The fight of ULiège against discrimination is a long-term commitment and I am convinced that the scientific work of IMISCOE will help us —along other Member Institutes of the Network— to achieve further progress in this area.

As active members of the IMISCOE community, you have regular interactions with the Network Office based at the University of Liège: Jean-Michel Lafleur, Daniela Vintila, Angeliki Konstantinidou, Carole Wenger and Marine Maréchal. Together with other colleagues working in different institutional bodies of our University, they ensure the management of the Network’s infrastructure and activities. This foreword is thus also the opportunity to thank all the members of ULiège who contribute to making the coordination of the IMISCOE Network possible.

I wish you a pleasant reading of this Annual Report and look forward to seeing your activities further develop in the coming years.

**Anne-Sophie Nyssen**

*Rector of the University of Liège*



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## **IMISCOE AND THE ULIÈGE RESEARCH STRATEGY: A WORD FROM THE VICE-RECTOR FOR RESEARCH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIÈGE**



Dear members of the IMISCOE community,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to your 2023 Annual Report which showcases an incredibly rich and diverse set of activities in your research field. At ULiège, we are proud to be hosting the coordination of your Network, as IMISCOE matches perfectly with our university's strategy of supporting research with a goal of promoting interdisciplinarity and collaboration opportunities for scholars and researchers at different stages of their careers.

As this report clearly shows, your Network puts great emphasis on approaching the topic of migration from a multi-disciplinary perspective. When it comes to promoting scientific exchanges at the international level, the globalization strategy launched by the Network Office since 2022 has also led to significant progress in enabling scientific exchanges between researchers and institutions from all over the world. The increased participation of non-European scholars in IMISCOE's activities and, especially so, at your Annual Conference, as well as the recent admission of Casa Grande University from Ecuador as Institutional Member of IMISCOE are signs of the global role that your Network plays in the field of migration research. Similarly, the research lines of the 11 IMISCOE Standing Committees are timely and compelling, ensuring that their research outputs contribute to evidence-based debates on migration across different world regions. Lastly, your network also devotes significant attention and resources to two questions that are at the core of ULiège's research policy: doctoral training and open science. The rich and diverse activities of your PhD Network, PhD Academy and Training committees detailed in this report illustrate at length the emphasis you put on supporting young scholars in their career developments. Similarly, your support to publishing books and journal articles in open access highlights the leading role that IMISCOE intends to play in open science debates.

Research on migration has long been one of the strengths of ULiège in social sciences. Since its creation in 1995, CEDEM has established a reputation for itself and the University of a key institution for migration research in Belgium and beyond. Thanks to its active role and participation in large-scale national and international research programmes, CEDEM has contributed to the development of this area of study. We are pleased to now see the prominent role of CEDEM in the leadership of a prestigious scientific network such as IMISCOE.

Building on the success of the first two years of IMISCOE coordination by CEDEM and the University of Liège, we look forward to seeing your Network's research activities further develop in the coming years.

***Michel Moutschen***

*Vice-Rector for Research of the  
University of Liège*



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## **REFLECTIONS FROM JEAN-MICHEL LAFLEUR AND DANIELA VINTILA, IMISCOE COORDINATORS AT THE CENTRE FOR ETHNIC AND MIGRATION STUDIES (CEDEM) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIÈGE**

2023: Moving forward in making  
IMISCOE more open, inclusive, and  
diverse





This Annual Report is the second one that we publish since the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège assumed the coordination of IMISCOE in April 2022. After two years in this role, we believe it is now a good moment to reflect on what has been achieved so far, the lessons learned in the process, and the aspects that we could prioritize for our Network in the years to come.

The transition of the IMISCOE coordination from Rotterdam to Liège has gone smoothly, despite being a lengthy process given the size, growth and complexity of our Network. The transfer of all IMISCOE activities, contracts, and finances to Liège was finalized during the first half of the year 2023, which allowed us to shift our focus towards the priorities that we set for ourselves at the beginning of this coordination mandate: to make IMISCOE more inclusive, open, and diverse.

We are very proud of the progress made over the past two years towards achieving this overarching objective that requires a long-term commitment and several steps within the broader plan of action that we set up with the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, the IMISCOE Standing and Executive Committees, our community of PhD students, and the individual members of our Network who constantly dedicate their time and ideas to the activities and events taking place in IMISCOE.

One of our main goals during this IMISCOE coordination mandate has been to further diversify our community and fostering truly global scholarly debates on migration. Such debates are constantly enriched by an increasingly diverse groups of migration researchers and institutes from different parts of the world. As such, several new initiatives were recently implement in seeking to reflect this diversity also in our scholarly network.

At the institutional level, important steps forward have been taken to ensure the presence of institutes from different parts of the world within the organizational structure of IMISCOE. This materialized in **five research centers joining IMISCOE in 2023**, including our first institutional members in **Slovenia** (Institute for Ethnic Studies) and **Latin America** (Casa Grande University, Ecuador). Other IMISCOE governance bodies have also further diversified their composition during 2023, as we welcomed **new members to our Executive Board** and to the **Elections Committee**, which was created in 2022.

Secondly, we further strengthened our policy of providing support for the participation of **colleagues from all over the world** in our activities and events. In this process, we have also counted with the strong support of the IMISCOE Committee on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, another IMISCOE body that was recently created. In addition to the set-up of a **hybrid conference model** for almost all our major yearly events (to allow for the participation of colleagues who cannot attend on-site due to financial reasons, health and family circumstances, or visa restrictions), our Board of Directors also decided on **reduced individual membership fees** for students from all over the world, for all researchers based outside of the EU/OECD, and for all those joining our annual conference online. Additionally, the budget allocated to the **IMISCOE Solidarity Fund** was increased for 2023, to allow us to provide additional support for participation in our events to colleagues in need. These recent measures towards more inclusive IMISCOE events led to an increased participation of both junior and senior colleagues from different countries around the world during our **2023 Annual Conference**, which gathered a record number of both online and on-site attendees contributing to four days of enriching exchanges on the topic of migration and inequalities from a global perspective. Similarly, the **2023 IMISCOE Spring Conference** organized in Nice on the topic of postcolonial migrations and the **2023 IMISCOE PhD School** focused on critical reflections on migration studies, racism and discrimination were praised by participants for the important efforts made in the field of inclusion. Throughout the year 2023, **our incredibly active IMISCOE Standing and Executive Committees** have also organized numerous events for colleagues from all world regions, events which also tackled important topics related to migration, inclusion and diversity for our research community.

Thirdly, this Annual Report also shows how the year 2023 was marked by the **expansion of our IMISCOE research infrastructure**, in several aspects. One of them is related to the creation in 2023 of a **new Standing Committee on Race, Racism and Discrimination (RACED)**, which now allows us to give a more prominent place to research on these topics within our network. The second one is reflected in the diversification of the composition and activities of the **IMISCOE PhD Network and the PhD Academy**. During 2023, both groups have continued to grow and strengthen the research and networking opportunities provided to doctoral students from all over the world.

Last but not least, ensuring an open and inclusive research environment has been also reflected in our **policy to support Open Access publishing**. As such, our **IMISCOE research series with Springer** has become a leading collection in migration studies. An impressive number of books were published in Open Access during the year 2023, thanks to the agreement that IMISCOE concluded with Springer. In addition, IMISCOE also continued to sponsor in 2023 the journal **Comparative Migration Studies** and support Open Access articles published not only by scholars affiliated to IMISCOE Member Institutes, but also authors based outside of the EU/OECD, regardless of their affiliation to our network.

In conclusion, we hope that this report, while unavoidably reflecting only parts of the incredibly rich activities we developed in 2023, will provide an indication of how active our community was in the past year and the significant progress made in our Network to achieve the goal of making our IMISCOE community more inclusive, open and diverse.



We are extremely thankful to all IMISCOE members and friends for their support in this journey and look forward to continuing working with all of you to further strengthen our Network in the years to come.

We are also particularly grateful to all our colleagues at the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) and, more generally, the University of Liège, for the help and support we received during these first two years of the IMISCOE coordination mandate.

We hope you enjoy reading the report and we very much look forward to seeing all of you soon.

## **Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila**

***IMISCOE Coordinators***



**WORD FROM THE  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS  
WIEBKE SIEVERS  
AND THE CHAIR OF  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
PARVATI RAGHURAM**



IMISCOE has been growing for many years now. The Network currently has 69 Member Institutes. Each of these is represented on the Board of Directors. You can imagine that this poses challenges. It has become increasingly more difficult for our conference organizers to find meeting rooms where we can sit around a table to talk to each other. Moreover, it is impossible for all members to air their views on the points under discussion even if our meetings can take up to four hours. For all of these reasons, our former BD chair Sarah Spencer started an initiative to adapt the format of our BD meetings in March 2020. A small working group additionally including Peter Scholten, Warda Belabas and Wiebke Sievers prepared a memorandum that laid the basis for the changes in our BD meetings. The central element was the installation of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) that discusses the work plan for the coming year and addresses strategic issues on IMISCOE's forthcoming agenda. In order to allow BD members to bring in their ideas on these issues and get more involved in taking the Network forward, the plan for the AGM includes a brainstorming element. The memorandum was adopted by the BD in June 2020, but we had to wait for our first post-pandemic onsite Spring Conference, which took place in Nice in March 2023, to implement the decision.

Looking back at this first AGM, we feel that it took a lot of preparation to make particularly the brainstorming session run smoothly and effectively. We had long discussions with the coordinators and EB members on how to ensure that the brainstorming both inspires debate and yields concrete results to be taken further in subsequent meetings. However, we also feel that it was absolutely worth the effort. We decided to devote 3 hours to the brainstorming session and discussed central elements of our network:

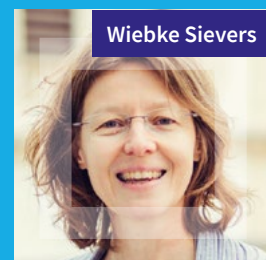
- IMISCOE's institutional and individual membership
- The future of IMISCOE events
- IMISCOE's publication strategy for the future

You find more information on the results of the meeting in the welcome message to this annual report written by our coordinators Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila. Here we would like to reflect a little bit on how the AGM has changed the atmosphere within the BD. All of those involved in preparing this meeting felt that the format we chose for the brainstorming session worked very well. The BD members were split into two groups, one onsite and one online. Both groups had two hours to discuss the three points in detail. The discussions were very lively and did not only yield great input on how to move forward, but they also allowed to explain the rationale behind the structure of the network in more detail than is possible in regular meetings. They thus made sure that all BD members felt able to equally contribute to the discussion, regardless of how long they had been on the board and how involved they used to be in strategic issues. Last but not least, the whole endeavour has clearly made all members more aware of who their colleagues on the BD are. With almost 70 people sitting around the table, it can become difficult to know every single person, especially if you only meet for a few hours per year. The brainstorming has also been a great facilitator in that respect.

We would like to thank the coordinators and the Executive Board for all the work they invested in implementing this new BD format.

Finally, special thanks go to Özge Bilgili, Paul Long, Sarah Scuzzarello and Gorka Urrutia Asua, who joined the EB in 2023 and have already become very actively involved in our work.

*Parvati Raghuram and Wiebke Sievers*



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## ABOUT IMISCOE



This section describes the mission of the IMISCOE Network and its organizational structure.

### 5.1 OUR MISSION

IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) is the largest interdisciplinary network of scholars in the field of migration. The Network currently consists of **69 research institutes** from different countries around the world and from various disciplines including sociology, political science, anthropology, economics, law, demography, public administration, geography and history.

The IMISCOE Network is coordinated by the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège, with Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila acting as Coordinators. The Network Office team also includes Angeliki Konstantinidou (Network Officer), Marine Maréchal (Finance Officer) and Carole Wenger (Communication Officer since 2024).

Over the years, IMISCOE has developed and promoted a wide range of activities, including:

## 5.2 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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IMISCOE provides a platform for scholars throughout the world to get together, initiate comparative research and organize joint research projects. The Network supports and maintains a broad range of **Standing Committees** that cover significant topics in migration studies, in line with the special expertise of its members. The development of common lines of study is primarily research-driven. IMISCOE derives its relevance for society in general and for policy and politics in particular from its theory-based, analytical contributions.

## 5.3 PUBLICATIONS

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IMISCOE has established a **book series** with Springer, covering key contributions in the field of migration. To promote the dissemination of research and the widest possible access to research, IMISCOE has become the leading supporter of Open Access publishing in this research area. Most books are available in the **OAPEN** library. Furthermore, the Network also sponsors the Open Access journal **Comparative Migration Studies** owned by Springer.

## 5.4 EVENTS

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Throughout the year, numerous **IMISCOE events** are organized in the context of research collaborations, publication events, PhD trainings, etc. The biggest event on the Network's agenda is the IMISCOE Annual Conference, which has been organized every year since 2004 by different IMISCOE Member Institutes. Other important annual events are the IMISCOE Spring Conference and the IMISCOE PhD School. Besides these annual events, numerous activities are organized throughout the year by the various Standing and Executive Committees of the IMISCOE Network.

## 5.5 TRAINING & AWARDS

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Training of young researchers is an essential task of IMISCOE. By pooling the resources and expertise of its members, the Network facilitates the highest quality training in the field of migration studies. To this aim, the Network provides annual **PhD Schools**, as well as specific training modules at other IMISCOE events. The **IMISCOE PhD Network** and the **IMISCOE PhD Academy** are also an integral part of the IMISCOE Network. Also, every year IMISCOE awards the **Maria Ioannis Baganha Award** to the best PhD thesis in the field of migration, and the **Rinus Penninx Award** for best paper presented at the IMISCOE Annual Conference.





# LIST OF IMISCOE MEMBER INSTITUTES

The IMISCOE Network includes 69 Member Institutes:

1. [AMIS](#) (Centre for Advanced Migration Studies), University of Copenhagen, Denmark
2. [ARC-M](#) (Amsterdam Research Centre-Migration), University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
3. [BICC](#) (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies), Germany (joined in March 2023)
4. [BIRMM](#) (Brussels Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Migration and Minorities), Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
5. [Casa Grande University](#), Ecuador (joined in July 2023)
6. [CEDEM](#) (Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies), University of Liège, Belgium, Coordinating Institute of IMISCOE
7. [CERC in Migration and Integration](#) (Toronto Metropolitan University), Canada
8. [CESSMIR](#) (Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees), Ghent University, Belgium
9. [CFD](#) (Center on Forced Displacement), Boston University, USA (joined in April 2024)
10. [CGM](#)- Centre on Global Migration, University of Gothenburg
11. [CIES-Iscte](#) (Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology), University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal
12. [CMR](#) (Centre of Migration Research), University of Warsaw, Poland

13. [CMRS](#) (Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies), The American University in Cairo, Egypt
14. [COMPAS](#) (Centre on Migration, Policy and Society), University of Oxford, UK
15. [DEMIG](#) (Department for Migration and Globalisation), Danube University Krems, Austria
16. [DEUSTO](#) (Research Unit on Migration, Management of Diversity and Social Cohesion), University of Deusto, Spain
17. [DeZIM](#) (German Centre for Integration and Migration Research), Germany
18. [ERCOMER](#) (European Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations), Utrecht University, The Netherlands
19. [ESOMI](#) (Societies In Motion Research Team), University of A Coruña, Spain
20. [EUI](#) (European University Institute), Italy
21. [EUR](#) (Erasmus University of Rotterdam), The Netherlands
22. [FAFO](#) (Institute for Labour and Social Research), Norway
23. [FHSE](#) (Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences), University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
24. [FIERI](#) (Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione), Italy
25. [GEOMIGRACE](#) (Geographic Migration Center), Charles University, Czech Republic
26. [GRAMNet](#) (Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network), University of Glasgow, UK (joined in March 2023)
27. [GRITIM](#) (Interdisciplinary Research Group in Immigration), Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
28. [ICM](#) (Institut Convergences Migrations), France
29. [ICMPD](#) (International Center for Migration Policy Development), Austria
30. [IES](#) (Institute for Ethnic Studies), Slovenia (joined March 2023)
31. [IGOT-UL](#) (Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território), University of Lisboa, Portugal
32. [IMIS](#) (Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies), University of Osnabrück, Germany
33. [IML](#) (International Migration Laboratory), University of Trento, Italy
34. [IMR](#) (Institute for Minority Rights), Eurac Research, Italy (joined in July 2023)
35. [INED](#) (Institut National d'Études Démographiques), France
36. [InZENTIM](#) (Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration Research), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
37. [ISF](#) (Institute for Social Research Oslo), Norway
38. [ISMU](#) (Fondazione Ismu - Initiative e Studi sulla Multietnicità), Italy
39. [ISR](#) (Institute for Urban and Regional Research), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria
40. [IUEM](#) (Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones), Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain
41. [LIMS](#) (Leiden Interdisciplinary Migration Seminar), Leiden University, The Netherlands

42. [\*\*MACIMIDE\*\*](#) (Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development), Maastricht University, The Netherlands
43. [\*\*MDX\*\*](#) (Middlesex University), UK
44. [\*\*MIDEX\*\*](#) (Lancashire Research Centre for Migration, Diaspora and Exile), University of Central Lancashire, UK
45. [\*\*MIF\*\*](#) (Migration Institute of Finland), Finland
46. [\*\*MIGLOBA\*\*](#) (The Network on Migration and Global Mobility of the University of Antwerp), University of Antwerp, Belgium
47. [\*\*MIM\*\*](#) (Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare), Malmö University, Sweden
48. [\*\*MiReKoc\*\*](#) (Koç University), Turkey
49. [\*\*MMIC\*\*](#) (Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre), Monash University, Australia.
50. [\*\*MML PLUS\*\*](#) (The Salzburg Migration and Mobility Studies Lab), Austria
51. [\*\*MPI-MMG\*\*](#) (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity), Germany
52. [\*\*NIBR\*\*](#) (Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research), OsloMet, Norway
53. [\*\*NIDI\*\*](#) (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute), The Netherlands
54. [\*\*NTNU\*\*](#) (NTNU Social Research Centre for Diversity and Inclusion), Norway
55. [\*\*OU\*\*](#) (Open University), UK
56. [\*\*PRIO\*\*](#) (Peace Research Institute Oslo), Norway
57. [\*\*REMESO\*\*](#) (Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society), Linköping University, Sweden
58. [\*\*RUHR-UNIVERSITAET BOCHUM\*\*](#), Germany
59. [\*\*RUNOMI\*\*](#) (Radboud University Network on Migrant Inclusion), The Netherlands
60. [\*\*SCIENCES PO\*\*](#), France
61. [\*\*SCMR\*\*](#) (Sussex Center for Migration Research), University of Sussex, UK
62. [\*\*SFM\*\*](#) (Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies), University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
63. [\*\*Sheffield Migration Research Group\*\*](#), University of Sheffield, UK
64. [\*\*UNIVE\*\*](#) (Ca'Foscari University), Italy
65. [\*\*UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK\*\*](#), Ireland
66. [\*\*UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA\*\*](#), Spain
67. [\*\*UNIZG\*\*](#) (University of Zagreb), Croatia
68. [\*\*URMIS\*\*](#) (Unité de Recherches Migrations et Société), University of Nice, France
69. [\*\*WEI\*\*](#) (Work and Equalities Institute), University of Manchester, UK



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## GOVERNANCE OF IMISCOE

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### 7.1 IMISCOE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**The Board of Directors** (BD) is the central decision-making body of IMISCOE. Formed by representatives of all **IMISCOE Member Institutes**, the BD takes decisions on the overall strategy and organization of the Network, including the appointment of hosts for our major events, funds allocation, membership policy or the establishment of new Standing and Executive Committees in the Network. Wiebke Sievers (Austrian Academy of Sciences) is the Chair of the BD for the period 2022-2026.

## LIST OF CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Ahmet İçduygu, MiReKoc, Koç University
- Anders Neergaard, Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO), Linköping University
- Andrea Spehar, Centre on Global Migration (CGM), University of Gothenburg
- Andreas Pott / Helen Schwenken, Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies (IMIS), University of Osnabrück
- Andrew Geddes, European University Institute (EUI)
- Aneta Piekut, Lucy Mayblin, Sheffield Migration Research Group, University of Sheffield
- Anja van Heelsum / Saskia Bonjour / Bram Lancee, Amsterdam Research Centre-Migration (ARC-M), University of Amsterdam
- Anja Weiß, Interdisciplinary Centre for Integration and Migration Research (InZENTIM), University of Duisburg-Essen
- Anna Triandafyllidou, CERC in Migration and Integration, Toronto Metropolitan University
- Benjamin Etzold, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)
- Birte Nienaber, Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences (FHSE), University of Luxembourg
- Caitriona Ni Laoire, University College Cork
- Dušan Drbohlav, Geographic Migration Centre (GEOMIGRACE), Charles University
- Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University
- Federica Infantino, Unité de Recherches Migrations et Société (URMIS), University of Côte d'Azur
- Ferruccio Pastore, Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione (FIERI)
- Francesca Campomori, UNIVE, Ca'Foscari University
- Francesca Stella, Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network (GRAMNet), University of Glasgow
- Gianni D'Amato, Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM), University of Neuchâtel
- Giuseppe Sciortino, International Migration Laboratory (IML), University of Trento
- Goranka Lalić Novak, University of Zagreb
- Gorka Urrutia Asua, Research Unit on Migration, Management of Diversity and Social Cohesion, University of Deusto
- Guia Gilardoni, Fondazione Ismu - Initiative e Studi sulla Multietnicità (ISMU)
- Hanne Kavli / Guri Tyldum, Institute for Labour and Social Research (FAFO)
- Helga de Valk, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)
- Ibrahim Awad, Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS), American University Cairo
- Ilke Adam / Hannah Vermaut, Brussels Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Migration and Minorities (BIRMM), Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Ilse Derluyn / Floor Verhaeghe, Centre for the Social Study of Migration and Refugees (CESSMIR), Ghent University
- Jan-Paul Brekke, Institute for Social Research Oslo (ISF)
- Jaqueline Broadhead, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford
- John Wrench, NTNU Social Research Centre for Diversity and Inclusion
- Jørgen Carling, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
- Karlijn Haagsman, Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development (MACIMIDE), Maastricht University
- Kristian Tronstad, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR), Oslo Metropolitan University

- Kyoko Shinozaki / Wolfgang Aschauer, Salzburg Migration and Mobility Studies Lab (MML PLUS), Paris-Lodron-University Salzburg
- Lara Momesso / Ecaterina Stefanescu, Lancashire Research Centre for Migration, Diaspora and Exile (MIDEX), University of Central Lancashire
- Laura Oso, Societies in Motion Research Team (ESOMI), University of A Coruña
- Lucinda Fonseca / Jennifer McGarrigle, Institute de Geografia e Ordenamento de Território (IGOT-UL), University of Lisbon
- Marco Martiniello, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), University of Liège
- Margit Fauser, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- Marie-Caroline Saglio-Yatzimirsky / Camille Schmoll, Institut Convergences Migrations (ICM)
- Marie Sandberg, Centre for Advanced Migration Studies (AMIS), University of Copenhagen
- Mathias Czaika / Albert Kraler, Department for Migration and Globalisation (DEMIG), Danube University Krems
- Milena Belloni, The Network on Migration and Global Mobility (MIGLOBA), University of Antwerp
- Muhammad Zaman / Carrie Preston, Center on Forced Displacement, Boston University
- Olaf P. van Vliet, Leiden Interdisciplinary Migration Seminar (LIMS), Leiden University
- Òscar Prieto-Flores, University of Girona
- Özge Bilgili, European Centre on Migration and Ethnic Relations (ERCOMER), Utrecht University
- Parvati Raghuram, Open University
- Pascal Beckers, Radboud University Network on Migration Inclusion (RUNOMI), Radboud University
- Patrick Simon, Institut National d'Études Démographiques (INED)
- Paul Long, Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre (MMIC), Monash University
- Paweł Kaczmarczyk, Centre of Migration Research (CMR), University of Warsaw
- Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)
- Pieter Bevelander, Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM), Malmö University
- Ricard Zapata-Barrero / Zenia Hellgren, Interdisciplinary Research Group in Immigration (GRITIM), Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Saara Pellander / Marja Tiilikainen, Migration Institute of Finland (MIF)
- Sarah Scuzzarello, Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR), University of Sussex
- Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero / Ingrid Ríos, Casa Grande University
- Sonja Novak Lukanović, Institute for Ethnic Studies (IES)
- Stefania Marino, Work and Equalities Institute (WEI), University of Manchester
- Steven Vertovec / Ulrike Bialas, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (MPI-MMG)
- Thais França, Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte), University Institute of Lisbon
- Verena Wisthaler, Institute for Minority Rights (IMR), EURAC Research
- Veronika Bilger, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
- Virginie Guiraudon, Sciences Po
- Wiebke Sievers, Institute for Urban and Regional Research (ISR), Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Yoan Molinero, Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones (IUEM), Universidad Pontificia Comillas de Madrid
- Zeynep Yanasmayan, Deutsche Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (DeZIM)

# 7.2 IMISCOE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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**The IMISCOE Executive Board (EB)** oversees the management and coordination of the Network and its operation.

Parvati Raghuram (Open University) is the Chair of the Executive Board for the period 2022-2026. The Executive Board also consists of IMISCOE Coordinators (Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila), the Chair of the Board of Directors (Wiebke Sievers), the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors (Òscar Prieto-Flores) and representatives of the IMISCOE Member Institutes elected by the Board of Directors. In 2023, four new members joined the Executive Board: Gorka Urrutia Asua, Özge Bilgili, Paul Long, and Sarah Scuzzarello.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- Parvati Raghuram (Chair of the Executive Board), Open University, UK
- Wiebke Sievers (Chair of the Board of Directors), Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria
- Òscar Prieto-Flores (Vice-chair of the Board of Directors), University of Girona, Spain
- Ahmet İçduygu, Koç University, Turkey
- Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University, UK
- Gorka Urrutia Asua, University of Deusto, Spain
- Özge Bilgili, Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- Paul Long, Monash University, Australia
- Sarah Scuzzarello, University of Sussex, UK.



## 7.3 IMISCOE COORDINATORS & NETWORK OFFICE

Since April 2022, the **Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM)** of the University of Liège is the Coordinating Institute of IMISCOE.

Jean-Michel Lafleur and Daniela Vintila act as IMISCOE Coordinators, thus being responsible for the day-to-day management and coordination of the **IMISCOE central administration** and its operation. The IMISCOE Network Office also includes Angeliki Konstantinidou (Network Officer), Marine Maréchal (Finance Officer) and Carole Wenger (Communication Officer, since 2024).

- The tasks of the Network Office are extremely diverse and aim to ensure the daily functioning of IMISCOE. They include, among many others:
- Developing working plans regarding the Network's strategy and organization for the IMISCOE Executive Board and the Board of Directors;
- Proposing policies regarding IMISCOE research, training, events, publications, communication while ensuring the implementation of the decisions taken by the Board of Directors;
- Preparing financial plans regarding IMISCOE's budget and management of all incoming and outgoing financial transactions within the Network;
- Reporting to the Board of Directors on the Network's activities, achievements, risks, and budget performance and preparation of the IMISCOE Annual Reports;
- Regular exchanges with IMISCOE's institutional and individual members, as well as all the governance bodies of the Network, including the preparation of the meetings of the IMISCOE Board of Directors and the Executive Board;
- Supporting and exchanging with all IMISCOE Executive and Standing Committees regarding the design, implementation and reporting of their work programmes;
- Formalizing procedures for IMISCOE's internal governance structure, activities and events;
- Guidance, support and monitoring of the organization of all IMISCOE-sponsored events, including the review, registration, scheduling and communication for the Annual Conference;
- Negotiation and follow up of agreements with third party providers, with the hosts of all IMISCOE-sponsored events and with authors publishing their manuscripts in the IMISCOE book series with Springer;
- Follow up and support to prospective Institutional Members and other parties wishing to cooperate with IMISCOE;
- Maintenance and updates of the IMISCOE website, the Annual Conference platform, the Migration Research Hub, and all IMISCOE communication channels, including social media accounts.



**Jean-Michel Lafleur**

*IMISCOE Coordinator*



**Daniela Vintila**

*IMISCOE Coordinator*



**Angeliki Konstantinidou**

*Network Officer*



**Marine Maréchal**

*Finance Officer*



**Carole Wenger**

*Communication Officer (since 2024)*

## 7.4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

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**IMISCOE's Executive Committees** are task-specific committees dealing with different aspects regarding the Network's core activities, functioning and operations.

### 7.4.1 IMISCOE COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION (DEIC)

IMISCOE's Executive Committee on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEIC) was created in 2022. Its main aim is to develop and propose to the IMISCOE Coordinators, the Executive Board, and the Board of the Directors policies and practices that will ensure IMISCOE's commitment of being antiracist and inclusive. DEIC also advises on how to increase the participation of under-represented groups, especially racialized groups, in all IMISCOE activities, including those related to research and teaching, communications, networking and membership of the Network's governance bodies and committees.

#### Members of DEIC:

- Anders Neergaard (DEIC Chair), Linköping University (REMESO)
- Guia Gilardoni (DEIC Vice-Chair), ISMU Foundation
- Marshia Akbar, Toronto Metropolitan University (CERC)
- Adham Aly, Erasmus University Rotterdam (DPAS)
- Nir Cohen, Bar Ilan University
- Jelena Džankić, European University Institute (EUI)
- Thais França, Lisbon University Institute (Cies-Iscte)
- Marco Martiniello, University of Liège (CEDEM)
- Zeynep Sahin Menkütek, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)

DEIC is organized by members working with portfolios reflecting the organization of IMISCOE. The activities focus on being a support within IMISCOE in discussing diversity, equality and inclusion issues with the aim of counteracting barriers, improving representation and keeping alive a discussion concerning these complex issues. An important focus of DEIC has been on developing contact and participating in the discussions within the different IMISCOE institutions, but also to develop a discussion concerning the role and tasks of the DEIC. Concerning the main IMISCOE event, the Annual Conference, DEIC has been in dialogue with IMISCOE bodies and the conference organizers concerning diversity, equality and inclusion encompassing among other things scholarships, conference fees and multilingual possibilities. A particular aspect of the DEIC is also intellectual dialogues concerning terms and concepts as well as practical discussions on how IMISCOE can become a more diverse, equal, and inclusive research network. This includes the workshop during the 2024 Lisbon conference on "IMISCOE on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion - is it possible?"

#### Portfolios and the DEIC members responsible for them

##### 1. IMISCOE Network Office and Committee chairs

*IMISCOE Network Office:* Jean-Michel Lafleur, Daniela Vintila, Angeliki Konstantinidou

*Committee chairs:* Anders Neergaard, Guia Gilardoni

## **2. IMISCOE events** (Annual Conference, Spring Conference, Summer School)

*Annual Conferences (except 2024):* Thais França & Anders Neergaard

*Annual Conference 2024:* Anders Neergaard & Guia Gilardoni

*Spring Conference:* Marco Martiniello & Nir Cohen

*Summer School:* Adham Aly & Marshia Akbar

## **3. The organisation and activities of IMISCOE Standing Committees**

Guia Gilardoni & Zeynep Menkütek

## **4. IMISCOE publications** (Springer book series & CMS journal)

*Book series:* Jelena Džankić & Marco Martiniello

*CMS:* Zeynep Menkütek

## **5. IMISCOE's activities with and for PhD students** (PhD Network & PhD Academy)

*PhD Network:* Anders Neergaard & Marshia Akbar

*PhD Academy:* Thais França & Nir Cohen

## **6. IMISCOE's external affairs** (Network's membership & external communication strategies)

Guia Gilardoni & Adham Aly

## **7. IMISCOE Awards** (Maria Baganha & Rinus Penninx Awards)

Jelena Džankić

## **7.4.2 EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

IMISCOE's Editorial Committee includes leading scholars from all over the world who are responsible for the dedicated book series that the IMISCOE Network publishes with Springer. All books published in the IMISCOE Research Series are available at: <https://www.springer.com/series/13502>

This successful series includes research monographs and edited volumes, targeting a more specialized audience; a Short Reader series, aimed at students and young researchers or practitioners who need a concise and simple introduction into a specific topic; and a Regional Reader series providing access to expert knowledge from different world regions. The book series is largely Open Access, with entire books and separate chapters available for download for free, thanks to a privileged agreement between IMISCOE and Springer. Open Access is expected to become the standard in academic publishing, as it enables the widest possible access to scientific knowledge. On average, Open Access books on SpringerLink are downloaded 10 times more and cited 2.4 times more than non-OA books.

During the year 2023, the Editorial Committee supervised the publication of 16 manuscripts in the IMISCOE Research series with Springer (including 3 Short Readers and 2 Regional Readers) and more Open Access Books are expected to be published during the period 2024-2025. The review procedures include a peer review of all book proposals by 2 Editorial Committee members and the Editorial Committee Chair, a full peer refereeing of each manuscript normally by one Editorial Committee member and one external reviewer. Given the breadth of the series, the Editorial Committee has recently expanded to include new members.

### Editorial Committee members:

- Anna Triandafyllidou (Editorial Committee Chair), Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada
- Irina Isaakyan (Managing Editor), Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada
- Agata Górný, University of Warsaw, Poland
- Aneta Piekut, Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield, UK
- Ayhan Kaya, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey
- Benjamin Etzold, Bonn International Center for Conflict Studies, Germany
- Eva Østergaard-Nielsen, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- Helen Schwenken, Universität Osnabrück, Germany
- Irene Ponzio, Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione, Italy
- Justyna Salamońska, Kozminski University, Poland
- Karin Borevi, Södertörn University, Sweden
- Laura Oso, Universidade da Coruña, Spain
- Luigi Achilli, European University Florence, Italy
- Matteo Bonotti, Monash University, Australia
- Panos Hatziprokopiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
- Sabrina Marchetti, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
- Stephan Scheel, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany
- Stephanie Alison Condon, INED- National Demographic Studies Institute, France

## List of Books published in 2023:

	<b>Author(s)/ Editor(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Downloads &amp; citations</b>
<b>1</b>	Jill Ahrens, Russell King	<a href="#"><u><i>Onward Migration and Multi-Sited Transnationalism: Complex Trajectories, Practices and Ties</i></u></a>	21k, 18 cit.
<b>2</b>	Irina Isaakyan, Anna Triandafyllidou, Simone Baglioni	<a href="#"><u><i>Immigrant and Asylum Seekers Labour Market Integration upon Arrival: NowHereLand A Biographical Perspective</i></u></a>	18k, 3 cit.
<b>3</b>	Peter Scholten	<a href="#"><u><i>Introduction to Migration Studies: An Interactive Guide to the Literatures on Migration and Diversity</i></u></a>	630k, 79 cit.
<b>4</b>	Marja Tiilikainen, Johanna Hiitola, Abdirashid A. Ismail, Jaana Palander	<a href="#"><u><i>Forced Migration and Separated Families: Everyday Insecurities and Transnational Strategies</i></u></a>	18k, 8 cit.
<b>5</b>	Roxana Barbulescu, Sara Wallace Goodman, Luicy Pedroza	<a href="#"><u><i>Revising the Integration-Citizenship Nexus in Europe. Sites, Policies, and Bureaucracies of Belonging</i></u></a>	17k, 10 cit.
<b>6</b>	Zeynep Şahin-Mencütek, N. Ela Gökalp-Aras, Ayhan Kaya Susan Beth Rottmann	<a href="#"><u><i>Syrian Refugees in Turkey: Between Reception and Integration</i></u></a>	14k, 11cit.
<b>7</b>	S. Irudaya Rajan	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration in South Asia. IMISCOE Regional Reader</i></u></a>	48k, 8 cit.
<b>8</b>	Maurizio Ambrosini, Minke H.J. Hajer	<a href="#"><u><i>Irregular Migration. IMISCOE Short Reader</i></u></a>	18k, 3 cit.
<b>9</b>	Catherine Wihtol de Wenden	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and International Relations: IMISCOE Short Reader</i></u></a>	9414, 0 cit.
<b>10</b>	Julius-Cezar MacQuarie	<a href="#"><u><i>Invisible Migrant Nightworkers in 24/7 London</i></u></a>	889, 0 cit.
<b>11</b>	Avril Maddrell, Sonja Kmec, Tanu Priya Uteng Mariske Westendorp	<a href="#"><u><i>Mobilities in Life and Death: Negotiating Room for Migrants and Minorities in European Cemeteries</i></u></a>	7649, 3 cit.
<b>12</b>	Claudia Finotelli, Irene Pozzo	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration Control Logics and Strategies in Europe. A North-South Comparison</i></u></a>	29k, 7 cit.
<b>13</b>	Paolo Boccagni, Sara Bonfanti	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and Domestic Space. Ethnographies of Home in the Making</i></u></a>	17k, 3 cit.
<b>14</b>	Sriprapha Petcharamesree, Mark P. Capaldi	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration in Southeast Asia. IMISCOE Regional Reader</i></u></a>	34k, 4 cit.
<b>15</b>	Magdalena Nordin, Jonas Otterbeck	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and Religion. IMISCOE Short Reader</i></u></a>	6061, 3 cit.
<b>16</b>	Mari-Liis Jakobson, Russell King, Laura Moroşanu, Raivo Vetik	<a href="#"><u><i>Anxieties of Migration and Integration in Turbulent Times</i></u></a>	22k, 5 cit.

**List of books published/expected to be published in 2024:**

	<b>Author(s)/ Editor(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Downloads &amp; citations</b>
<b>1</b>	Alka Kumar, Anna Triandafyllidou	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and Identity through Creative Writing. StOries: Strangers to Ourselves</i></u></a>	Published	35k, 0 cit.
<b>2</b>	Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Ibrahim Awad	<a href="#"><u><i>Migrations in the Mediterranean. IMISCOE Regional Reader</i></u></a>	Published	47k, 1 cit.
<b>3</b>	Wiebke Sievers	<a href="#"><u><i>Cultural Change in Post-Migrant Societies. Re-Imagining Communities Through Arts and Cultural Activities</i></u></a>	Published	10k, 2 cit.
<b>4</b>	Mastoureh Fathi, Caitríona Ní Laoire	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and Home. IMISCOE Short Reader</i></u></a>	Published	4426, 1 cit.
<b>5</b>	Sarah Spencer, Ilker Ataç, Zach Bastick, Adrienne Homberger, Simon Güntner, Maren Kirchhoff, Marie Mallet-Garcia	<a href="#"><u><i>Migrants with a Precarious Status Evolving Approaches of European Cities</i></u></a>	Published	2243, 0 cit.
<b>6</b>	Anna Triandafyllidou, Amin Moghadam, Melissa Kelly, Zeynep Şahin-Mencütek	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and Cities. Conceptual and Policy Advances</i></u></a>	Published	6811, 0 cit.
<b>7</b>	Letizia Palumbo	<a href="#"><u><i>Taking Vulnerabilities to Labour Exploitation Seriously. A Critical Analysis of Legal and Policy Approaches and Instruments in Europe</i></u></a>	In production	-
<b>8</b>	Aida Ibričević	<a href="#"><u><i>Decided Return Migration. Emotions, Citizenship, Home and Belonging in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></u></a>	In production	-
<b>9</b>	Laura Merla, Sarah Murru, Giacomo Orsini, Tanja Vuckovic Juros	<i>Excluding Diversity through Intersectional Borderings – Politics, Policies, and Everyday Experiences in Europe and Beyond</i>	Pre-production	
<b>10</b>	Peter Scholten, Asya Pisarevskaya	<i>Cities of Migration: Understanding the diversity of urban diversities in Europe</i>	Pre-production	

### 7.4.3 ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The main task of the IMISCOE Executive Committee on Elections is to manage and ensure the fairness and transparency of all elections taking place in the IMISCOE Network, including that of the IMISCOE Coordinator.

The Committee members were appointed in 2023 by the IMISCOE Executive Board. Throughout the year, they prepared and organized the elections for the host institution of the 2025 IMISCOE Spring Conference, while also advising on the procedures to be followed for the election of the members of different IMISCOE governance bodies.

#### Members of the Elections Committee:

- Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero, Casa Grande University, Ecuador
- Sorina Soare, University of Florence, Italy
- Verena Wisthaler, EURAC Research, Italy

### 7.4.4 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (EAC)

The External Affairs Committee deals with promotion of IMISCOE bridges between research, The External Affairs Committee (EAC) deals with the 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 national, European and international levels. The chair of the External Affairs Committee, Ricard Zapata-Barrero, is responsible for coordinating the EAC agenda, represents the EAC at the BD, and is in permanent contact with the IMISCOE Coordinators and the Network Office. He is also editor-in-chief of the IMISCOE Bulletin. The IMISCOE Bulletin is a dissemination channel collecting and sharing the selection of the accumulated knowledge produced by the members of the IMISCOE Board of Directors. All the editions of the IMISCOE Bulletin can be consulted here: <https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/bulletin>

#### Current members of the External Affairs Committee:

- Ricard Zapata-Barrero (EAC Chair), GRITIM, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Asya Pisarevskaya, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Albert Kraler, Center for Migration and Globalisation Research, Krems, Austria
- Raquel Matias, CIES-ISCTE-IUL Lisbon, Portugal
- Ibrahim Awad, American University El Cairo (new member since April 2024), Egypt
- Verena Wisthaler, EURAC (new member since April 2024), Italy
- Ingrid Ríos, Casa Grande University (new member since April 2024), Ecuador

During the year 2023, the following scholars also served as members of the External Affairs Committee: Jacqueline Broadhead (University of Oxford), Yvan Gastaut (University of Nice), Guia Gilardoni (ISMU Foundation), Fiona-Katharina Seiger (Erasmus University Rotterdam).

# HIGHLIGHT: THE IMISCOE MIGRATION **PODCAST**

## Background & overview of activities 2023-2024 (Season 4)

An initiative by the IMISCOE Network, this podcast explores the latest in migration and mobility research globally. Providing a platform for migration scholars to speak about their recent research projects, ideas and insights, the IMISCOE Migration Podcast aims to publicize and render more accessible what happens inside of universities and research institutes around the world. Created in 2020 by Dr Fiona Seiger, the podcast has received, until now, a total of 10,278 plays. It is run on a voluntary basis by a group of committed researchers.

Since its inception, the podcast aimed for a balanced representation of migration researchers in terms of geographic location and focus, thematic expertise, and career stage. This principle helped to showcase perspectives and knowledge gained from different countries around the world. The podcast team's goal is to provide a platform to a diverse crowd of scholars. This commitment to diversity in 2023/24 was continued by 13 enthusiastic migration communicators located across Europe and in China, Mexico, South Africa, and India.

### 2023/24 Season 4

Episode	Guest	Topic
1	Caroline Wanjiku Kihato	<i>About turning data into art</i>
2	Ayham Dalal	<i>Refugees as Architects</i>
3	Koen Leurs	<i>Digital Migration</i>
4	Natalie Brinham	<i>Statelessness and Research Ethics</i>
5	Bernadette Nirmal Kumar	<i>How to foster a career across disciplines &amp; sectors</i>
6	Russell King	<i>On researching how and why people migrate, for over 50 years</i>
7	Biao Xiang	<i>Logistical Power and the constraint of Mobility</i>
8	Alejandra Díaz de León	<i>«Road families» en route to the Mexico-US border</i>
9	Loren Landau	<i>On migration studies and migration to African cities</i>
10	Mira Burmeister-Rudolph	<i>Kerala's social protection policies for emigrants in the Gulf</i>
11	Gerasimos Tsourapas & Kamal Sadiq	<i>The transnational social contract in the Global South</i>
12	Pablo Ceriani	<i>Migrant child protection in Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</i>
13	Cross-Posting Podcast of BRIMM (VUB)	<i>Introducing: Migration Talks – The Impact of Migration Narratives on EU Policy Making</i>

More information on the Podcast can be found here: <https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/podcast>

## Evolution of the IMISCOE Migration Podcast Team until 2024

The first 3 seasons were released under the leadership of Fiona Seiger (and the associate producers/interviewers Milena Belloni, Asya Pisarevskaya, Amanda Paz Alencar, Jolynna Sinanan, Jamie Coates, and Mamta Sachan Kumar). In Spring 2023, the Podcast coordination structure was reorganized and Season 4 was released by a new team, including: 1) Team & Programming Coordinators: Milena Belloni, Mark Kavingo and Roos Derrix (University of Antwerpen); 2) Producer: Kate Dearden (Population Europe); 3) Financial administration and engagement: Asya Pisarevskaya (Erasmus University Rotterdam); 4) Interviewers who are completing or have completed their PhD in different countries, as follows: Amanda Alencar (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Liberty Chee (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Alexandra Castro (independent consultant), Samanwita Paul (Jawaharlal Nehru University); Louise Ryan (London Metropolitan University), Silindile Nanzile Mlilo (African Centre for Migration & Society, University of Witwatersrand), Larisa Ozeryansky (University of Washington), Sara Hannafin (University of Limerick), Itzel Eguiluz (Tec de Monterrey Mexico, Red Atenea), Karin Schmidt Martinez (Maastricht University), Yixin Zhang (Population Research Center, University of Groningen), Rob Sharp (Sussex University).

## Promotion Activities in 2023-2024

The team strived to build on the momentum gained in the first years of The Migration Podcast and grow the series further. Efforts to grow the audience in the past year included:

- The use of moving visuals in announcing new episodes on X/Twitter and LinkedIn. The episodes were released and announced at least monthly.
- Establishment of co-promotion partnership with the ***Borders & Belonging*** Podcast based at the Metropolitan University of Toronto; ***BIRMM's Migration Talks*** based at VUB Brussels School of Governance; and the podcast ***Queeri(y)ng Asylum*** based at the University of Nottingham.
- The advertisement of the podcast through flyers and a roll-up stand at the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference in Warsaw; flyers distributed at the 2024 IMISCOE Spring Conference in Istanbul; and flyers and roll-up at the next IMISCOE annual Conference in Lisbon (2024). The Podcast was also advertised at the 2024 IMISCOE PhD School held at the University of Central Lancashire.

## Plans for Season 5

### Programming

In February 2024, the Podcast team launched a Call to encourage scholars at IMISCOE institutions to promote their research using the podcast. The call yielded 25 responses and 8 persons were selected for interviews for Season 5, based on criteria of relevance and diversity in the topics, institutions and career stages. There are still 4-5 slots available for other scholars and the team wishes to reach out to scholars based outside of Europe to ensure further diversity of approaches and topics. The publication of episodes for Season 5 will start in September 2024.

### Training

The IMISCOE Migration Podcast wishes to organize a training in production of podcasts and conversational interviewing techniques for the podcast team. The aim is to improve the quality of the produced episodes and conversations conducted by interviewers, as the ambition is to develop the podcast platform into a popular science communication media on migration in the years to come.

### Promotion efforts

By recording episodes with members from within and beyond the IMISCOE community, we will pro-actively seek dissemination support from their communication offices (e.g. via newsletters and social media presence). Additionally, we will create topic lists from the podcast episodes that can be used for teaching and continue to promote the podcast at relevant conferences and winter/summer schools.

## 7.4.5 FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

The **Finance Committee** of IMISCOE serves as the Network's auditing committee. As Coordinating Institute of IMISCOE, the University of Liège administers the finances of the Network. The task of the Finance Committee is to review IMISCOE's finances and advise the Coordinator and the Board of Directors on financial matters. The members of the Finance Committee are appointed by the Executive Board of IMISCOE.

### Members of the Finance Committee:

- Paweł Kaczmarczyk, Centre of Migration Research (CMR), University of Warsaw, Poland
- Veronika Bilger, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Austria.

## 7.4.6 PHD NETWORK



The [IMISCOE PhD Network](#) serves as a bridge between the broader community of PhD students worldwide and IMISCOE. The PhD Network Board oversees activities involving PhD candidates in the IMISCOE Network and acts as a coordinator and collaborator, working closely with the IMISCOE Network Office, the IMISCOE PhD Academy and the Standing Committees. Committed to fostering an inclusive environment, the IMISCOE PhD Network works to reduce structural barriers for PhD students wishing to participate in IMISCOE activities. The

Network strives to ensure inclusive participation in all PhD Network activities and those specifically designed for PhD students at the IMISCOE Annual Conference. To address geographical and economic challenges affecting the ability of PhD students to participate in events, the PhD Network promotes hybrid participation options during the Annual Conference whenever possible, or at least offers parallel online events.

The PhD Network is organized by the Network Board, the Blog Group, the broader PhD Network community, which consists of the PhD Representative(s) of the IMISCOE Standing Committees (SCs), PhD Buddies organizational committee, Advisory Board and the PhD Academy, each with their own active members who plan and carry out activities relevant to PhD migration scholars. The PhD Network is represented by the PhD Chair and the Vice-Chair(s) and is steered by the PhD Network Board.

### Description of 2023 activities and plans for the future

Since 2023, the IMISCOE PhD Network Board has developed and proposed a broad range of events under the umbrella theme of “Questioning the Unquestionable”. As early-career researchers, PhD candidates face various challenges, many of which are rarely discussed. The first edition of this theme focused on mental health during the PhD trajectory. Being new to research (and to teaching, for some) can bring significant stress levels and the well-known “imposter syndrome”. Often normalized or ignored, both can nevertheless have a significant impact on one’s trajectory and aspirations for the future.

Following this theme, together with the IMISCOE Training Committee, the PhD Network organized a successful PhD Day on 17th of February 2023, where the importance of mental health during the PhD journey was discussed. The event counted with 113 registrations and included input from Samuel D. Schmid as well as a discussion on “How should psychological support at universities be organized?” with Trish Murphy. The PhD Day also welcomed valuable contributions and presentations from representatives of various IMISCOE Standing Committees.

The PhD Network was also present during both the IMISCOE Spring Conference in Nice and the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Warsaw. In Nice, the Network supported local PhD students in organizing activities, while in Warsaw, half a day of events was organized for PhD researchers. The Warsaw conference began with a popular pizza event, co-organized with the Training Committee, and featured one hybrid, one on-site, and one online session. Scholars such as Dounia Bourabain, Sara Bojarczuk, Anna-Lisa Müller, and Patrick Simon discussed the current state and future of academia. This was followed by a workshop on imposter syndrome, its origins, and how to address it. An online session on the role of researchers in public debate, featuring Maria Schiller, Ernesto Castaneda, and Magdalena Kmak, was also available for those unable to attend in person.

Regarding the PhD Network Blog, the PhD group published approximately one blog post per month since May 2023. They are currently concluding work on the annual special issue “How to make research more engaged: Positionality, inequalities, and access”. This issue features 12 articles of around 1000 words each, written and edited by blog members, along with six external contributions. The aim is to examine biases in migration research, examine questions around positionality, and promote reciprocity with the communities that young researchers are collaborating with. Additionally, the blog group is planning two episodes of the IMISCOE Migration Podcast, featuring interviews with Leopold Lambert, editor-in-chief of Funambulist Magazine, and Jean-Louis De Brouwer, former director of DG Justice and Home Affairs.

The year 2023 was also significant for the new project “The Buddy System”, initiated by Sandra N. Morgenstern and Carolin Müller. This first-of-its-kind initiative aims to bridge the gap between PhD students from the Global North and Global South by creating spaces for cooperation and knowledge exchange. After the project’s many successes in 2023, with hundreds of participants already, the initiative is beginning its second edition in 2024.

In 2024, the PhD Network continues its engagement under our umbrella theme “Questioning the Unquestionable.” The 2024 PhD Day was dedicated to the issue of “Navigating productivity in research,” while during the PhD activities on the first day of the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon, the focus will be put on the problem of “failure”, featuring sessions such as “Redefining ‘failure’ in academia» and «How to make research more engaged: Positionality, inequalities, and access”.

### **PhD Network Board as of 2023:**

- Chair: Billie Martiniello, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Vice-Chair: Mateusz M. Krawczyk, University of Wrocław
- Vice-Chair: Agnese Pacciardi, University of Lund
- Elina Jonitz, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Adriana Calvo, University of Deusto
- Irene Gutiérrez Torres, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Diletta Marcucci, Pompeu Fabra University
- Alice Fill, Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris & University of Roma Tre
- Silvia Talavera Lodos, School of Advanced Studies Sant’Anna
- Lucy Potter, University of Sheffield

- Tulika Bourai, Birla Institute of Science and Technology- Pilani
- Gunika Rishi, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

#### **PhD Network Advisory Board:**

- Maria Shaidrova, University of Tilburg
- Sebastian Carlotti, University of Pisa & University of Amsterdam
- Simona Schreier, Danube University Krems
- Sandra N. Morgenstern, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
- Carolin Müller, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Samuel D. Schmid, University of Lucerne
- Olav Nygård, Linköping University

### **7.4.7 TRAINING COMMITTEE**

The aims of the Training Committee are to encourage and facilitate training activities within the Network, and more specifically, to organize the IMISCOE PhD Academy.

In 2023, the Training Committee held online monthly meetings, in conjunction with planning, preparing and following-up on IMISCOE PhD Academy membership and events. One important element of this work is maintaining a close dialogue with the IMISCOE PhD Network, through the PhD Network board member of the Training Committee. Another element is sharing information about training activities (PhD courses, networking events, etc.) happening within IMISCOE, and especially in the context of many Standing Committees engagement with doctoral researchers. In 2023, the Training Committee also supported the PhD Network's efforts to organise the IMISCOE Annual PhD Day (virtually) and a pizza-socializing event on the evening before the start of the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Warsaw.

#### **During 2023, the Training Committee consisted of the following members:**

- Marta Bivand Erdal (Training Committee Chair), Peace Research Institute Oslo
- Mateusz Krawczyk (PhD Network representative), University of Wrocław
- Alice Fill (PhD Network representative)- Ecole Normale Supérieure; St Anna Pisa
- Nomkhosi Mbatha, University of the Western Cape
- Saleh Seid Adem, University of Cologne
- Thais França, CIES-ISCTE
- Cosmin Nada, University of Porto
- Emmaleena Käkelä, University of Strathclyde
- Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University London,
- Laura Morales, Spanish National Research Centre, CSIC.

# IMISCOE PHD ACADEMY

The **IMISCOE PhD Academy** strives to create an inclusive and diverse arena for PhD students in the broad field of migration studies, who desire to participate in an engaged program of exchange and learning, drawing on the combined strengths of the IMISCOE community. The IMISCOE PhD Academy supports and seeks to work in collaboration with the IMISCOE PhD Network.

The added value of the Academy comes through maximizing the potential of synergies which lie within the IMISCOE Network today. This means that the IMISCOE conferences, the PhD Schools organised by IMISCOE Member Institutes, the PhD oriented activities of Standing Committees, and the work of the PhD Network, together contribute toward the Academy's success, allowing the most interested and engaged PhD students a unique arena to develop and thrive.

The IMISCOE PhD Academy fills a gap in PhD training that students receive through their universities, by offering targeted migration research related training on publishing, career development, applying for grants, post-PhD-life considerations, and networking, among others. These needs have – time and time again – been identified by the IMISCOE PhD community itself. The Academy also facilitates peer-mentoring among PhD students, as well as mentoring opportunities within the IMISCOE Network.

In the face of climate consciousness and changed mobility preferences in the post-pandemic world, the PhD Academy offers its activities online, taking an inclusive approach to participation, as mobility may be complicated for PhD students, for different reasons. In conjunction with the IMISCOE Annual Conference, an informal socializing and networking event is co-organised with the PhD Network, where PhD Academy members also participate.

Academy members meet virtually for bi-monthly activities, for the annual IMISCOE PhD day (online), and an in-person event in conjunction with the IMISCOE Annual Conference for those attending. They are expected to attend all PhD Academy events and participate in peer-mentoring groups. They are also encouraged to participate in Standing Committee activities throughout their 2-year membership period.

The IMISCOE PhD Academy started in October 2021, and 2023 was its second full year of operation, with bi-monthly events covering themes including post-PhD careers in migration studies, as well as academic networking and mentoring, with emphasis on interactive activities. The organisation of peer-mentoring groups for Academy members took up a lot of time in 2023, and optimal modes of initiating and supporting virtual peer mentoring groups across time-zones, as well as different PhD projects, and different institutional set-ups, is still work-in-progress. The second call for members of the PhD Academy was open in June-August 2023, and the pool of applicants applying was global and diverse in terms of disciplines, topics, methods, stage of doctoral research, among other. The period of membership is set to 2 years, and the number of alumni leaving the IMISCOE PhD Academy at the end of their PhDs is slowly growing.

# 8

## IMISCOE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

### 8.1 IMISCOE STANDING COMMITTEES (SCs)

#### 8.1.1 EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INEQUALITY (EDUSOCIAL)

**Coordinators:** Thais França, Elif Keskiner, Zehra Colak, Christine Lang, Jens Schneider

**PhD representatives:** Nubin Ciziri, Yao Xie

The intersection between social inequality and education has always been an important topic for the IMISCOE Network fostering innovative comparative research across countries. The ongoing central importance of the field of education – at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels – is key for understanding international migration patterns, experiences and outcomes. Furthermore, it is through education that social inequalities are sustained, increased, or abolished. This is why “social inequality” is at the core of the SC research. The **Standing Committee EduSocial** aims to advance critical theoretical discussions on social inequalities in education access and outcome, education-to-work transitions, and international mobility and education (e.g., students and refugees).

### **EduSocial activities in 2023**

- › 7 Writing Retreats aimed to assist participants in cultivating productive and fulfilling writing habits. The goal was to integrate writing sessions into their weekly routines while fostering a stronger sense of community within the EduSocial PhD community.
- › An online Welcome Session to greet PhD students, introduce the activities of the SC, and gather insights into their interests and expectations regarding the committee.
- › Review of the workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to EduSocial for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference. The panels submitted to the EduSocial sections covered a wide range of topics, from international student mobility and refugee youth to the role of education for social mobility and the transition to the labour market. Moreover, the EduSocial coordinators organised two SC sessions during the Annual Conference: “Racism, anti-racism and decolonization of Higher Education: Students and academics’ experiences” and “Critical perspectives on university education – an antiracist and decolonial approach”.
- › Start of a biannual SC Newsletter disseminating members’ news on calls, conferences/events, projects and publications as well as news from the SC coordination team.
- › Launch of the call for a new PhD representative. Selected candidate: Yao Xie (University of Galway).
- › Submission of a COST application on anti-racism practices in education with the purpose of bringing practitioners and scholars from various disciplines together across Europe. The proposal brought together more than 50 participants from 12 countries.
- › Organization of a two-day workshop on anti-racism in education (Free University of Amsterdam, 7-8 November 2023). The event included four panels, two keynote talks, and one reflection workshop. 13 participants were selected, most of whom early-career scholars from under-represented groups, joining from the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Germany, and the UK. The panels addressed issues including institutional norms, actors, policies on anti-racism, anti-racist pedagogies and counter-narratives, methodological issues on studying anti-racism, decolonial practices and anti-racist curricula.

### **EduSocial activities planned for 2024**

- › Organization of sessions at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference
- › Continuation of the EduSocial Writing Retreats
- › Organisation of a Special Issue on anti-racism in education, following the EduSocial workshop in November 2023
- › Selection for new board member
- › Launch of two newsletters
- › Creation of a LinkedIn profile

For more information on SC EduSocial, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/education-and-social-inequality>.

## 8.1.2 FAMILIES, WELFARE, CARE AND THE LIFE COURSE (FORMER SC OLDER MIGRANTS)

**Coordinators:** Tineke Fokkema, Oana Ciobanu

The SC Older Migrants has recently expanded its focus and changed its name into **SC Families, Welfare, Care and the Life Course**. As such, the committee seeks to: draw attention in migration studies to the inter-connections between families, welfare and care, and their changing contexts; advance a life-course perspective in migration studies, by facilitating dialogue between scholars working on different life-course phases and transitions; contribute to local, national and international policy debates on welfare and care as they relate to migrants and their families, advocating for interventions to mitigate social risks across the migratory life-course; facilitate the career development of the next generation of researchers working in these fields and create more synergies between scholars based in different regions of the world; develop joint publications, collaborative projects and applications for funding between scholars working on these topics.

### The list below reports on the activities of the former SC Older Migrants during the year 2023

- › Review of workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to the SC for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference and organisation of SC sessions for the event. During the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, Older Migrants also organised its Annual SC Meeting.
- › Organization by Oana Ciobanu and Iana Dones of the TransAge conference on ‘Transnational ageing among older migrants and natives: A strategy to overcome vulnerability’ (February 2023, HETSL, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland). The event also counted with the participation of Tineke Fokkema.
- › Book launch organized by Liliana Azevedo of the book of Dora Sampaio “Migration, Diversity and Inequality in Later Life. Ageing at a Crossroads”, published by Palgrave Macmillan, at Iscte (Lisbon). The event included a wider debate on ageing and migration in the Portuguese context.
- › In October 2023, Sandra Torres and Alistair Hunter organized and hosted a webinar for GSA’s Interest Group on International Aging and Migration on their Handbook of Migration and Ageing, with presentations of Tineke Fokkema, Alistair Hunter, Majella Kilkey, Marion Repetti and Sandra Torres.
- › SC members Sandra Torres and Alistair Hunter edited the Handbook of Migration and Ageing (Edward Elgar Publishing), including contributions from several SC members.

### Planned activities of the SC Families, Welfare, Care and the Life Course for 2024

- › Organization of the SC functioning and activities (including organization of panels for the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference) based on four Thematic Working Groups, as follows:
  1. *Financial welfare and formal institutions:* covering topics such as income support within migrant families; family and child allocations; parental leave and childcare subsidies; private and public pensions; retirement as a life-course transition; welfare regimes and their intersection with migration regimes; and the question of the portability of social security benefits across borders/jurisdictions.

2. *Healthcare and social services*: covering topics such as migrants' (and their families') access to and usage of healthcare/social services; racism and discrimination in healthcare and social services; social determinants of health; cultural competency among healthcare/social service providers; users' experiences of healthcare/social services; migrant workers in healthcare/social services; diaspora policies relating to healthcare entitlements; dying and end-of-life care.
3. *Informal care and social support*: covering topics such as care chains; social networks, linked lives, loneliness; care/support for 'left-behind' family members; migrant grandparents and childcare contributions; intergenerational care exchanges; use of information and communication technologies within transnational families.
4. *Migration and life-course transitions*: covering topics such as 'Zero generation' migration (older parents following adult children); the relationship between family formation and migration; international retirement migration; return and circular migration at retirement.

For more information on SC Families, Welfare and the Life Course, please visit:

<https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/older-migrants>

### 8.1.3 GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN MIGRATION RESEARCH (GENSEM)

**Coordinators:** Sarah Scuzzarello, Laura Morosanu

**PhD representatives:** Agnese Pacciardi, Marwa Neji, Abu Saleh Mohammad Sowad

The **Standing Committee GenSeM** is an international platform for over 300 researchers working at how gender and sexuality shape migration pathways and settlement experiences. Key to GenSeM's ethos is to engage in dialogues with scholars across disciplines, career stages, and geographical locations. To this end, we organize Migration Dialogues, online or hybrid conversations on research by GenSeM members; support the development of PhD and early-career researchers through a diverse set of workshops and retreats; and support the development of small-scale research through seed-corn funding.

#### GenSeM activities in 2023

- › Online workshop on academic publishing "Meet the Editors" (October 2023). The workshop was co-organised by the GenSeM PhD representative Agnese Pacciardi and the Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS) and targeted PhD students and junior scholars. Guest speakers: Laura Morosanu (GenSeM co-coordinator) and Laura Cleton (GenSeM Steering Group member).
- › Organization of 3 Migration Dialogues in online or hybrid format, as follows:
  1. "Queer, Iranian and in exile: Comparing the experiences of Iranian queer refugees living in Turkey, the UK and Canada" (26 April 2023, University of Sussex & online). Event co-organized with the Ethnicity, Race and Diverse Societies Network at the University of Sussex. Speakers: Moira Dustin, Nuno Ferreira, Kamran Matin, Mehran Rezaei Toroghi. Chair: Laura Morosanu. Discussant: Sarah Scuzzarello.
  2. "Survival strategies in forced displacement: Transactional sex and the health repercussion" (19 June 2023, online). The event was a collaboration between GenSeM and the Gender Centre, Geneva Graduate Institute.

3. “Seeing the rainbow? Social work with LGBTQ+ young migrants in England” (23 November 2023, hybrid). Speaker: Rachel Larking. Dr Larkin’s project was funded through the GenSeM small grant funding scheme (awarded in the 2022 round).
- › Review of panel and paper proposals submitted to GenSeM for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, organisation of GenSeM panels for the event, and organization of the GenSeM Annual Meeting during the Annual Conference.
  - › Launch of two seed corn research funding schemes for: 1) small-scale research projects (aimed to support early-career researchers in developing their research profile) and; 2) event organization (new initiative meant to enhance collaboration amongst GenSeM members). The small-scale project funding was awarded to Nisha Zadhya for the project “Symbolic boundaries in humanitarianism: The co-production of vulnerabilities and resilience by Syrian refugee ‘volunteers’ in Turkey”. The event organization award went to Joana Silva and her team of PhD researchers to organize a doctoral workshop on “Studying migration and border regimes: Theoretical, approaches, methodologies and challenges”. The event took place in Lisbon (November 2023) and counted with the participation of two GenSeM SG members, Eleonore Kofman and Anastasia Christou.
  - › The GenSeM coordinators Sarah Scuzzarello and Laura Morosanu published the Special Issue “Integration and Intersectionality” in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (2023, vol. 46, issue 14), including an editorial introduction co-authored by the GenSeM coordinators and contributions authored by other Steering Group members (Maggi Leung, Laura Cleton, Rik Huizinga, Eleonore Kofman).
  - › The PhD/ECR representative Agnese Pacciardi worked with the GenSeM Steering Group for the recruitment of two new representatives, Marwa Neji and Abu Saleh Mohammad.

### GenSeM activities planned for 2024

- › Organization of panels and of the GenSeM Annual Meeting at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Book launch “*Argonauts of West Africa: Unauthorized Migration and Kinship Dynamics in a Changing Europe*”, by GenSeM member Apostolos Andrikopoulos (February 2024). Event co-organized by GenSeM and the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Centre Governance of Migration & Diversity. Chair: Laura Cleton (GenSeM SG member).
- › Workshops on academic publishing and the peer-review process organized by the GenSeM PhD representatives. First workshop: February 2024, including two GenSeM invited speakers (Sarah Scuzzarello and Maggi Leung). Second workshop: April 2024, focusing on “From thesis to book. A dialogue with editors and authors about publishing”. Third workshop: Autumn 2024, focusing on “Preparing for the next steps after PhD”.
- › Migration Dialogues (“The temporalities of cleaning work” with Nicola Chanamoto and Sabrina Marchetti, May 2024; “Book Launch Migrant Narratives: Storytelling as Agency, Belonging and Community” with Anastasia Christou and co-editors with Loretta Baldassar, July 2024; “Middle-aged migrants: Exploring a new research agenda on gender and life course” with Aija Lulle and Megha Amrith, September 2024).

For more information on SC GenSeM, please visit:

<https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/gender-and-sexuality-in-migration-research>.

## 8.1.4 METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES AND TOOLS IN MIGRATION RESEARCH (METH@MIG)

**Coordinators:** Agata Górný, Steffen Pötzschke, Justyna Salamońska, Sebastian Rinken, Evren Yalaz  
**PhD representative:** Laila Omar

The **Standing Committee Meth@Mig** provides a forum for discussing methodological approaches and tools in migration research and assessing the best options available for tackling manifold methodological challenges. The Standing Committee takes on a pluralist perspective as it addresses (1) issues relevant across a wide range of research methods in migration studies, such as obtaining informed consent in cross-cultural settings, gaining access to hard-to-reach populations, operationalizing relevant concepts, and leveraging the potential of new communication technologies, as well as (2) issues relevant for specific research approaches (quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods or experimental) as applied to the study of international migration in all its facets and dimensions.

### Meth@Mig activities in 2023

- › Workshop “Integrating reflexivities into survey research” (online, January 2023), event co-organized with the Standing Committee Reflexivities in Migration Studies.
- › 2<sup>nd</sup> Meth@Mig Annual Workshop “Detecting and mitigating bias in migration research” (March 2023, Institute for Advanced Social Studies IESA-CSIC). The workshop brought together experts in migration research from different research institutes in Europe and North America to discuss sources of biases and mitigation strategies.
- › New online event series to provide scholars with the opportunity to discuss any methodological challenges they might face in their current research. These 60-minute online events entitled “Meth@Mig Trouble Shooting Sessions” are conceptualized and led by Hannah Pool, with at least one member of the SC’s Steering Committee participating. The first two sessions took place in February and June 2023.
- › First Meth@Mig Research Roundtable (December 2023, online) aiming to provide additional opportunities for SC members to network with each other and to exchange ideas. During the event, four SC members presented their current research interest, projects and related methodological concerns in short input talks, followed by a general discussion.
- › Review of workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to Meth@Mig for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference and organisation of Meth@Mig panels for the event. During the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, the SC also organised its Annual Meeting, as well as 2 themed panels on “Research methods for forced migration research” and “Emerging approaches to qualitative migration research”.
- › Online meetings of the SC’s governing board throughout the year.

### Meth@Mig activities planned for 2024

- › Organization of sessions at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference
- › 3<sup>rd</sup> Meth@Mig Annual Workshop on “Participant recruitment strategies and sampling methods in migration research” at the GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Mannheim.
- › Organization of both the Meth@Mig Trouble Shooting Session and the Meth@Mig Research Roundtable.

For more information on SC Meth@Mig, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/methodological-approaches-and-tools-in-migration-research>

## 8.1.5 MIGRANT TRANSNATIONALISM (MITRA)

**Coordinators:** Özge Bilgili, Brigitte Suter

**PhD representative:** Yichi Zhang

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

### MITRA activities in 2023

- › Organization of a symposium and a PhD training session on ‘Lived transnationalism in times of violent conflict’ (27-28 March 2023, Bonn). The event was organized with the collaboration of the Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC) and the German Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF)-funded project ‘Forced Migration and Refugee Studies: Networking and Knowledge Transfer’ (FFVT). In combination with the symposium, the SC also organised a kick-off meeting for the board members, with the aim of discussing ideas for further collaborative projects.
- › Review of workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to MITRA for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference and organisation of MITRA panels for the event. During the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, the SC also organised its Annual Meeting.
- › Organization of several webinars throughout the year, around new books published on migrant transnationalism.
- › Launch of the MITRA blog and organization of several MigranTea (informal meetings of PhD students working on migrant transnationalism).
- › Call for a new PhD representative (selected candidate: Yichi Zhang).
- › Communication regarding publications, call, events, etc. with SC members via the MITRA mailing list and social media (Twitter/X and Facebook)

### MITRA activities planned for 2024:

- › Organization of MITRA sessions at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of a symposium and of a PhD training, co-sponsored and co-organised with the COST Action project on Transnational Family Dynamics (TraFaDy), to engage with policy-makers on migrant transnationalism. The event took place on May 13-15 2024.

- › MITRA board members Benjamin Etzold and Marie Godin wrote a book proposal on migrant transnationalism in times of crises. The book proposal “Translocal lives in times of conflict: Understanding people’s (im)mobilities and (dis)connections under conditions of violence and war” has won the IMISCOE Books Competitive Call for April 2024. The large group of authors will start working on this promising book in the coming months.
- › Organization of webinars on new books published on migrant transnationalism. For example, a webinar with Emanuel Deutschmann was organized in May 2024 over his new book “Mapping the transnational world: How we move and communicate across borders, and why it matters”.
- › MITRA members continue to be invited to write Blogposts for IMISCOE website. The recent Blog post was written by Yichi Zhang on her fieldwork experiences- see this [link](#). Her essay is entitled “Migrating between life worlds: Fieldwork moments among transnational Chinese migrants in Kingston, Jamaica”.
- › Hosting a series of Writing Retreats for PhD students and of MigranTea sessions for current and new SC members.

For more information on SC MITRA, please visit:

<https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/migrant-transnationalism>

## 8.1.6 MIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION (MIGCITPOL)

**Coordinators:** Gianni D’Amato, Jean-Thomas Arrighi, Ana Margheritis, Luicy Pedroza, Sebastián Umpiérrez de Reguero

**PhD representative:** Sebastián Umpiérrez de Reguero

The core mission of the **Standing Committee MIGCITPOL** is to compare how citizenship status and rights are legally regulated, and explore how the resulting institutional opportunity structure influences migrants’ access to naturalization and their political participation in origin and residence countries. The SC thus combines a top-down analytical approach aiming to understand how underlying regulations regarding naturalization and enfranchisement evolve over time and across countries with a bottom-up focus on migrants’ practices of engagement in electoral and non-electoral mobilizations aiming at influencing the political decision-making process.

### MIGCITPOL activities in 2023

- › MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop on “Governing migrant citizenship rights in times of protracted crises” (July 2023, Buenos Aires & online). The event was coordinated by Ana Margheritis and hosted by Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT) in Argentina. The workshop included 4 panels and 29 paper presenters from different countries in Europe, North and South America, Asia, the Middle East, and Oceania. A peer-reviewed special issue edited by Ana Margheritis resulted from that event (to be published in 2024).
- › Review of workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to MIGCITPOL for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference and organisation of MIGCITPOL sessions for the event. During the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, the SC also organised its Annual Meeting.

- › MIGCITPOL Online Café- online meetings aiming to foster networking among PhD scholars and more senior scholars, share good practices, news about research events and opportunities for collaboration related to MIGCITPOL topics. Three sessions of the MIGCITPOL Online Café were organized in 2023, with the last one focusing on “Post-PhD: Within and outside academia”.

#### **MIGCITPOL activities planned for 2024**

- › Organization of sessions at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Continuation of the MIGCITPOL Online Cafés each trimester (except during the summer or when the IMISCOE Spring or Annual Conferences are taking place).
- › 2024 MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop on “Migrant regularization and naturalization: Processes, pathways, and mechanisms” (September 2024, El Colegio de México, Mexico City). Event organized in collaboration with the Centro de Estudios Internacionales of El Colegio de México and the University of Copenhagen.

For more information on SC MIGCITPOL, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/migration-citizenship-and-political-participation>

### **8.1.7. MIGRATION, MIGRANTS AND LABOUR MARKETS (IILME)**

**Coordinators:** Stefania Marino, Anders Neergaard

**PhD representative:** Esteban Perez Gnavi, Philippa Brunner-Heywood

**Members of the Steering Committee:** Nahikari Irastorza, Lisa Bertsen, Rinus Penninx, Katarina Hollan, Esteban Perez Gnavi, Philippa Brunner-Heywood

The **Standing Committee IILME** focuses on the links between increasing migration, labour market dynamics and access to welfare resources, central to the discourse on both migration and integration policies. Negative views on the socio-economic effects of migration, often based on scarce scientific or empirical evidence, influence the political debate around these themes. However, little knowledge exists on the role of labour market actors in influencing migration and integration policies and practices, as well as the migrants’ labour market positions and experiences. SC IILME aims at exploring the complexities and contradictions of the interaction between migration phenomena and the labour market in a time of rapidly changing migration, integration and labour market policies. The SC seeks to combine the tradition of industrial relations, political economy — especially research on segmented labour market(s) — and gender studies to explore multiple intersectional inequalities as well as the precarization of migrant and ethnic workers within labour markets.

In an endeavour to make IILME more inclusive, the Standing Committee recently changed its name from “Immigration, Immigrants and the Labour Market in Europe” to “Migration, Migrants and Labour Markets”.

#### **IILME activities in 2023**

- › IILME’s coordinators have been actively involved in the organization of the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference by reviewing the workshop, panels and paper proposals submitted to the SC and organizing the accepted proposals in 7 coherent on-site and 10 online sessions.

- › A specific session was organized with the aim of updating IILME's members on the progress of the SC, recruiting new members and discussing the future of the Committee's work. The SC has engaged in a discussion with prominent scholars in the field of labour sociology and political economy to organize a workshop on the future of labour migration studies for the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › IILME has met regularly, approximately every two months, to discuss aspects related to the presence of the SC at IMISCOE events, the development of proposals and ongoing writing, etc. Additionally, a few PhD seminars were held where IILME member PhD students presented and discussed their work in progress with other students and members of the Steering Committee.
- › In terms of collaborative projects, the SC successfully completed a Special Issue on "State policies and regulations towards migrant work in times of, and beyond, the COVID-19 pandemic", published in the International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (43, 3/4). The Special Issue consisted of a collection of papers presented in a dedicated IILME session during the 2021 IMISCOE Annual Conference and a panel session organised during the 2022 IMISCOE Spring Conference.
- › The SC has put considerable efforts and resources in outreaching activities (38 new members for a total of 90 members), in particular through the establishment of a newsletter which regularly reports on the activities of IILME and its members such as recent publications, calls for papers, IILME sessions at the IMISCOE Annual Conference, ongoing projects, etc. It also has a section dedicated to PhD students.
- › The SC IILME has also been using a separate website [www.iilme-research.org](http://www.iilme-research.org) where information about the SC activities, projects, specific events, blogs are published. The website is also used to provide information about SC's members and links to their institutions' profiles. In 2023, the SC started a new section showcasing the work of IILME PhD students.

#### **IILME activities planned for 2024**

- › Organization of sessions at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference, including a special workshop on the future of studies on migrant workers and labour markets.
- › Encouraging and facilitating the development of papers presented during the 2024 Annual Conference for publication, including in the form of a Special Issue.
- › A series of planned activities for the PhD community, coordinated by the IILME new representatives. Regular meetings are planned to assist in establishing connections within the PhD network, and in identifying key themes and topics of interest for the community. During the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference, a meeting between the IILME PhD committee members will also be organised to develop continued support and strengthen the network dynamics. Specific workshops and seminars will be planned based on feedback within the group while simultaneously coordinating with the wider IMISCOE community of PhD students. The PhD section of IILME also plans to contribute towards the development of the website and newsletter, generating space for students to share their experiences and accomplishments.

For more information on SC IILME, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/immigration-immigrants-and-the-labour-market-in-europe>

## 8.1.8 MIGRATION POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE (MIGPOG)

**Coordinators:** Cathrine Talleraas, Maria Schiller

**PhD representatives:** Andrea Ricci, Dorothea Pozzato (until September 23), Zeynep Aydar (since September 23)

The **Standing Committee Migration Politics and Governance** (MigPoG) takes a broad and comprehensive approach to the study of migration policy, one which aims at promoting dialogue between scholars focusing on the politics and governance of migration. MigPoG starts from the assumption that in a context of increasing politicization of migration, governance and politics should be thematized as two facets of the same coin. The SC has the ambition of covering migration policy in a broad sense, including immigration, emigration, border control, integration, asylum seekers and refugees, etc. From a geographical point of view, MigPoG intends to contribute to the overcoming of the national-government and receiving country-centred bias of much research on migration policy, which is still highly characterized by a Eurocentric (or more broadly West-centric) approach. From a disciplinary perspective, the SC aims at catalyzing scholars working on migration policy from different approaches, reflecting an understanding of policy as the product of the interaction between multiple actors. MigPoG will also include different methodological approaches to the study of migration politics and governance, and more specifically both quantitative and qualitative methods.

### MIGPOG activities in 2023

- › Review of workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to MigPoG for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference and organization of MigPoG panels for the event. During the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference, the SC also organized its Annual Meeting, followed by an SC networking event with aperitif.
- › Preparation of a Special Issue proposal on the politics and governance of migration (edited by Tiziana Caponio, Maria Schiller and Cathrine Talleraas), based on the MigPoG panels at the 2021 IMISCOE Annual Conference. The Special Issue proposal was accepted in *Governance* and will include contributions by many SC members.
- › Recruitment of a new PhD representative (Zeynep Aydar)
- › Regular communication with SC members via the MigPoG Newsletter (January, May, October, November & December 2023) and the SC social media (Twitter/X).
- › Regular online meetings among the SC coordinators.
- › Preparations of two Writing Retreats, co-organized with the Amsterdam Center for Migration Research (ACMR) of the University of Amsterdam and Sciences Po Paris (events to take place in 2024).

### MIGPOG activities planned for 2024

- › Writing Retreat co-organized with the Amsterdam Center for Migration Research (ACMR) of the University of Amsterdam on “New complexities and geographies in migration and diversity governance” (Spring 2024).
- › Writing Retreat co-organized with Sciences Po Paris on “Ukrainian exile in Europe: A turning point in the migration governance and for welcoming actors?” (Autumn 2024).

- › Organization of MigPoG sessions, of the Annual SC Meeting and of an aperitif for SC members at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.

For more information on SC MigPoG, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/migration-politics-and-governance>

### 8.1.9 RACE, RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION (RACED)

**Coordinators:** Patrick Simon, Sayaka Osanami Törngren, Valentina Di Stasio, Guia Gilardoni, Marcel Maussen, Nina Sahraoui

**PhD representatives:** Doris Niragire, Eduardo Campbell Bethancourt, Shahab Mirbabaei

The **SC Race, Racism and Discrimination (RACED)** is a forum for researchers to engage in interdisciplinary conversations with an ambition to more adequately conceptualize and empirically study racial inequalities and racial exclusion, and to epistemologically and institutionally contribute to racial equity and justice. Starting from the assumption that racial inequalities are globalized and can be found in all societies in the world, the SC RACED aims to scientifically address race, racism and discrimination in migration studies as follows:

- › in a multi-temporal perspective to catch the past still living in specific distinctive racial frames, mechanisms, dynamics and events of our time;
- › by acknowledging that social relations and practices based on racial distinctions are embedded in a system that even unwittingly reproduce the racial frame and renew mechanisms of racialization;
- › by considering different forms of racism (systemic, structural, institutional, collective and individual, intentional and unintentional, manifest and subtle), racial frames and mechanisms at different social scales (micro-meso-macro level), with the ambition to investigate and understand the role race, racism and discrimination play in social dynamics;
- › by acknowledging that the constitution of whiteness connected to the white privilege contributed to the conception of the very category of ‘migrants’ as a racialized category, intertwined so far with that of race. In this sense, an epistemological work on the categories used in migration studies and their meanings is essential.

#### Activities of SC RACED in 2023

SC RACED was officially approved and established in July 2023, at the IMISCOE Annual Conference. As of today, the SC counts with 125 registered members (excluding the steering group). In order to create a forum for exchanges between members, the SC launched its first booklet of members in Spring 2024. Through the IMISCOE website, the SC also communicated about events and conferences that might be of interest to the members. The Steering Group met once a month to discuss SC activities.

#### Planned activities of SC RACED activities for 2024

- › Organization of SC sessions and of the Annual SC Meeting at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Updating the booklet for SC members.

- › SC webinar on structural racism and discrimination (23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024).
- › Organization of a SC Workshop in fall (September-October 2024) with the prospect of co-authoring a Special Issue on the topic of structural racism and discrimination.
- › Organization of regular PhD Peer Feedback Sessions and Reading Sessions on conceptualizations of race (Fall 2024).

For more information on SC RACED, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/race-racism-and-discrimination>

To register, please visit:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsBlcXzKGfAJBJgJQ6BIHYg5YkOz7\\_b4fA1B-BoUtlT\\_XjIA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScsBlcXzKGfAJBJgJQ6BIHYg5YkOz7_b4fA1B-BoUtlT_XjIA/viewform)

## 8.1.10 REFLEXIVITIES IN MIGRATION STUDIES (REFLEXIVITIES)

**Co-directors:** Janine Dahinden, Andreas Pott

**Coordinator:** Anna-Lisa Müller

**PhD representative:** Stefan Manser-Egli

The aim of the **Standing Committee Reflexivities** is to push forward a reflexive (and self-reflexive) perspective within migration studies. Given the growth, relevance and responsibility of migration studies, the SC Reflexivities strives to promote reflexivity in migration research and to investigate on how the field of migration studies has emerged and is currently changing. Being reflexive in these two senses involves investigating how knowledge on migration is produced, circulated and utilized – both by us as researchers as well by other actors in the field. This endeavour tackles the embeddedness of the field of migration studies in wider societal and power relations and the risk to reproduce hegemonic structures.

### Activities of SC Reflexivities in 2023

- › Authors Workshop “Reflexivities in Migration Studies” (12-13 January 2023, London) around the edited volume “Reflexivities in migration studies: Pitfalls and alternatives”.
- › Workshop “Integrating reflexivities into survey research” (January 2023, online)-event co-organized with the IMISCOE Standing Committee Meth@Mig. Two keynotes introduced the topic, followed by five presentations by colleagues who discussed selected aspects of the topic in focus.
- › SC conference “Migration studies and social theory: Problematizing ontologies, de-centering migration” (September 2023, University of Tübingen). Event organized by four members of the SC and which included the participation of 25 colleagues based in Europe and 2 colleagues based in Africa.
- › Preparation of the Special Issue “Towards reflexivity in the study of mobility and diversity: Theories, positionality and the political economy of knowledge production” edited by board members Iva Dodevska and Maissam Nimer.
- › Review of workshop, panel and paper proposals submitted to the SC for the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference and organisation of SC sessions for the event, including 2 themed sessions on “Boundary spanners: Reflexive practices that unsettle bordering in migration (studies)” and “The practice of reflexivities in research”.

- › PhD Peer Feedback Sessions organized by the two PhD students in the SC board. The sessions took place online and provided the PhD students with a safe space for discussing both their research and other issues regarding their work and life in academia.
- › SC Online Writing Retreat, launched in autumn 2023, to offer an opportunity for researchers, scholars, and students to come together and engage in focused writing sessions. Key features are: an 24/7 Online Space that ensures continuous access to the retreat’s resources and community; weekly online sessions to ensure focused writing times; monthly sessions including extended inputs focusing on topics such as writing support, tools, and materials; resource sharing through an exclusive online material sharing platform.

### Planned activities of SC Reflexivities for 2024

- › Organization of sessions at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference, including a double SC session entitled “Mainstreaming reflexivity: Potentials, challenges and pitfalls”, intended to critically discuss the ‘boom’ of reflexive approaches within migration studies. The session is jointly organized with The Global (De)Centre: Diversity, Mobility and Culture.
- › Continuation of the PhD Peer Feedback Session and of the Online Writing Retreat in 2024.
- › Preparation of an edited volume entitled “Reflexivities in migration studies: Pitfalls and alternatives”, edited by Janine Dahinden and Andreas Pott.

For more information on SC Reflexivities, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/reflexivities-in-migration-studies>

## 8.1.11 SUPERDIVERSITY, MIGRATION AND CULTURAL CHANGE (DIVCULT)

**Coordinators:** Marco Martiniello, Wiebke Sievers

**Assistant coordinator:** Elsa Mescoli

**PhD representative:** Carolina Triana-Cuellar/Joanna Jurkiewicz

The **Standing Committee DIVCULT** aims to better understand the relevance of arts and culture in the theoretical and policy debates about immigrant incorporation and diversity. Over the last years, artistic activities have found increasing interest among migration researchers because they prove to be a means of moving beyond ethnic differences towards narratives of identity and belonging that are more apt to capture the current post-migrant reality in many cities and countries. The SC intends to cover a wide range of artistic and cultural activities in the analyses ranging from music, literature, cinema and theatre to sports, fashion, clothing, design and food.

### DIVCULT activities in 2023

- › Organization of the DIVCULT General Assembly (Brussels, 25-26 January 2023). The event included: a keynote speech by Saskia Warren on “Towards Muslim creative activism? How Muslim women in spaces of cultural production are tackling

islamophobia, racism and sexism in Britain and beyond”; a Workshop on “Questioning celebratory migranticization: History and practices of racialization in arts production, networks, and policies in diverse societies” organized by Aminata Estelle Diouf, Berndt Clavier, Carolin Müller and Carolina Triana-Cuellar; the 2023 PhD Spotlight organized by Carolina Triana-Cuellar and facilitated by Carolin Müller; and the DIVCULT General Assembly.

- › Call for contributions for the Special Issue of Arts: Arts and Refugees: Multidisciplinary Perspectives (Vol. 2), edited by Marco Martiniello and Elsa Mescoli.
- › Call for applications for funding (proofreading of articles related to DIVCULT themes) for early-career researchers who are members of DIVCULT.
- › Preparation of the Special Issue of the Journal of Intercultural Studies entitled “(Inter)cultural heritage and migrants’ inclusion: Bridging the gap”, coordinated by Amandine Desille and Karolina Nikielska-Sekula.
- › COCUMINT Consumption of cultural goods as driver of migrant inclusion, Seminar series by Alessandra Venturini.
- › Organization of DIVCULT sessions and of the SC DIVCULT meeting at the 2023 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Preparation of a project proposal coordinated by CEDEM and counting with the involvement of several DIVCULT members for the Horizon Europe, Work Programme 2023-2024, 5. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society. HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-08: Culture, the arts and cultural spaces for democratic participation and political expression, online and offline.
- › Publication of the book **“Cultural Change in Post-Migrant Societies: Re-Imagining Communities Through Arts and Cultural Activities”** (edited by Wiebke Sievers) in the IMISCOE Research Series with Springer:
- › Organization of several DIVCULT PhD Online Cafes, as follows: April 2023- a talk on postmigration by Lea Laura Heim; June 2023- collective discussion on experiences, lessons learnt and tips for future conference participation; September 2023- collective discussion on PhD journeys and introduction of new members (Varvara Kobyshcha and Joanna Jurkiewicz); November 2023- discussing around ‘structuring your thesis’ and brief presentations by Gaele Shrot and Carolina Triana-Cuellar.

### **DIVCULT activities planned for 2024**

- › Organization of sessions and of the DIVCULT General Assembly at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Call for funding PhD students (participation at the IMISCOE conference and proofreading).
- › Organization of the workshop “Transversal dialogues about cultural representation of migration across temporalities and geographies” (Konstanz, March 2024).
- › Organization of the workshop “Celebratory migranticization? Questioning the histories and practices of racialization in the arts” (fall 2024).

For more information on SC DIVCULT, please visit:

<https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/superdiversity-migration-and-cultural-change>

## 8.2 MIGRATION RESEARCH HUB

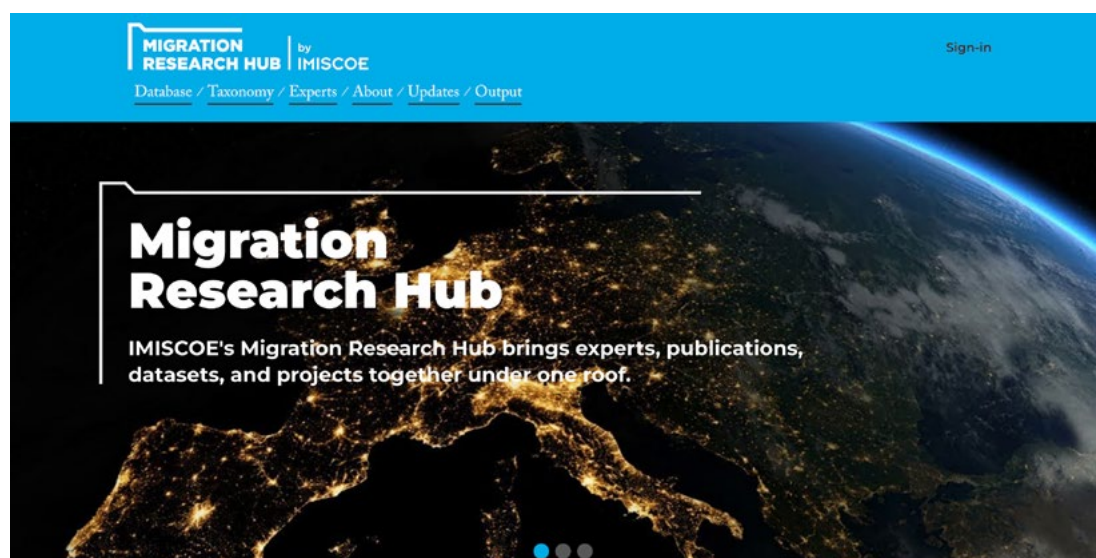
IMISCOE's **Migration Research Hub** (MRH) is an interactive research database that brings publications, datasets and projects together under one roof. This constantly growing database lists profiles of experts in the field of migration studies, highlighting the topics, methods and disciplines of their expertise. With this tool, scholars and stakeholders can easily find relevant literature, data and other information structured according to the taxonomy of migration studies. As such, the Migration Research Hub database is particularly useful for (and extensively used by) both knowledge users and producers.

The Migration Research Hub was developed in collaboration with two IT companies: YoungMinds (led by Bogdan Taut) and Dotdesign (led by Alexandru Butică). The information gathered in the Hub relies on a number of connections with databases that feed automatically the MRH and researchers' profiles. One such database is Clarivate Web of Science, with which IMISCOE has signed a service agreement.

In 2023, the excellent cooperation with the companies YoungMinds and Dotdesign allowed IMISCOE to maintain the MRH up-to-date and discuss further developments of the database, updates which will be implemented over the coming years. Moreover, in the year 2023, the IMISCOE Network Office at the University of Liège and the service provider DesignServer (led by René de Ree and Marco Legemaate) also worked on reinforcing the articulation of the Migration Research Hub with the IMISCOE Annual Conference platform.

As the Migration Research Hub is an Open Access tool that is extensively used by researchers and stakeholders, all migration scholars are invited to create a profile on the MRH to further increase the visibility of their work.

More details on the MRH can be found here: <https://www.migrationresearch.com/>



## 8.3 IMISCOE AWARDS

### 8.3.1 MARIA BAGANHA AWARD

Since 2010, the [Maria Ioannis Baganha Distinguished Dissertation Award](#) stimulates and recognizes excellent PhD research in the field of migration. The competition is open to all PhD recipients whose dissertation was defended within the 24-month period preceding the submission deadline.

Maria Ioannis Baganha was a leading migration scholar at the University of Coimbra's 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 her commitment to the network, the IMISCOE Board of Directors has dedicated the IMISCOE dissertation award to her.

The winner of the award is selected through a careful review process conducted by the Maria Baganha Award Committee. Every year, members of the committee go through great length to read and discuss a large number of manuscripts. Their work has been and continues to be critical in making this Award one of the most coveted prizes for young scholars in the field of migration studies.

#### IMISCOE Award Committee Members

- Rosa Aparicio Gómez (Chair)- Instituto Universitario Ortega Marañón
- Mathias Czaika - Department for Migration and Globalization, Danube University Krems
- Han Entzinger - Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Thaïs França – Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology (CIES-Iscte), Lisbon University
- Paweł Kaczmarczyk – Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw
- Russell King – Sussex Centre for Migration Research, Sussex University
- Lena Näre – Faculty Common Matters, University of Helsinki
- Giuseppe Sciortino – Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento
- Endre Sik – Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences
- Judith Tóth - Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Szeged

In 2023, we received 63 applications for the Maria Ioannis Baganha Distinguished Dissertation Award. After due deliberation, the Award Committee decided to award prizes to two outstanding theses which received the highest scores after two rounds of careful evaluation.

The winners of the 2023 Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award are **Dr. Anton Ahlen and Dr. Kiri Olivia Santer**.

Dr. Ahlen's dissertation entitled "*Managing migration in modern welfare states: Essays on the development, causes, and effects of policies regulating family immigration*", was defended at Uppsala University, in October 2022. Ahlen's thesis is an outstanding PhD research. It is a systematic and methodical analysis, with a clear theoretical starting point and a highly varied methodology, of one of the major contemporary policy issues. It examines national policies regulating family migration which although it accounts for the largest category of entries into

OECD countries, is an area that is relatively under-researched. This dissertation contributes new comparative insights on the development of family immigration-policies and provides a good basis for drawing general conclusions about the determinants and effects in this area.

Dr. Santer's dissertation, entitled "*Bordering Responsibility: The Unaccountable Politics of Migration Control in the Central Mediterranean*", was defended at the University of Bern, in March 2022. Santer's thesis is also a truly outstanding and original piece of research. It examines the politics of accountability in the processes of externalisation of control of Europe's borders. To do so, she has carried out very extensive, consistent and innovative fieldwork using a variety of methods across different sites of influence. In this way she has been able to gather reliable evidence to support her main claims and arguments.



### 8.3.2 RINUS PENNINX AWARD

The [Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award](#) was established in 2014, when Rinus Penninx retired as coordinator of IMISCOE. The IMISCOE Annual Conference of Amsterdam in late August 2014 was the first occasion that the Award was assigned.

Rinus Penninx is the chair of a jury of 8-10 experienced IMISCOE scholars. The jury decides on the winner in a last meeting during the IMISCOE Annual Conference. Overall, the jury counted 10 members this year: Gianni d'Amato, Blanca Garcés-Mascareñas, Pedro Gois, René Kreichauf, Laura Oso, Rinus Penninx, Ursula Reeger, Jens Schneider, Deniz Sert and Anja van Heelsum.

Once the Call for applications ended, the IMISCOE Network Office informed the jury that nine papers had been nominated. By June 15, the first evaluation round was finished (all nine papers were read by three members of the jury) and resulted in a shortlist of three papers. These shortlisted papers have been evaluated by each member of the jury.

During the IMISCOE Annual Conference, the jury unanimously decided that the winner of the Award was Naiara Rodriguez-Pena for the paper “Aspiring to be ‘here’ and ‘there’: Conflicting intrinsic and instrumental migration aspirations”. The jury noted that the paper makes a contribution to the Aspirations-Capabilities Approach to migration, picking up a specific part of it, namely aspirations, and interpreting aspirations as pertaining to leave (to migrate), but also to stay. The paper also develops a sensitive instrument to measure these aspirations and take account of the possible aspirational conflicts. Finally, the paper contributes to theory by elaborating on intrinsic and instrumental motivations to migrate/stay and how these two relate to each other. Apart from the quality of the paper, the fact that the author was a young scholar has been an additional argument for a number of jury members to give her the prize.

The Prize-Certificate was handed to Naiara Rodriguez-Pena by Rinus Penninx in the name of the IMISCOE coordinators and of the chief editor of the journal Comparative Migration Studies.





# IMISCOE EVENTS



## 9.1 IMISCOE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### **Migration and inequalities. In search of answers and solutions, 3-6 July 2023, Warsaw & online**

The 20<sup>th</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference took place between 3-6 July of 2023. It was hosted at the Centre of Migration Research (CMR), which is a research-intensive interdisciplinary unit of the University of Warsaw (UW), with over 30 years of experience in studying migration and mobility. In 2023, CMR organized the IMISCOE Annual Conference for the second time, in cooperation with the Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences (CESS), an interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary social science research platform at the University of Warsaw. The conference also received patronage from IKEA, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Mayor of the Capital City of Warsaw, and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Contributions from all the partners at plenary and semi-plenary sessions were a key part of this collaboration.

The overarching conference theme «*Migration and inequalities. In search of answers and solutions*» – was explored by 26 distinguished conference keynote speakers representing various academic disciplines and broad perspectives on the issues at hand. The conference featured a diverse range of sessions, workshops, and discussions that delved into the conference's main theme of inequalities, while reflecting on current and emerging issues in migration studies.

The organizers are particularly proud of the fact that the conference accommodated discussions on the timely topic of internal and international mobility resulting from the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine. During the conference, the voices of Ukrainian forced migrants invited to various sessions to share their lived experiences and expertise, could be heard directly by conference participants.

Overall, the conference hosted 224 parallel panels and workshops, 15 Standing and Executive Committees' meetings and 12 side events in various venues across Warsaw. The event served as a platform for meaningful discussions, knowledge sharing, and the exchange of best practices. Importantly, it also served as a much needed meeting point for scholars, migration policy practitioners, and grass-root organisations in the field of migration.

The conference was organized in a hybrid format, with both in-person and online participation. Of the exceptionally high number of nearly 1,400 participants from 71 countries worldwide, 875 joined the event in person and 495 online. During the conference, three semi-plenaries were offered in a hybrid format in addition to the opening and closing plenaries. A total of 139 panels and workshops were organized onsite and 85 in a hybrid form. The conference venue was an excellent location to accommodate specific needs regarding hybridity, space for informal meetings and individual work, as well as networking and collaboration. The networking opportunities were particularly valued and highly rated by the participants who completed the conference evaluation survey.

The conference program stood out for being geographically inclusive, with over 30% of participants coming from outside the EU, including Brazil, Turkey, India, Japan, Mexico, Singapore, Ethiopia and many more. The 20<sup>th</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference also attracted a high number of new participants. For almost half of the participants who completed the post-conference evaluation survey, this was the first IMISCOE Annual Conference that they attended. Conference organizers and the whole IMISCOE community are particularly proud of the positive feedback received and the high level of satisfaction with the overall conference organization built on values of openness and collaboration.

The core group of conference organizers at CMR included (in alphabetical order): Joanna Bagdzińska, Anita Brzozowska, Kamila Fiałkowska, Małgorzata Grzanka, Barbara Jancewicz, Paweł Kaczmarczyk, Mateusz Krępa, Karolina Łukasiewicz, Marta Pachocka, and Katarzyna Porwit. Meeting all the challenges involved in organizing such a complex and large-scale event in Warsaw would not have been possible without the active involvement of around 30 other CMR employees who contributed at various stages of the conference preparations. For registration and hybrid support, CMR also counted with the assistance of over 60 volunteers. Thanks to this impressive collective effort and the close support of the IMISCOE Network Office, the Centre of Migration Research managed to successfully organize the IMISCOE Annual Conference in the challenging context of the ongoing war in neighbouring Ukraine, an unprecedented scale of forced migration to Poland, and ongoing tensions at the Polish-Belarusian border. All these issues were well addressed during conference plenaries, panels, and side events by colleagues representing academia and by practitioners engaged in supporting displaced people on the ground.

The 20<sup>th</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference in Warsaw left a long-lasting impact in the field of migration studies as it successfully addressed the complex and multifaceted issues surrounding migration, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and innovation in creating more inclusive and equitable societies.



## 9.2 IMISCOE SPRING CONFERENCE

### **Postcolonial Migrations**

*Heritages, Specificities, Mobilizations, URMIS, University of Côte d'Azur, Nice 15-17 March 2023*

The 2023 IMISCOE Spring Conference was organized by URMIS at the Université Côte d'Azur in Nice from 15 to 17 March 2023. It was attended by 109 participants from France, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands, Denmark, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Norway, Tunisia, Turkey, Kenya, Cameroon, South Africa and Japan.

The conference topic questioned the specificity of the so-called «postcolonial» migrations from former colonial states. For several decades, researchers have interrogated the legacy of European colonization during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries while analyzing migratory phenomena. Work on this topic has emerged in different countries and from different disciplines (humanities, political science, economics, law, social sciences) and, in doing so, has critiqued coloniality's continuing presence not only in formerly colonized countries, but also in colonial powers such as France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain or Portugal. At the end of the colonization period, the presence of populations from former colonies in former metropolises raised questions regarding the links between colonization and migration. Discussions about post-colonial migrations also led to analyses based on the weight of past, legacies, and the cultural dimension of migration, particularly the issue of representations. It raised questions such as: In what ways is the status of the ex-colonized in so-called 'host' countries a perpetuation of colonial linkages and how is a former colonizing country perceived by those who decide to settle there at the end of direct colonialism?

Researchers have also questioned the way in which colonial links have continued to function after independence, both economically and politically. How has the colonial past resurfaced since the 1960s and how does it continue to do so today in societies, particularly in terms of migration policies or in the way in which migration and migrants are perceived? Moreover, is it possible to draw comparisons across countries and continents with different colonizing powers and colonial histories? Additionally, since post-colonial migrations are also a history of feelings, it is particularly important to examine how the 'post-colonial' is apprehended by migrants and their descendants, including anti-racist activists involved in these issues as they attempt to move away from the legacies of coloniality in behavior and attitudes. Further reflection is also needed on the specificities of post-colonial migrations: are they to be distinguished from other migrations and, if so, what are their specificities?

The 2023 IMISCOE Spring Conference therefore provided a space for further reflections and scholarly exchanges around these different facets of postcolonial migrations. During the event, conference participants talked several key topics which included, among others: the use of the postcolonial concept in migration studies; major developments in research on postcolonial migration around the world; the socio-economic dimension of post-colonial migrations; political or diplomatic implications of these migrations; the impact of colonialization on migrants

and their descendants and their views on the topic; cultural and artistic expressions of postcolonial migrations; forms and channels of mobilizations and activism around the topic.

The full conference programme and the gallery of photos taken during the event are available here: <https://migpost.sciencesconf.org/>



## 9.3 IMISCOE PHD SCHOOL

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### **PhD School ‘Critical Reflections on Migration Studies, Racism and Discrimination’, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, 24-28 April 2023**

BIRMM, the Brussels Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Migration and Minorities at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, proudly hosted the 2023 IMISCOE PhD School on “Critical reflections on migration studies, racism and discrimination”. The PhD School took place from 24 to 28 of April 2023 at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. It was co-organized with CEDEM (University of Liège), CESSMIR (Ghent University), and MIGloba (Antwerp University).

26 PhD researchers from various scientific disciplines (including political science, sociology, social work, criminology, arts and literature) joined from Europe, North America, and Africa. During parallel sessions throughout the week, each PhD researcher was invited to present their research and to collect feedback from the keynote speakers of the PhD School.

This IMISCOE PhD School further proposed a multi-stakeholder approach consisting of keynote lectures, interactive panels with scholars, artists, activists and practitioners, an outreach event and reflections on policy advice and media discourse.

Speakers included:

- Anders Neergaard (Linköping University) and Patrick Simon (Sciences Po Paris) in the session “Bridging social sciences and race critical studies in the study of racism”
- Amal Miri (Antwerp University), Parvati Raghuram (Open University), and Guia Gilardoni (ISMU Foundation) in the roundtable “Movement and borders”
- Nikolett Szelei (Catholic University Leuven) and Giacomo Orsini (Ghent University) in the participatory workshop “Decolonising researching methods? Debunking naive assumptions”
- Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Umut Erel (Open University) in the session “How to measure and study racism and ethnic discrimination in the field of migration studies in innovative and creative ways”
- Zehra Colak (Utrecht University), Sarah Adeyinka (Ghent University), John Solomos (Warwick University) in the interactive panel “Challenges academics face when studying and publishing about racism and ethnic discrimination in their academic career”
- Francesca Sobande (Cardiff University) in the session “An intersectional approach to anti-racist activism/resistance”.

Alongside keynote lectures and interactive sessions with scholars, artists, activists and practitioners, the participants visited the Brussels Migration Museum and exchanged with the organizing association of the museum. The PhD School also hosted two evening events: a decolonial guided tour in Brussels and an evening panel debate for a wider audience on how cities engage in anti-racism policies.

Participants testified that they were very pleased by the enormous progress in learning they acquired during this IMISCOE PhD School:

*«I found this week so helpful, thought-provoking and inspiring! A really interesting range of speakers and activities throughout the week.»*



*«The excursion to the museum and the decolonial walk were a very nice addition to the programme. They complemented the more academic sessions very well!»*



*(Photo of the Migration Museum in Molenbeek, Brussels; and photo of the plaque commemorating former Congolese Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba in Ixelles, Brussels)*



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## **SPONSORSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD PARTIES**



### 10.1 COMPARATIVE MIGRATION STUDIES (CMS)

In 2023, the journal **Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)** celebrated its 10 years anniversary. Established in 2013, CMS has been associated with IMISCOE since 2015 and published by Springer since 2016. Over a period of 10 years, it has become a key journal in the publication landscape of migration studies, with a significant contribution to the promotion of comparative research and the development of this research field.

CMS an international, peer-reviewed Open Access journal that provides a platform for articles focusing on comparative research in migration, integration, and race and ethnic relations. CMS presents readers with an extensive collection of comparative analyses, including studies between countries, groups, levels, and historical periods. CMS publishes research based on qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods studies. Contributions cover a wide range of disciplinary angles across the social sciences and the humanities. Topics covered by the journal include migration and integration in relation to citizenship, national identity, refugee and asylum policy, social movements (pro and anti-immigration), gender, racialization, whiteness, ethnic and religious diversity and (post)colonialism.

CMS is published and owned by Springer. Yet, given IMISCOE's priority to support open and inclusive publication models, the University of Liège, as Coordinating Institute of the IMISCOE Network, concluded a Sponsorship Agreement with Springer through which IMISCOE fully supports each year a number of Open Access articles published by IMISCOE members, while also providing some fee waivers for authors based in institutions outside of the EU/OECD.

Over 2022, CMS received a citation impact factor of 3.5, putting it amongst the top #3 journals in the field. CMS is very grateful to all its Editorial and Advisory Board members for making this happen, and of course to all the contributors and reviewers for their support. CMS also remains firmly committed to Open Access, with probably one of the lowest fees for full OA out there. For instance, in 2023 this resulted in almost 700.000 downloads from the journal page, ensuring that all submitted work gets read as widely as possible.

The editorial board of CMS has been enlarged over 2023, as a reflection of the journal's efforts to expand its global engagement and outreach. Also, on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, CMS co-editor Sawitri Saharso left her position after several years of excellent service to the journal. Dr. Sanam Roohi took over the role of co-editor in chief, together with Peter Scholten. Sanam Roohi is an associate fellow at the Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut, Essen. Her work encompasses the themes of social-spatial mobility linkages, embodied migration infrastructures and transnational resource flows.

The 10 years anniversary of CMS will be celebrated with a special issue on Critical Developments in Migration Studies. This issue will address key aspects in migration studies to which CMS has contributed, and set an agenda for future key developments to which the journal could and should contribute further. During the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon, CMS will organize a special session (3 July, 18:30-19:00) to celebrate this anniversary and discuss the anniversary issue with an interactive panel. After the 2024 Annual Conference, CMS will open up a new call for special issues.

All articles published by CMS are accessible in Open Access on the Publisher's website:

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## 10.2 EUMIGS

**The EuMIGS European Master in Migration Studies: Studying migration while on the move:** In 2023, the EuMIGS network involved eleven Member Institutes that offer a master programme in the field of migration. The network continued to enable one to two-semester student exchanges and shorter teaching mobilities in the framework of an Erasmus+ multilateral agreement. Seven partners within the network are part of the EuMIGS Double Degree programme. Students enrolled in the migration master programme at any of the seven partner universities in A Coruña, Liège, Linköping, Malmö, Neuchâtel, Osnabrück, and Salzburg can apply to spend their second year at another partner university abroad and obtain a master diploma from both their home and host university. EuMIGS is closely connected to IMISCOE and has collaborated and exchanged experiences with other IMISCOE members throughout 2023.

**The EuMIGS Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership project:** The seven EuMIGS Double Degree partners were awarded an Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership grant by the European Commission in 2022 for a duration of three years. With this funding, the EuMIGS partners developed new activities in 2023 for both Double Degree and regular students in the migration master programmes. EuMIGS organized its first Winter Workshop on the topic of Knowledge Transfer in March 2023 at the University of A Coruña. During the spring semester 2023, a virtual master thesis colloquium provided a space for EuMIGS Double Degree students to present their master thesis projects and receive feedback from peers. In July 2023, 11 Double Degree students were invited to participate in the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Warsaw. Seven students presented their recently or soon finished master theses in two EuMIGS panels organized during the Conference. In November 2023, a new cohort of EuMIGS Double Degree students kicked-off their second year abroad in a three-days meeting at the Paris-Lodron University of Salzburg. During the last two months of 2023, the second edition of the EuMIGS Lecture Series and Joint Blended Mobility course funded by the Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership grant was organized on the topic of Citizenship and Mobility.

**New activities, more opportunities, more inclusivity:** With the Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership project, the EuMIGS consortium managed to build on virtual teaching and mobility experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic while reaffirming its commitment to promoting physical mobility for students and teachers. The activities developed in 2023 with the financial support of the Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership offered more opportunities to meet, exchange, and build a cohort for students participating in the Double Degree programme. It also increased virtual and blended mobility options with a short physical component for students who did not participate in a one-semester or full year exchange. Travel and accommodation costs for attending the EuMIGS events could be covered by EuMIGS. This did not only contribute to increasing the number of migration master students who benefitted from the EuMIGS network and activities, but also to raising the attractiveness of the EuMIGS Double Degree programme. The number of applicants doubled in 2023, with 20 Double Degree students moving to another partner university in the autumn semester 2023.



## Colophon

IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) is the largest interdisciplinary network of scholars in the field of migration. The **Network** currently consists of 69 research institutes **and around 1500 individual members** from different countries around the world and from various disciplines including sociology, political science, anthropology, economics, law, demography, public administration, geography and history.

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