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# 1

## 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 this third 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 three years in this coordination position, the ULiège community has measured the importance for our institution to host IMISCOE and how our priorities continue to be aligned with those of the Network. As shown in this 2024 Annual Report, the past year has been incredibly busy in terms of scientific activities organized by IMISCOE. Important steps forward have been taken in the promotion of an important research area in migration studies with the creation of a new IMISCOE Standing Committee on Forced Migration and Refugees (FMR). The organization of the 2024 Spring Conference at the Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc) — a partner institution of ULiège in the UNIC European University of Post-Industrial Cities — that focused on “Mobilities and Immobilities in an Era of Polycrisis” also confirmed the relevance of IMISCOE in contemporary academic and societal debates. Furthermore, the 2024 IMISCOE PhD School on “Migration, Race and Inclusivity” held in Preston (UK) at the University of Central Lancashire reiterated the commitment of the IMISCOE Research Network both towards engaging with critical concepts and issues in migration studies and to supporting young scholars. Similarly, the 2024 Annual conference in Lisbon, the largest IMISCOE conference ever organized, that focused on “Migration as a Social Construction: A Reflexive Turn” confirmed IMISCOE’s desire to reflect critically about the impact on society of knowledge production in migration studies.

These IMISCOE priorities are very well aligned with the institutional priorities and recent initiatives of ULiège by which more attention has been paid to reflexive approaches in the role of universities. Most recently, with the creation of a participatory ethical council, the University of Liège has taken an important step in reflecting more in depth about its societal role. This approach matches adequately with the work done by IMISCOE to interrogate the place of migration research.

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*



# 2

## **IMISCOE AND THE RESEARCH STRATEGY OF THE ULIEGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE SOCIAL SCIENCE (IRSS)**



Dear members of the IMISCOE community,

I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to your 2024 Annual Report which showcases an incredibly rich and diverse set of activities in your research field. At the Research Institute in Social Sciences of ULiège (IRSS), we are proud to be hosting the coordination of your Network, as the scientific approach of IMISCOE that supports collaboration for high-quality and impactful research matches well the goal of our Institute.

As this report clearly shows, your Network puts great emphasis on approaching the topic of migration from a multi-disciplinary perspective and strives to increase scientific dialogue with the Global South. The continued increase in participation of non-European scholars and institutions in IMISCOE's activities and, especially so, at your Annual Conference is a major achievement of your Network. Within IRSS, we too are aiming to support the emergence of a global dialogue in social sciences. In addition to our role in IMISCOE, our participation in doctoral programmes that bring master and doctoral students from all over the world as well as our active presence in conducting field research with local partners in different parts of the world are a testament of that commitment. In addition, your network also devotes significant attention doctoral training and the support of early career researchers. 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. We are delighted to see that some of our own IRSS doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers are taking advantage of these opportunities.

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 being a key institution for migration research in Belgium and beyond. From its position of research unit within the broader Social Science Institute of ULiège, CEDEM has therefore contributed to the development of this area of study in Belgium and Europe. We are pleased to now see CEDEM taking this further step in the development of a global scientific dialogue on migration through their coordinator role of IMISCOE.

Building on the success of the first three 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.

***Bruno Frère***

*Professeur  
Directeur de recherches  
honoraire du FNRS*



# 3

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

2024: Reaffirming our commitment  
to inclusive and globally engaged  
migration scholarship





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This Annual Report marks the third edition published since the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège assumed the coordination of IMISCOE in April 2022.

Throughout 2024, IMISCOE continued its dynamic growth by broadening its membership, enhancing its research infrastructure, and supporting a diverse portfolio of scientific activities and events. These developments reflect the priorities and action plans jointly defined with the Network's Board of Directors, Executive Board, Standing and Executive Committees, the IMISCOE community of PhD students, and the individual members of our Network.

This report therefore captures the energy, diversity, and intellectual vitality that defines our IMISCOE community. It provides an overview of a year marked by institutional developments, rigorous high-quality research, and meaningful scholarly exchanges—each contributing to our ongoing critical reflection on the global production and circulation of knowledge in migration research. The report also showcases important achievements in advancing our mission to foster collaborative research, organize scientific events that bring together migration scholars from around the world, and promote Open Access publishing and training opportunities in our rapidly evolving research field.

The continued **diversification of IMISCOE's institutional and individual membership** reflects the strength of our shared commitment to advancing global scientific dialogue on migration. At the organizational level, in 2024 we had the pleasure of welcoming the Centre on Forced Displacement at Boston University as the first IMISCOE Member Institute based in the United States. In parallel, we engaged in fruitful exchanges with institutes, research centres, and scholars from Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe, with the aim of jointly reflecting on to strengthen our collective efforts to build a global, inclusive, and sustainable migration

research network. These exchanges contributed to further expand IMISCOE's individual membership, while also informing our Network's policy to support the broader participation of colleagues from across the world in IMISCOE's activities and events.

The **scientific events** organised throughout 2024 played a key role in strengthening connections within our expanding IMISCOE community and in providing spaces for collective reflection on recent developments, existing challenges, and future directions in migration studies. The 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference—hosted by the Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology of the University Institute of Lisbon—brought together over 1,400 participants who joined the discussion regarding the social construction of migration across diverse global contexts and engaged deeply with the critical ontological and conceptual inquiries associated with the reflexive turn in migration research. Similarly, the 2024 IMISCOE Spring Conference—organized in a hybrid format by the Migration Research Center at Koç University in Istanbul—gave us the opportunity to critically examine how contemporary polycrisis dynamics influence mobilities and immobilities worldwide. Additionally, the 2024 PhD School, hosted by the MIDEX and GRACE research centres at the University of Central Lancashire, brought together young researchers from South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Central and East Asia, to facilitate in-depth discussions on how migration, race, and inclusivity intersect to shape human beings' experiences in various world regions.

Throughout the year 2024, our incredibly active **IMISCOE Standing and Executive Committees** have also organized numerous activities aimed to provide inclusive spaces for scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds, career stages, and institutional affiliations across the globe to join the discussion on the future of migration research. Our research infrastructure was also further reinforced through several developments. The recently created Standing Committee on Race, Racism and Discrimination began its work with great momentum and organized numerous sessions for the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference. In addition, two existing Standing Committees—Migration, Migrants, and Labour Markets (IILME) and Families, Welfare, Care and the Life Course (FamWelC)—adapted their names and scope in 2024, to further reflect thematical areas of particular importance in migration scholarship. Moreover, the IMISCOE Board of Directors also approved in 2024 the creation of a new Standing Committee on Forced Migration and Refugees, which now serves as a dedicated space for scholarly exchanges in the field of forced migration and refugee studies, consolidating these research areas in the IMISCOE community.

As shown in this report, our ongoing commitment to fostering an open and inclusive research environment is also reflected in both our **training initiatives** for PhD students and our sustained support for **Open Access publishing** in migration studies. During 2024, the IMISCOE PhD Academy and the PhD Network continued to enlarge their membership and enhanced the research and networking opportunities for doctoral researchers worldwide. At the same time, we continued to support the opportunities for publication in Open Access for migration researchers at all career levels. This has been made possible through IMISCOE's partnership agreement with Springer, which allows us to financially support the IMISCOE Research Series of books—now a leading book collection in migration studies— and to sponsor Open Access articles published in the journal *Comparative Migration Studies*.

While this Annual Report captures only a snapshot of the varied research activities carried out in 2024, we hope it conveys the dynamism and collaborative spirit that define the IMISCOE community. It also reflects the meaningful progress made towards cultivating a more inclusive, open and globally engaged research environment for migration scholars.



We are very proud of the continued dedication demonstrated by all IMISCOE members and friends. We are extremely grateful to all of you for your incredible work and support in advancing the scientific mission of our international and interdisciplinary network!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful colleagues at the IMISCOE Network Office—Angeliki Konstantinidou (Network Officer), Carole Wenger (Communication Officer) and Marine Marechal (Finance Officer) —for their outstanding work, professionalism, and team spirit. We are truly grateful for all that you do. We also wish to extend our appreciation to our colleagues from the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), the Research Institute in Social Sciences (IRSS), the Faculty of Social Sciences (FaSS) and the broader University of Liège community for their support in coordinating the IMISCOE Network.

**Thank you all for your engagement**—and we hope you enjoy reading this report. We look forward to seeing you very 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**



Many of you are probably unaware of all the work that happens behind the scenes in the IMISCOE network. We therefore decided to use this report to tell you a little bit about what after three years of service has clearly become a routine. The members of the Executive Board (EB) meet once a month. During the meetings, we receive updates on and provide input into all things happening in the network, including the organisation of the conferences and the PhD school, the suggestions of the executive committees, new membership applications, the reports of the standing committees etc. The aim of these regular discussions is to make sure that the network works according to the rules that we have given ourselves and implements the joint plan of diversifying and decentring all of IMISCOE activities and acting bodies. This includes preparing well the many decisions that are taken on the level of all institutional IMISCOE members in the Board of Directors (BD). Documents that come to the BD for decision making have often gone through several phases. If they concern long-standing issues, such as the organisation of the annual conference, we will usually get to see them at least twice before they are taken to the BD. New ideas for the network take even longer to come to the decision stage because they are usually first discussed during our yearly Annual General Meeting at the Spring conference where we gather input from BD members on how to proceed. The input will be used to discuss the idea further in the EB before a final document is taken to the BD for decision. This may sound very cumbersome, but is necessary to ensure a transparent and smooth process of decision making and implementation.

These routines do not mean that the drastic changes in the world have not affected our work. As we write this letter, we reflect on the continuing politicisation of migration in many parts of the world. What does this mean for migration studies?

In recent years there has been a rightful critique of the centring of migration studies. This centring takes many forms, the migrant, the sites from which migration research gets circulated and cited, who does this research and whose voices count. The 2025 conference takes aim at this in order to disperse migration research beyond its usual homes and to foster methods through which research can be decentred. We look forward to an exciting conference where we take concrete steps forward in this direction.

While we aim to decentre migration, we also want to add our thoughts on the importance of the work that we all do. Migration research plays a key role in helping to highlight the issues that migrants face, the effects of policies on ordinary lives, the co-habitation between migrants and non-migrants and the ways in which gender, race, sexuality, religion and class among others affects migration experiences. Much of this work has been done with solidarity towards migrants. It has listened carefully to migration experiences and tried to address it in quotidian ways. In doing so, we offer a rich plethora of knowledge which is much needed today.

As migration as topic becomes a pivotal political concern, this is the time to showcase how migration studies provides a home for migration research about the everyday life of migrants and the questions of justice and care that this invokes. We need to highlight the space for such research at all scales, from those that interrogate the state to those that work with communities and with groups of migrants. In doing so, we reiterate the need to think beyond migrants to also look at non-migrants and to analyse non-migrant attitudes and behaviours as part of migration studies. In a world where categories are under attack and simply studying certain groups is becoming dangerous, we believe that migration studies offers a reprieve, a place where those who work on these issues can come together and share ideas. IMISCOE gives us a community where we share concerns and provides a safe space to discuss the fast-changing world of migration. Acting as stewards for this group is a right and a responsibility, one which we take seriously as we aim to ameliorate inequalities and social injustices.

In the last year IMISCOE researchers have contributed towards this endeavour in many ways. They have made great strides in migration research, policy and action, much of which will be displayed in the forthcoming annual conference. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Before we end, we want to thank the Network office for their sterling work, the Board of Directors for giving the group direction, the Executive Board in helping us to make sometimes difficult decisions and all the migration researchers old and new who are part of the 'IMISCOE family' for their work.

*With all good wishes*

*Parvati Raghuram and Wiebke Sievers*



# 5

## 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 **68 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).

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 currently includes 68 Member Institutes:

1. **CEDEM** (Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies), University of Liège, Belgium-  
Coordinating Institute of IMISCOE
2. **AMIS** (Centre for Advanced Migration Studies), University of Copenhagen, Denmark
3. **ARC-M** (Amsterdam Research Centre-Migration), University of Amsterdam, The  
Netherlands
4. **BICC** (Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies), Germany
5. **BIRMM** (Brussels Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Migration and Minorities), Vrije  
Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
6. **Casa Grande University**, Ecuador
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, Sweden
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
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
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. [\*\*Eurac Research\*\*](#), Italy
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. [UNIVE](#) (Ca'Foscari University), Italy
64. [UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK](#), Ireland
65. [UNIVERSITY OF GIRONA](#), Spain
66. [UNIZG](#) (University of Zagreb), Croatia
67. [URMIS](#) (Unité de Recherches Migrations et Société), University of Nice, France
68. [WEI](#) (Work and Equalities Institute), University of Manchester, UK

\*During 2024, the Sheffield Migration Research Group was also an IMISCOE Member Institute.



# 7

## GOVERNANCE OF IMISCOE



This section describes the different governance bodies of IMISCOE, as well as their recent developments in the year 2022.

IMISCOE's governance structure includes the following:

- THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
- THE COORDINATORS & NETWORK OFFICE
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES:
  - › DIVERSITY, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE
  - › EDITORIAL COMMITTEE
  - › ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
  - › EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
  - › FINANCE COMMITTEE
  - › PHD NETWORK
  - › TRAINING COMMITTEE

# 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 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) (in 2024, Martin Ruhs also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- 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 (in 2024, Geraldine Bozec also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- 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
- Frank van Tubergen, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) (in 2024, Helga de Valk also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- Gianni D'Amato, Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM), University of Neuchâtel
- Giuseppe Sciortino, International Migration Laboratory (IML), University of Trento (in 2024, Paolo Boccagni also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- 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)
- 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 (in 2024, Florian Trauner also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- 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 / Marta Bivand Erdal, 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
- Ecaterina Stefanescu, Lancashire Research Centre for Migration, Diaspora and Exile (MIDEX), University of Central Lancashire (in 2024, Lara Momesso also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- Laura Oso, Societies in Motion Research Team (ESOMI), University of A Coruña
- Lucy Mayblin / Aneta Piekut, Sheffield Migration Research Group, University of Sheffield (member institute in 2024)
- Jennifer McGarrigle, Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento de Território (IGOT-UL), University of Lisbon (in 2024, Lucinda Fonseca also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- 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 (in 2024, Godfried Engbersen also acted as representative of this institute in the BD)
- 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 / H el ene Thiollet, 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 f ur Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (DeZIM)

## 7.2 IMISCOE EXECUTIVE BOARD

**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 (Daniela Vintila and Jean-Michel Lafleur), the Chair of the Board of Directors (Wiebke Sievers), the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors ( oscar Prieto-Flores) and representatives of the IMISCOE Member Institutes elected by the Board of Directors.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS:

- Parvati Raghuram (Chair of the Executive Board), Open University
- Wiebke Sievers (Chair of the Board of Directors), Austrian Academy of Sciences
-  oscar Prieto-Flores (Vice-chair of the Board of Directors), University of Girona
- Ahmet  cduygu, Ko  University
- Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University
- Gorka Urrutia Asua, University of Deusto
-  zge Bilgili, Utrecht University
- Paul Long, Monash University
- Sarah Scuzzarello, University of Sussex.



## 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).

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 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 programs;
- Formalizing procedures for IMISCOE' 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.



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**Marine Maréchal**

*Finance Officer*



**Carole Wenger**

*Communication Officer*

## 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 and is established in the Consortium Agreement (art. 8). 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.

#### Current members of DEIC:

- Anders Neergaard (DEIC Chair), Linköping University (REMESO)
- Guia Gilardoni (DEIC Vice-Chair), ISMU Foundation
- Glenda Santana de Andrade, CRESPPA-GTM – Université Paris 8 and Institut Convergences Migrations, France
- Gunjan Sondhi, Open University
- Hassan Bousetta, University of Liège (CEDEM)
- Jelena Džankić, European University Institute
- Marco Martiniello, University of Liège (CEDEM)
- Sayaka Osanami Törngren, Malmö University (MIM)
- Thais França, Lisbon University Institute (Cies-Iscte)
- Zeynep Sahin Menkütek, Bonn International Centre for Conflict Studies (BICC)

In 2024, Adham Aly (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Marshia Akbar (Toronto Metropolitan University) and Nir Cohen (Bar Ilan University) also served as DEIC members.

DEIC members work with portfolios reflecting the organization of IMISCOE. The activities focus on being a support within IMISCOE in discussing matters related to diversity, equality and inclusion, with the aim of counteracting barriers, improving representation and keeping alive a discussion concerning these complex aspects. An important focus of DEIC has been on developing contact and participating in the discussions with different IMISCOE governance bodies, 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 groups and the conference organizers concerning diversity, equality and inclusion encompassing, among other aspects, 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

Starting 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2025 new members will be assigned to portfolios.

## 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 2024, the Editorial Committee supervised the publication of 12 manuscripts in the IMISCOE Research series with Springer (including one Short Reader and one Regional Reader) and more Open Access Books are expected to be published over the period 2025-2026. The review procedures include a peer review of all book proposals by three or four Editorial Committee members and the Editorial Committee Chair, a full peer refereeing of each manuscript 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
- Irina Isaakyan (Managing Editor), Toronto Metropolitan University
- Aneta Piekut, Sheffield Methods Institute, University of Sheffield
- Ayhan Kaya, Istanbul Bilgi University
- Benjamin Etzold, Bonn International Center for Conflict Studies
- Helen Schwenken, Universität Osnabrück
- Irene Ponzio, Forum Internazionale ed Europeo di Ricerche sull'Immigrazione
- Justyna Salamońska, Kozminski University
- Karin Borevi, Södertörn University
- Laura Oso, Universidade da Coruña
- Luigi Achilli, European University Florence
- Matteo Bonotti, Monash University
- Panos Hatziprokopiou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Sabrina Marchetti, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
- Lekh Nath Paudel, Osnabrück University, Germany
- Ognjen Obućina, INED, France

## List of Books published in 2024:

	<b>Author(s)/ Editor(s)</b>	<b>Title</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>	65k, 1 cit.
<b>2</b>	Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Ibrahim Awad	<a href="#"><u><i>Migrations in the Mediterranean. IMISCOE Regional Reader</i></u></a>	106k, 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>	31k, 4 cit.
<b>4</b>	Mastoureh Fathi, Caitríona Ní Laoire	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration and Home. IMISCOE Short Reader</i></u></a>	14k, 3 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>	10k, 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>	66k, 3 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>	13k, 2 cit.
<b>8</b>	Aida Ibričević	<a href="#"><u><i>Decided Return Migration. Emotions, Citizenship, Home and Belonging in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></u></a>	10k, 1 cit.
<b>9</b>	Laura Merla, Sarah Murru, Giacomo Orsini, Tanja Vuckovic Juros	<a href="#"><u><i>Excluding Diversity through Intersectional Borderings. Politics, Policies and Daily Lives</i></u></a>	20k, 2 cit.
<b>10</b>	Peter Scholten, Asya Pisarevskaya	<a href="#"><u><i>Cities of Migration: Understanding the diversity of urban diversities in Europe</i></u></a>	8k, 0 cit.
<b>11</b>	Irina Isaakyan	<a href="#"><u><i>Global Elite Migrations. Agency and Networks of Migrant-Artists from the Former Soviet Bloc</i></u></a>	5k, 0 cit.
<b>12</b>	Luc Leboeuf, Cathrine Brun, Hilde Lidén, Sabrina Marchetti, Delphine Nakache, Sylvie Sarolea	<a href="#"><u><i>Between Protection and Harm. Negotiated Vulnerabilities in Asylum Laws and Bureaucracies</i></u></a>	15k, 0 cit.

### List of books published/expected to be published in 2025:

	<b>Author(s)/ Editor(s)</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status &amp; downloads</b>
<b>1</b>	Shanshan Lan, Miloš Debnár	<a href="#"><u><i>Migration, Transnational Flows, and the Contested Meanings of Race in Asia</i></u></a>	Published in March 2025, 6k downloads
<b>2</b>	Mikolaj Stanek, Sol P. Juárez, Miguel Requena	<a href="#"><u><i>Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Immigrant Health. New Insights from Spain</i></u></a>	Published in March 2025, 5k downloads
<b>3</b>	Özge Bilgili, Marta Bivand Erdal	<a href="#"><u><i>Migrant Transnationalism. IMISCOE Short Reader</i></u></a>	Expected in July 2025
<b>4</b>	Harald Bauder, Mary Boatemaa Setrana	<a href="#"><u><i>Urban Migrant Inclusion and Refugee Protection - Volume 1: Frontiers of Sanctuary, Solidarity, and Hospitality</i></u></a>	Expected in August 2025
<b>5</b>	Harald Bauder, Mary Boatemaa Setrana	<a href="#"><u><i>Urban Migrant Inclusion and Refugee Protection - Volume 2: Global Perspectives of Sanctuary, Solidarity, and Hospitality</i></u></a>	Expected in August 2025
<b>6</b>	Iva Dodevska	<a href="#"><u><i>Europe and its Others: Migrant Integration in Research and Policy</i></u></a>	Expected in August 2025
<b>7</b>	Ilke Adam, Jean Beaman, Mariska Jung	<i>A New Wave of Antiracism in Europe?</i>	Expected in October 2025
<b>8</b>	Adonis Piperoglou, Francesco Ricatti	<i>Migration Studies on Indigenous Lands: Challenges, Reflections, Pathways</i>	Expected in October 2025
<b>9</b>	Janine Dahinden, Andreas Pott	<i>Reflexivities and Knowledge Production in Migration Studies</i>	Expected in October 2025
<b>10</b>	Julija Sardelic	<i>The Refugee Crisis and the Politics of Diversity in Europe: Transit Countries and Temporary Migration along The Western Balkan Route</i>	Expected in October 2025
<b>11</b>	Marie Gibert- Flutre, K.C. Ho, Jeremie Molho, Camille Schmoll, Hélène Thiollet	<i>City Makers and the Politics of Urban Diversity Governance: Comparative Approaches from Europe and Asia</i>	Expected in October 2025

### 7.4.3 ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The **IMISCOE Executive Committee on Elections** is responsible for managing and ensuring the fairness and transparency of all elections taking place in the IMISCOE Network, including that of the IMISCOE Coordinator.

During 2024, the Committee members have advised on the procedures to be followed for the election of the members for different IMISCOE governance bodies.

#### Members of the Elections Committee:

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

### 7.4.4 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (EAC)

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:

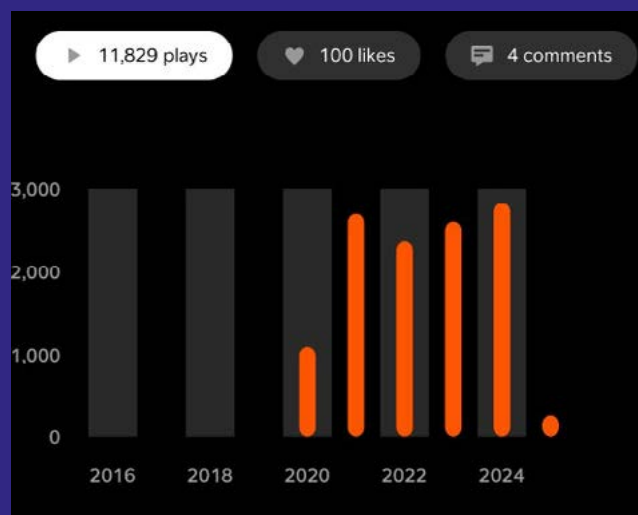
- Ricard Zapata-Barrero (EAC Chair), GRITIM, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
- Albert Kraler, Center for Migration and Globalisation Research, Danube University Krems
- Asya Pisarevskaya, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Ibrahim Awad, American University El Cairo
- Ingrid Ríos, Casa Grande University.
- Verena Wisthaler, EURAC Research.

# HIGHLIGHT: THE IMISCOE MIGRATION **PODCAST**

## Background & overview of activities in 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 11,828 plays. It is run on a voluntary basis by a group of committed researchers.

*Listening statistics for the podcast*



Since its inception, the podcast aimed for a balanced representation of migration researchers in terms of geographic locations and focus, thematic expertise, and career stages. 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. For season 5, episodes will be recorded by five interviewers.

In February 2024, the team launched a Call to encourage scholars at IMISCOE institutes 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, approaches, institutions and career stages. In the summer 2024, the podcast team also requested an evaluation from an independent podcasting expert Kevin Caners, which allowed receiving valuable advice on how to improve episodes story-telling and create consistency for interviews and sound quality.

Episode	Guest	Topic
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>
	Cross-Posting Podcast of BRIMM (VUB)	<i>Introducing: Migration Talks – The Impact of Migration Narratives on EU Policy Making</i>
13	Ivanna Kyliushyk	<i>Ukrainian emigration to Poland</i>
14	Mathew Creighton	<i>The resilience of xenophobia</i>
	Cross-Posting Podcast of CERC (Toronto Metropolitan University)	<i>Borders and Belonging: The rise of digital nomad</i>

### Plans for Season 5

Season 5 was re-thought based on the suggestions received during the evaluation phase. Between February and June 2025, four episodes were released in the new format. The podcast coordination team from season 4 will also continue for season 5, whereas the interviewers for the new season will be: Amanda Alencar (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Liberty Chee (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), Itzel Eguiluz (Tec de Monterrey Mexico, Red Atenea), Samanwita Paul (Jawaharlal Nehru University) and Silindile Nanzile Mlilo (African Centre for Migration & Society, University of Witwatersrand).

### Training & promotion efforts

The IMISCOE Migration Podcast wishes to organize a training on conversational interviewing techniques for the podcast team in 2025. The aim is to improve the quality of the produced episodes and conversations conducted by interviewers, which will help to develop the podcast into a popular science communication media on migration in the years to come. In addition, by recording episodes with members from within and beyond the IMISCOE community, the team wishes to pro-actively disseminate the podcast with the support of communication offices (e.g. via newsletters and social media presence). Topic lists from the episodes will also be created for potential use for teaching, whereas the podcast will continue to be promoted at conferences and winter/summer schools.

More information on the IMISCOE Migration Podcast can be found here:

<https://www.imiscoe.org/news-and-blog/podcast>

## 7.4.5 FINANCE COMMITTEE

IMISCOE's [Finance Committee](#) serves as the Network's auditing body. 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
- Veronika Bilger, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

## 7.4.6 PHD NETWORK

### Presentation of the PhD Network and its functioning

The IMISCOE PhD Network serves as a bridge between the broader community of PhDs worldwide and the IMISCOE Network. Our goal is to create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere where PhDs feel valued and heard, both within IMISCOE as in the wider research community. The PhD Network Board organises activities for PhDs within IMISCOE, such as an online PhD Day, a Buddy system linking PhDs from the global South to the global North, and activities specifically tailored for PhD Students at both the Spring and Annual conferences. Moreover, the PhD Board acts as a coordinator and collaborator, working closely with the IMISCOE Network Office, the IMISCOE PhD Academy, and IMISCOE's Standing and Executive Committees.

Every academic year, the board recruits new members to engage in designing these activities. For the academic year 2023-2024, the board counted 11 active members, who were joined by 7 new members for the academic year 2024-2025. This group of PhD researchers regularly join in online meetings and separately work on one of the following tasks: annual conference, spring conference, buddy system, blog group, newsletter and communication, and PhD Day.

If you wish to stay up to date with the activities of the IMISCOE PhD Network, you can follow them on [Bluesky](#) and [X](#), or register to their [newsletter](#).

### Description of 2024 activities and plans for the future

Having worked on the umbrella theme “questioning the unquestionable” in academia for the past two years, the PhD Network covered – by means of multiple on-site and online events – a wide variety of topics ranging from mental health to the broad concept of ‘failure’.

During the last IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon in July 2024, the PhD Network proposed two sessions around the latter topic. The first one was a panel discussion where three established academics, Dr. Norma Schemschat, Prof. Dr. Sayaka Osanami Törngren, and

Dr. Apostolos Andrikopoulos, shared their views and takes on ‘failure’. This was followed by a second session in the form of an interactive workshop whereby the aim was for PhD candidates to connect with each other and challenge notions of ‘failure’. Proposing a space for free reflection and exchanges, we put forward questions such as: Who defines failure? Is failure always negative or can it be embraced as a catalyst for collective learning and change?

Beyond creating a space for questioning generally unquestionable topics, in 2024, the PhD Network also aimed to move a step further. The main take aways were summarized in the form of a [blogpost](#) entitled “Reclaiming failure: A PhD student’s journey in academia”. This blogpost aimed at sparking further dialogue within IMISCOE and beyond, recognizing that feelings of failure are not confined to any one stage of an academic career. It is therefore of utmost important to recognize the systemic nature of feelings related to ‘failure’ and to make this topic as accessible as talking about success. This blogpost proposes a first step in this direction.

After years of talking about challenges such as mental health issues, imposter syndrome, and the concept of ‘failure’, we began asking ourselves a fundamental question: what is it that keeps us here, after all? While the journey through academia is filled with hurdles, it also offers unique, positive experiences that bring us meaning and even joy. There is a reason we chose this path and why many of us stay, finding purpose and fulfilment along the way. Whether it is the camaraderie of friendships with colleagues, the freedom to explore ideas, a sense of intellectual community, the inspiration of teaching, or simply the joy of reading and writing, academia can be a deeply rewarding experience. We believe that joy is a powerful force—and if shared, it has the potential to transform academia and our journeys within it. It is exactly on this topic of happiness or joy in academia that we want to reflect during the events in 2025.

The 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference also marks an important transition within the PhD Network Board. After two years, Billie Martiniello is stepping down as PhD Network Chair and be replaced by Yowali Kabamba. Yowali brings fresh perspectives and a deep sense of commitment, and we are confident she will guide the PhD Network with enthusiasm. With new leadership and a renewed focus on joy, we look forward to continuing to build an inclusive, reflective, and collaborative PhD community.

### **Full list of board members with institutional affiliations as of 2024:**

#### PhD Network Board for the academic year 2023-2024:

- PhD Chair: Billie Martiniello, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- PhD Vice-Chair: Agnese Pacciardi, University of Lund
- PhD Vice-Chair: Silvia Talavera Lodos, School of Advanced Studies Sant’Anna
- Adriana Calvo, University of Deusto
- Alice Fill, Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris, and the University of Roma Tre
- Diletta Marcucci, Pompeu Fabra University
- Elina Jonitz, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Gunika Rishi, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Lucy Potter, University of Sheffield
- Tulika Bourai, Birla Institute of Science and Technology- Pilani

#### New members who joined the PhD Board for the year 2024-2025:

- Fabiana Pineda, University of Barcelona
- Filipa Saraiva, University of Coimbra (FUEC) and the Centre for Social Studies (CES)
- Katharina Klaunig, University of North Carolina
- Denis Zekovic, Technical University Chemnitz and the German Center for Integration and Migration Research (DeMIZ)
- Ismail Oubad, Center for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) at University of Liège
- Teresa Pallarés Ramos, Comillas University Spain
- Yowali Kabamba, Utrecht University

#### PhD Network Advisory Board:

- Irene Gutiérrez Torres, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Mateusz M. Krawczyk, University of Wrocław
- Maria Shaidrova, University of Tilburg
- Sebastian Carlotti, University of Pisa and the 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 2024, the Training Committee held online 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 2024, 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 Lisbon.

#### During 2024, the Training Committee consisted of the following members:

- Marta Bivand Erdal (Training Committee Chair), Peace Research Institute Oslo
- Alice Fill (PhD Network representative)- Ecole Normale Supérieure; St Anna Pisa
- Denis Zeković (PhD Network representative) Technische Universität Chemnitz
- 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

# IMISCOE PHD ACADEMY

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The **IMISCOE PhD Academy** connects PhD researchers in the broad field of migration research and provides migration research training and mentoring, supporting the IMISCOE PhD network community. In 2024 we received an outstanding number of high-quality applications from a broad spectre of fields, methods, and backgrounds.

The new cohort of PhD Academy members' PhD projects reflect the breadth of migration studies, with topics ranging from how border disappearances in Morocco impact families and communities; EU migration policies; how digital technologies shape and mediate migration experiences; to how migration shapes perceptions of masculinity; LGBTQ+ mental health; and how gender expectations can change after migration journeys, amongst others. The different temporal, spatial, and levels of analysis amongst the new members' research will provide important contributions to the PhD Academy and the IMISCOE Network.

This year's new cohort is comprised of new members from Asia, Africa and Europe. While the majority of the new members have European institutional affiliations, we are happy to note that many have rich personal migration experiences, ensuring geographical representation. The diversity of the new members is also evident in their projects which address migration issues and topics across the globe. Ranging from intra-EU migration to climate-induced migration in Cape-Verde; migration trajectories in Nigerian IDP camps and place-making strategies amongst African migrants in Delhi, to name just a few.

The new PhD Academy members come from different disciplinary backgrounds and employ a multitude of methods, reflecting the many-faced approaches to migration studies, and highlighting the importance of the migration PhD Network's and Academy's role in connecting young migration scholars in different academic disciplines.



# 8

## IMISCOE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

### 8.1 IMISCOE STANDING COMMITTEES (SCs)

#### 8.1.1 ARTS, CULTURE AND MIGRATION (DIVCULT)- former SC Superdiversity, Migration and Cultural Change

**Coordinators:** Marco Martiniello, Wiebke Sievers, Elsa Mescoli (assistant coordinator)

**PhD representatives:** Joanna Jurkiewicz and Diana Duarte Bernal (since November 2024)

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 in Europe and beyond. 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. DIVCULT covers a wide range of artistic and cultural activities in our analyses ranging from music, literature, cinema and theatre to sports, fashion, clothing, design and food. The idea is to jointly work on the following dimensions: theoretical and conceptual issues; methodologies; relevance and social impact. These dimensions constitute the general framework in which the researchers involved can initiate joint research activities, organise workshops and conferences and prepare publications.

## DIVCULT activities in 2024

- › Organization of the DIVCULT General Assembly and panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual conference.
- › Organization of executive board meetings in March and October 2024.
- › Organisation of the DIVCULT webinar series: 1) April 2024 webinar chaired by Carolina Triana-Cuéllar, including Kamila Krakowska Rodrigues, Sanne Rotmeijer, Alan Palacios and Diana Duarte Bernal as speakers. 2) May 2024 webinar chaired by Federica Moretti, including Paul Long and Melissa Moralli as speakers.
- › Organization of the DIVCULT PhD Cafés in June, July and November 2024.
- › Organization of the online PhD group meeting in November 2024.
- › Preparation of the Special Issue proposal *Unmaking Borderscapes? Transversal Dialogues across Temporalities and Geographies*, coordinated by Berndt Clavier and Carolin Muller, including contributions of DIVCULT members.
- › Coordination by Marco Martiniello and Elsa Mescoli of a Special Issue on **Arts and Refugees: Multidisciplinary Perspectives (Vol. 2)**. Special issue of Arts, including contributions by DIVCULT members.
- › Publication of the book **Cultural Change in Post-Migrant Societies: Re-Imagining Communities Through Arts and Cultural Activities** in the IMISCOE book series with Springer- volume edited by Wiebke Sievers, including contributions by DIVCULT members.

## DIVCULT activities planned for 2025

- › Organisation of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of a new seminar in the DIVCULT webinar series in January 2025.
- › Organization of a two days DIVCULT workshop in Vienna in March 2025.

For more information on SC DIVCULT, please visit:

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

## 8.1.2 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 2024

- › Organization of the SC Annual Meeting and of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference (including the SC Special Sessions *Teaching for social justice and belonging: Pedagogical tools and strategies for teaching racialized students and On working in/against higher education institutions towards equitable, anti-racist horizons*).
- › Continuation of the SC newsletter activities, with two editions that shared SC members' updates on calls, conferences/events, projects, and publications. The newsletters also featured news from the SC coordination team, including updates on the SC's presence at IMISCOE conferences, upcoming activities, and opportunities for participation in the coordination team.
- › Following the SC workshop organized in Amsterdam on anti-racism in education, the SC team prepared a Special Issue for the journal *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (expected publication in 2025).
- › Open Call for a new SC Board member- following the selection process, Fanny D'hondt (Ghent University) has been appointed as the new board member.
- › SC Travel Grant launched to assist researchers without financial resources to attend the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon (3 grants awarded).

## EduSocial activities planned for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Meeting with SC members to exchange ideas and thoughts regarding The SC's activities.

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

## 8.1.3 FAMILIES, WELFARE, CARE AND THE LIFE COURSE (SC FAMWELC)

**Coordinators:** Tineke Fokkema, Alistair Hunter

**PhD representatives:** Maria Izzo, Myra Mufti

**Early-career representative:** Anu Abraham

The **Standing Committee FamWelC** 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 from different world regions; develop joint publications, collaborative projects and applications for funding between scholars working on these topics.

### FamWeLC activities in 2024

- › Organization of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Implementation of the revised SC thematic expansion (from Older Migrants to Families, Welfare, Care and the Life Course) by four working groups.
- › Creation of a new SC Board and new governance arrangements. Apart from the SC coordinators and PhD and ECR representatives (above), the new Board also includes: Basak Bilecen and Martha Montero-Sieburth (co-leads of the SC thematic working group on *Informal care and social support*), Hanna Carlsson and Allen Glicksman (co-leads of the SC thematic working group on *Healthcare and social services*), Blandine Destremau and Ken Sun (co-leads of the SC thematic working group on *Financial welfare and welfare regimes*), and Laura Kempainen and Weronika Kloc-Nowak (co-leads of the SC thematic working group on *Migration and life-course transitions*).
- › Organization of the conference *Older Migrants and Methodological Challenges: Examples, Best Practices, and Future Directions* at the Universitat de València. During the event, 12 papers were presented by 19 scholars based at different institutions in Denmark, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and the UK. Topics such as go-along interviews, face-to-face and online ethnographies, participatory methods, mixed-methods, language difficulties, interviewer's role, or research difficulties in transnational families were discussed. After the presentations, a seminar was held to plan future lines of research and publishing, including the possibility of sending a monograph proposal to a journal focused on social research methodology.

### Planned activities for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Planning for an SC conference to launch the thematic expansion of the committee (in 2026).
- › Organization of several SC webinars (on Migrants as Migration Researchers; and on grandparenting within geographically-dispersed families).
- › Organization of an online “Book Club” to discuss key life course texts.
- › A book launch event for a graphic novel about end-of-life issues in migration contexts.

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

<https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/families-welfare-care-and-the-life-course>

## 8.1.4 FORCED MIGRATION AND REFUGEES (FMR)

**Chairs:** Franck Düvell, Marta Jaroszewicz, Hidayet Siddikoglu

**Coordinators:** Ceri Oeppen, Claire Dorrity, Eveliina Lyytinen, Heidrun Bohnet, Molly Gilmour, Zeynep Yanaşmayan, Daniela de Bono, Gustavo de la Orden Bosch, Jasmin Lilian Diab

**PhD representative(s):** Anoshay Fazal, Elena Habersky

The **Standing Committee FMR** seeks to critically reflect on the conventional dichotomy of voluntary/forced migration, avoid silo-isation of forced migration studies and instead seek debates across various fields and themes. The SC serves as an interdisciplinary forum for

debates, research and dissemination on matters related with, or relevant for, forced migration. Forced migration and refugees is understood in an inclusive and therefore broad sense covering a wide range of theoretical, normative and methodological approaches, various types of forced migration as well as immobility, where deemed relevant, and a wide range of fields, actors and individuals involved. The SC strives for global coverage and considers affairs in the Global South, Global East and Global North.

#### **FMR activities in 2024**

- › The SC was officially approved and established at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon. From July 2024 until the end of the year, the SC has focused on establishing its coordination team (including recruitment of new coordinators and PhD representatives), setting up the ground rules for the SC activities and prepare the strategies informing the future development of the committee. The latter also included the development of a social media policy to maintain regular contact with SC members and colleagues interested in the SC activities (including the SC's presence on Facebook and Bluesky).

#### **FMR activities planned in 2025**

- › SC panel at the 2025 IMISCOE Spring Conference.
- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Develop a social media strategy
- › Develop a strategy to involve members
- › Develop an equitable partnership strategy
- › Preparation for potential collaborations with other international scholarly networks focused on research topics of relevance for the SC.
- › Organization of new SC activities for the second half of 2025.

For more information on SC FMR, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/forced-migration-and-refugees>

### **8.1.5 GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN MIGRATION RESEARCH (GENSEM)**

**Coordinators:** Sarah Scuzzarello, Laura Morosanu

**PhD representatives:** Agnese Pacciardi, Marwa Neji, Abu Saleh Mohammad Sowad, Cai Chen, Nisha Zadhy-Cepoglu

The **Standing Committee GenSeM** is an international platform for over 400 researchers working on 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 issue a regular newsletter with members' activities; 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 2024

- › Organization of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of the final workshop of the “Meet the Editors” series, which featured online conversations with journal editors tailored for PhD students and early-career researchers.
- › Organization of two book launches: 1) a virtual Book Launch (in the GenSeM Migration Dialogue series) of the volume *Migrant Narratives: Storytelling as Agency, Belonging and Community* (edited by Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich, Anastasia Christou, Silke Meyer, Marie Johanna Karner, and Anton Jakob Escher) held in July 2024; 2) launch of *Argonauts of West Africa: Unauthorized Migration and Kinship Dynamics in a Changing Europe* (by Apostolos Andrikopoulos) in February 2024 (co-organized with EUR).
- › Organization of a panel discussion (in the GenSeM seminar series) on *Exploring Masculinities and Migration: Gender Roles Across Borders* in September 2024.
- › Organization of a Migration Dialogue with guest speakers Aija Lulle and Megha Amrith on *Middle-aged Migrants: Exploring a New Research Agenda on Gender and the Life Course* in September 2024.
- › Organization of a two-day hybrid conference *Bridging divides in gender migration studies. Enhancing North-South cooperation for inclusive knowledge* in November 2024 (co-organized with ITN DERM, CESSMIR, and the Department of Conflict and Development Studies of Ghent University).
- › Organization of the hybrid event *Borders of Exclusion: The Power of Visual Counter-Narratives in Epistemic Knowledge* in November 2024 (co-organized with Women in Refugee Law- WiRL).
- › Launch of the fourth SC funding call for small-scale research projects to support Early Career Researchers in developing their research profile.
- › Recruitment of two new PhD representatives/communications coordinators: Cai Chen and Nisha Zadhy-Cepoglu.

## GenSeM activities in 2025

- › Launch of first GenSeM Best Article Award on Gender, Sexuality and Migration.
- › Organization of two Migration Dialogues: 1) with Nisha Zadhy-Cepoglu, recipient of the SC’s seed-corn funding award in 2023 and Kristen Biehl and Maissam Nimer, as discussants (in June 2025); 2) Book launch of the volume *Decided Return Migration - Emotions, Citizenship, Home and Belonging in Bosnia and Herzegovina* by Aida Ibričević (in March 2025).
- › Organization of joint hybrid events with the SCMR at Sussex, as part of the Spring seminar series: 1) February 2025– Phillippe Ayoub, *The Global Fight Against LGBTI Rights: How Transnational Conservative Networks Target Sexual and Gender Minorities*; 2) February 2025– Asta Sofie S. Jarlner, *Exploring Asylum Decision Making Through Machine Learning*; 3) March 2025- roundtable *Unpacking SOGIESC asylum in an age of hostility*, with Catherine Jacquiss, Allan Briddock, Nuno Ferreira, and Sarah Scuzzarello.

### GenSeM forthcoming activities for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions, the SC Annual Meeting, and an ECR workshop on Intersectional Migration Research at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of a series of online events targeting GenSeM PhD/ECR members focussing on Life after PhD – Autumn/Winter 2025/26.
- › Organization of collaborative event (hybrid) with (but not limited to) GenSeM, the Université de Sousse (Tunisia), and civil society organisations (Winter 2025).
- › Organisation of a (hybrid) event on Destabilising sexuality and gender identity from global majority perspectives (tentative topic)- Autumn 2025.
- › Organisation of an online/hybrid event on migration and masculinity- Winter 2025.

For more information on SC GenSeM, please visit:

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

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

**Coordinators:** Agata Górny (co-chair), Steffen Pötzschke (co-chair), Laila Omar, Sebastian Rinken, Justyna Salamonska, 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 2024

- › Organization of the Annual SC Meeting and of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference (including the SC Special Sessions *Reflexivity with a Southern face: migration research methods in the Global South and Discussing and advancing mixed methods for migration research*).
- › Organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meth@Mig Workshop in April 2024, at the GESIS–Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Mannheim. The event focused on *Participant recruitment strategies and sampling methods in migration research* and allowed 38 scholars from different parts of the world to exchange about various methodological perspectives, including qualitative, survey-based, mixed, and digital trace data methods.
- › Organization of two Meth@Mig Research Roundtables in June and October 2024. These online events provided SC members the opportunity to present their current research interests, projects and related methodological concerns.

- › Co-organization of the webinar *Applying Qualitative Comparative Analysis in Urban Migration Studies* in December 2024 (with the Laboratory of Urban and Regional Policies at the Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw; Research Committee 46 “Migration and Citizenship” of the International Political Science Association (IPSA); the Polish Sociological Society, Warsaw Department).

### **Meth@Mig activities planned for 2025**

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meth@Mig Annual Workshop on *Between Data and Dialogue: Focusing on Participants in Migration Research* at the Chemnitz University of Technology in Chemnitz.
- › Continuing both the Meth@Mig Trouble Shooting Session and the Meth@Mig Research Roundtables.

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

## **8.1.7. MIGRANT TRANSNATIONALISM (MITRA)**

**Coordinators:** Karlijn Haagsman and Marie Godin

**PhD representatives:** Yichi Zhang and Hilda Gustafsson

The **Standing Committee MITRA** aims 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 2024**

- › Organization of SC Annual Meeting and of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference (including the SC Special Session on *From Pre-Migration to Post-Migration Aspirations: Understanding the Complex Set of Factors Influencing Migrant Decision-Making and Considerations and Implications of Transnationalism in Migration and Policymaking*).
- › Organization of the book presentation webinar *Mapping the Transnational World: How We Move and Communicate Across Borders, and Why It Matters*, with Emanuel Deutschmann in January 2024.
- › Organization of the 2024 MITRA Annual Symposium and PhD Training in May 2024, in Cluj (with the Cost Action TraFaDy-Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe). During the event, around 25 researchers, practitioners, and policymakers exchanged on

migration policies, transnational family dynamics, and avenues for research-policy dialogue and collaborative action to ensure the rights and well-being of migrant families in policy-making processes.

- › Preparation of the book *Translocal Lives in Times of Conflict: Understanding People's (Im)Mobilities and (Dis)Connections under Conditions of Violence and War* (edited by Benjamin Etzold and Marie Godin). The book is the outcome of the MITRA symposium and a PhD training session organized in 2023 and will be published in the IMISCOE book series with Springer.
- › Three SC blog publications: 1) *Transnationalism of the Immobile* (by Naiara Rodriguez-Pena); 2) *Migrating between Lifeworlds: Fieldwork Moments among Transnational Chinese Migrants in Kingston, Jamaica* (by Yichi Zhang) and; 3) *Insights from the MITRA/TraFaDy Symposium Transnational Families – Linking Academia and Policy* (by Brigitte Suter and Karlijn Haagsman).
- › Organization by the SC PhD representatives of two writing retreats, in October and December 2024.

### MITRA activities planned for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organisation of the IMISCOE MITRA Standing Committee PhD Training & Symposium (12- 13 May 2025, Utrecht University, the Netherlands) on “*International Student Mobility in Changing Sociopolitical Landscapes*”. MITRA has been organizing a PhD Training & Symposium on an annual basis over the past 10 years, covering issues ranging from return migration to humanitarian migration and the interactions between integration and transnationalism. Our PhD Trainings & Symposium have led to inspiring discussions, supported the PhDs writing process, functioned as networking events and excellent publications, including special issues and open-access books. We received more than 30 applications and we accepted around 15 of them. We are now working on a Special Issue proposal for the journal of *Mobilities*.
- › Organization of the book launch *The Transnational State: Governing Migratory Circulations*, written by Thomas Lacroix in collaboration with COMPAS – University of Oxford
- › Organization of the book launch “Migrant Transnationalism IMISCOE Short Reader - July 2025. By Özge Bilgili and Marta Bivand Erdal. This book describes the different dimensions of migrant transnationalism and includes empirical case studies from around the world.
- › Collaboration with the Standing Committee DIVCULT for a series of blogs.
- › Continue with the preparation of the book *Translocal Lives in Times of Conflict: Understanding People's (Im)Mobilities and (Dis)Connections under Conditions of Violence and War* that involves SC members (publication planned in Spring 2026). In total, more than 40 scholars contribute to this edited volume. They come from very diverse backgrounds, including countries in Europe, Africa and Asia, and are in different stages of their academic careers (from PhD candidates to established professors). Scholars with lived experience of displacement also contribute to this book as authors. The contributions are from (forced) migration and mobility studies as well as peace and conflict studies.
- › Organization of several SC writing retreats and online sessions for PhD students.

For more information on SC MITRA, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/migrant-transnationalism>

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

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

**PhD representative:** Great Udochi (since 2025)

The **Standing Committee MIGCITPOL** (aims to compare how citizenship status and rights are legally regulated, and to 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 2024

- › Organization of the SC Annual Meeting and of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference
- › Organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop in September 2024 El Colegio de México in Mexico City. This flagship hybrid event focused on *Migrant Regularization: Processes, Pathways, and Mechanisms Linking Status to Citizenship* and it was the first IMISCOE event organized in Mexico. The workshop featured 20 papers, authored by 32 researchers of nearly all world regions (Europe, Americas, Asia, Africa). Simultaneous translation of the workshop into Spanish was provided. The event had approximately 50 online participants.
- › Publication of the Special Issue *Citizenship from Paper to Practice: Global Perspectives on the Implementation Gap*, co-edited by SC co-coordinators Luicy Pedroza and Jean-Thomas Arrighi. This Special Issue is the outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop held in 2022 at the University of Neuchâtel and was published in the IMISCOE-sponsored journal *Comparative Migration Studies*.
- › Preparation of the Special Issue *Migration Crisis with Adjectives: Towards a New Conceptualization & Assessment of Institutional Responses to Migration Crises across World Regions*, under the coordination of SC co-coordinator Ana Margheritis. This Special Issue is the outcome of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop organized in 2023 at the University Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT) in Buenos Aires and is expected for publication in 2025 in the *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*.

### MIGCITPOL activities planned for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Recruitment of a new SC PhD representative in January 2025.
- › Organization of the first MIGCITPOL Online Cafe in Spring 2025.
- › Organization of the 2025 MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop.

- › Preparation of another publication project deriving from the MIGCITPOL Workshop in Mexico (publication in Spanish, coordinated by Johana Navarrete).

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

## 8.1.9 MIGRATION, MIGRANTS AND LABOUR MARKETS (IILME)

**Coordinators:** Stefania Marino (Chair), Anders Neergaard (Chair), Lisa Bertsen, Nahikari Irastorza, Nilay Kilinc, Rinus Penninx

**PhD representatives:** 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 SC recently changed its name from “Immigration, Immigrants and the Labour Market in Europe” to “Migration, Migrants and Labour Markets”.

### IILME activities in 2024

- › Organization of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference (including two SC Special Sessions: one involving experts in the field of labor sociology and political economy discussing the future of labor migration studies and a second one aimed at updating IILME members on the progress of the SC, recruiting new members, and discussing the future of IILME's work).
- › Regular update of the separate SC IILME website [www.iilme-research.org](http://www.iilme-research.org), where information about the SC activities, projects, specific events, blogs are published.
- › Collaboration with SC RACED for the organization of a workshop on the issue of silencing of race in policy and practices aimed at achieving equality in the labour market.
- › Release of new editions of the IILME Newsletter

### IILME activities planned for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of a hybrid SC workshop on *The future of work*, with a particular focus on the legal/tax/social implications of remote and platform work.
- › Organization of a joint workshop (co-organized with SC RACED) on the issue of silencing of race in policy and practices aimed at achieving equality in the labour market.

This online workshop consists of short presentations of international scholars (from IILME, RACED and external experts) working on these issues.

- › Encouraging and facilitating the development of papers presented during the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference for publication in the form of an SC Special Issue.
- › Organization of activities coordinated by the IILME PhD representatives for the IILME PhD community.

For more information on SC IILME, please visit: <https://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/migration-migrants-and-labour-markets>

## 8.1.10 MIGRATION POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE (MIGPOG)

**Coordinators:** Cathrine Talleraas, Maria Schiller

**PhD representative:** Zeynep Aydar

The **Standing Committee MigPoG** takes a broad and comprehensive approach to the study of migration policy, aiming to promote 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 viewpoint, 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 gathering scholars working on migration policy from different approaches, reflecting an understanding of policy as the product of the interaction between multiple actors. MigPoG also includes different methodological approaches to the study of migration politics and governance, including both quantitative and qualitative methods.

### MIGPOG activities in 2024

- › Organization of the SC Annual meeting, SC panels and an SC networking event at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of a Writing Retreat in Spring 2024, in collaboration with the Amsterdam Center for Migration Research (ACMR) at the University of Amsterdam.
- › Regular distribution of the MIGPOG SC Newsletter (May, June, September and December 2024).
- › Preparation of a Special Issue on the politics and governance of migration, based on the MigPoG panels organized at the 2021 IMISCOE Annual Conference. The Special Issue is edited by Tiziana Caponio, Maria Schiller and Cathrine Talleraas, includes contributions from many SC members and will be published in the journal *Governance*.
- › Co-organization (with Sciences Po Paris) of the workshop *Ukrainian exile in Europe: a turning point in migration governance and for welcoming actors?* in November 2024.

## MIGPOG activities planned for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions, of the SC Annual Meeting, and of SC networking events at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of a Writing Retreat on *From policy to practice: Local governance in the polycrisis age* (with the Hildesheim Migration Policy Research).

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

## 8.1.11 RACE, RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION (RACED)

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

**PhD representative:** Doris Niragire, Eduardo Campbell Bethancourt, Shahab Mirbabaei, Asia Della Rosa.

The **Standing Committee 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, 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.

## SC RACED activities in 2024

- › Organization of the SC Annual Meeting and of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference (including two SC Special Sessions, one organized by the SC steering group and the second one in collaboration with SC Reflexivities).
- › Organization of the webinar *Structural, Systemic, and Institutional Racisms: Challenges for Conceptualization and Empirical Research* in May 2024. Representatives and members of the Standing Committee were invited. The event gathered 35 participants who engaged about the theorization and conceptualization of race in

talking about racism, the differences between institutional and structural racism, and the generalizability across contexts.

- › Organization of a two-day SC workshop on *How to Talk About Racism and Race? Debates in Academia and Civil Society* in November 2024 at INED in Paris. The workshop brought together IMISCOE colleagues from Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Austria, the UK, and Spain, and provided an opportunity for SC members to present and discuss their research.
- › Launch of an SC booklet of members where SC members can showcase their research, and set up of the SC LinkedIn page.
- › Creation of an SC PhD and junior scholar network. A space on Teams was created for junior scholars to chat more easily and share ideas, whereas a Zotero group was also established so that SC members can share key references related to theory and methodology.

### SC RACED activities planned for 2025

- › Organization of SC sessions and of the SC Annual Meeting at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organisation of a joint webinar with SC IILME in Spring 2025.
- › Organisation of an SC symposium in November 2025 in Malmö.
- › Continuing the dialogue about the IMISCOE survey with DEIC and the Network Office

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

## 8.1.12 REFLEXIVITIES IN MIGRATION STUDIES (REFLEXIVITIES)

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

**Coordinator:** Anna-Lisa Müller

**PhD representative:** Stefan Manser-Egli

The **Standing Committee Reflexivities** aims to push forward a reflexive (and self-reflexive) perspective within migration studies. Given the growth, relevance and responsibility of migration studies, the SC 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 2024

- › Organization of the SC Annual Meeting and of SC panels at the 2024 IMISCOE Annual Conference (including SC Special Sessions on *Mainstreaming reflexivity: Potentials, challenges and pitfalls* and a book launch of the volume *Reflexivities in Migration Studies: Pitfalls and Alternatives*, edited by SC co-directors Janine Dahinden and

Andreas Pott). Additionally, the SC co-director Janine Dahinden participated in the conference semi-plenary with a presentation entitled *The Social Construction of Migration Through Knowledge Production: Intersectional Approaches to Reflexivity and Positionality*, whereas the SC-co-director Andreas Pott and the SC board member Halleh Ghorashi chaired the conference opening plenary on *Migration as Social Construction: A Reflexive Turn*.

- › Publication of the Special Issue *Towards reflexivity in the study of mobility and diversity: theories, positionality and the political economy of knowledge production*- edited by SC board members Iva Dodevska and Maissam Nimer, published in the journal *Migration Studies*.
- › Organization of the conference *Geopolitics of knowledge and inequalities within migration scholarship* in March 2024, in collaboration with collaborative Institutes in Paris. 19 scholars (in single or co-authorship) were invited to speak during the event.
- › Organization of several online feedback sessions for PhD students interested in and working with a reflexive approach within migration studies.
- › Continuation of the online SC Writing Retreat, which offers an opportunity for scholars and students to come together and engage in focused writing sessions. Key features include: an 24/7 Online Space that ensures continuous access to the retreat's resources and community; weekly Online Sessions to ensure focused writing times; once a month Sessions including extended inputs on topics such as writing support, tools, and materials; Resource Sharing through an exclusive online material sharing platform.

### **Planned activities of SC Reflexivities for 2025**

- › Organization of SC sessions at the 2025 IMISCOE Annual Conference.
- › Organization of an SC workshop in Spring 2025, at CMR in Warsaw- event focused on the SC's future pathways, content, topics, and governing structure.
- › Continuation of the SC PhD peer feedback sessions and of the SC Writing Retreat.
- › Publication of the edited volume *Reflexivities in Migration Studies: Pitfalls and Alternatives*, edited by SC co-directors Janine Dahinden and Andreas Pott. The volume will be published in the IMISCOE book series with Springer.

For more information on SC Reflexivities, please visit:

[www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/reflexivities-in-migration-studies](http://www.imiscoe.org/research/standing-committees/reflexivities-in-migration-studies)

## 8.2 MIGRATION RESEARCH HUB

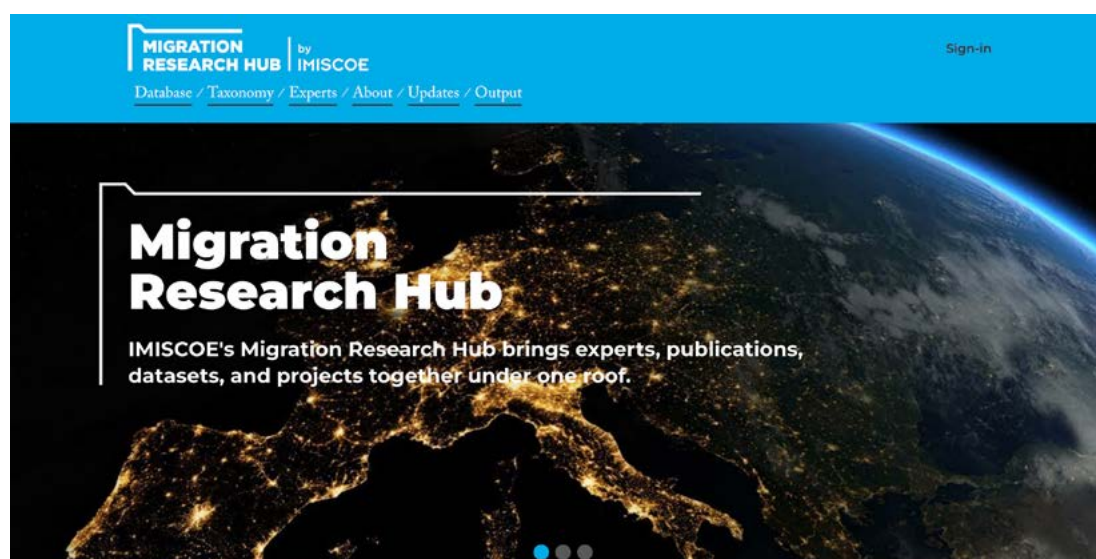
IMISCOE's **Migration Research Hub** (MRH) is an interactive research database that brings publications, datasets and projects together under one roof. This constantly growing database lists profiles of experts in the field of migration studies, highlighting the topics, methods and disciplines of their 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 the University of Liège (as Coordinating Institute of IMISCOE) has signed a service agreement.

The excellent cooperation with the companies YoungMinds and Dotdesign allowed IMISCOE to maintain the MRH up-to-date and introduce new developments of the database. Moreover, 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 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 in 2024

- 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 2024, the Award Committee began evaluating the 43 applications that were submitted to the IMISCOE Network Office. After deliberation, the jury decided to award prizes to two outstanding theses which received the highest scores after two rounds of careful evaluation.

The winners of the 2024 Maria Ioannis Baganha Dissertation Award are **Dr. Iva Dodevska and Dr. Uzair Ahmed**.

Dr. Dodevska's dissertation entitled "*Europe and its others: Migrant integration in research and policy*" was defended at Charles University, Prague and Université Paul-Valéry, Montpellier (joint degree), in September 2023. The dissertation examines the role of scientific research, EU policy and research-policy infrastructures in shaping the 'immigrant integration' paradigm in Europe. Iva Dodevska's main argument is that the politics of integration research and the scientific claims in 'evidence-based' policy intersect to produce migrant integration as the hegemonic paradigm in governing migration-related diversity in Europe. The author illustrates

her point with an extensive analysis of academic research on integration (journal articles and books), of EU documents published in the last few decades (an impressive analytical overview never seen before), and of various forms of research-policy collaboration at the European level.

Dr. Ahmed's dissertation entitled "*Muslims and political violence: A sociological study of meaning-making among radicalized and non-radicalized Muslim men in Norway*" was defended at the University of Oslo, in March 2023. The dissertation elucidates how Muslim men in Norway make meaning about why they adapt, maintain and reject political violence. Uzair Ahmed has used a qualitative approach, consisting of a triangulation of participant observation and in-depth semi-structured interviews with imprisoned and non-imprisoned Muslims, both radicalized and non-radicalized. The use of theories from cultural sociology – namely on meaning-making and on symbolic boundaries – opens new opportunities for understanding the motives and the process of radicalization into political violence, and thus also fosters the development of adequate forms of prevention and intervention.



### 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 in 2024: Anja van Heelsum, Blanca Garcés-Mascareñas, Deniz Sert, Gianni d'Amato, Jens Schneider, Laura Oso, Pedro Gois, René Kreichauf, Marta Pachocka, and Rinus Penninx.

Once the Call for applications ended, the IMISCOE Network Office informed the jury that 12 papers had been nominated. By June 20, the first evaluation round was finished (all papers were read by three jury members) and resulted in a shortlist of five papers. The shortlisted papers have been evaluated by each member of the jury.

During the IMISCOE Annual Conference, the jury unanimously decided on the winner of the Award: the paper by Christine Lang and Elisabeth Badenhoop, entitled “*Civil society organisations and local politics of migration: How funding contexts matter*”.

The jury noted that the paper is a fresh and original contribution to research on local-level migration and integration, with a particular focus on the role of Civil Society Organisations as relevant actors. The authors focus on two Western European countries – France and Germany – with different welfare state traditions, relatively large migrant populations and significant experience in post-1945 migration governance. The authors pay attention to the material (financial) factors determining the activities of local CSOs and their policymaking. Their methods and their case selection are thoroughly discussed and justified. An extended comparative discussion and conclusion are included in the final section. The literature used is rich and well-selected, and the research gap is properly defined. This study is an important addition to the migration literature in political sociology and urban studies.

The Prize-Certificate was handed to Christine Lang during the award ceremony at the IMISCOE Annual Conference.





# IMISCOE EVENTS



## 9.1 IMISCOE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### **Migration as a Social Construction: A Reflexive Turn, 2-5 July 2024, Lisbon & online**

The 21<sup>st</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference took place between 2-5 July 2024 at ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (University Institute of Lisbon). The event was organized by CIES-ISCTE, which is a social science R&D unit of ISCTE whose main aim consists of creating and promoting knowledge about current social problems from a multidisciplinary perspective.

The conference theme, “*Migration as a social construction: A reflexive turn*”, showcased and extended a wave of critical ontological and conceptual reflection that had been labelled as the reflexive turn in current migration research. It allowed for scholarly exchanges on how historical and structural inequalities gave rise to bordering practices that produced categories, distinctions and hierarchies between citizens and non-citizens; and how the use of these categories enforced and materialised by laws, policies and institutions impacts the way that migration is taught, theorized and spoken of. The conference hence focused on the social processes through which (some) individuals on the move become socially transformed into migrants, how even some non-mobile individuals (descendants of migrants, for example) become categorized as migrants, and the way some people are categorized as illegal and irregular whilst other mobile citizens evade similar categorizations. During the event, participants explored the interplay between migration law and policy, public debate, rights

access, civil society, and migrants' experiences and actions in residence, transition, and origin countries, as well as their transnational impact across different global regions. As such, the event aimed to advance conceptual understanding and highlight the interdependence of social structures and processes, promoting interdisciplinarity within migration research.

The overarching conference theme was discussed in the opening and closing plenaries, as well as in three semi-plenaries, all including distinguished scholars from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. During these sessions, keynote speakers exchanged with the conference participants on how migration research has developed in different geographic contexts. The conference further featured a diverse range of panels sessions and workshops, leading to insightful debates approaching different perspectives of the overarching theme, while also allowing for exchanges regarding current and emerging topics in migration studies.

Overall, the conference programme included 308 parallel panels and workshops. The event was organized in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and online participation. In total, almost 1.500 scholars attended the conference, making this one of the largest events in IMISCOE's history.

The core group of conference organizers at CIES-ISCTE included: Thaís França, João Carvalho, Daniel Malet Calvo, Liliana Azevedo, Raquel Matias, Simone Castellani and Sofia Gaspar. They received precious help from a diverse team of 41 on-site assistants, as well as from the CIES-ISCTE administrative team which provided support ranging from financial management to graphic design of the materials. The conference organizers also collaborated with the company evenTwo (and their representative in Portugal, Carmen Lorenzo) for the preparation of a conference app that worked on mobile devices to allow on-site participants to navigate more easily the conference program and receive information regarding side events.

Thanks to this impressive collective effort and the close support of the IMISCOE Network Office, the team at CIES-ISCTE managed to successfully organize the 21<sup>st</sup> IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon.





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## 9.2 IMISCOE SPRING CONFERENCE

### **Mobilities and Immobilities in an Era of Polycrisis, 17-19 April 2024, Koç University Campus in Istanbul**

The 2024 IMISCOE Spring Conference, held at Koç University Campus in Istanbul, was a landmark event focusing on the theme “Mobilities and Immobilities in an Era of Polycrisis”. This theme was thoughtfully chosen to direct scholarly attention to the contemporary global issues that have significantly influenced the agendas of migration studies. The conference aimed to delve into the intricacies of (im)mobility during crises, investigating forced movements, assistance requirements, and obstacles to movement encountered by individuals and their families. The event also scrutinized the political dimensions, public discourse, and policy implications surrounding global migratory trends. By centering on (im)mobilities rather than the simplistic notion of a “migration crisis,” the conference sought to facilitate the construction of critical discourses and enhance understanding within specific contexts.

Organizing a conference of this magnitude was a substantial endeavor. We were thrilled to receive more than 500 paper submissions from scholars around the world, demonstrating the high level of interest and the relevance of the conference theme. The selection process was rigorous, to ensure the highest quality and alignment with the conference theme of the selected papers. The conference structure was designed to provide a comprehensive platform for discussion and exchange. It featured a total of 16 parallel sessions, allowing for a diverse range of research areas to be covered. This structure enabled participants to engage deeply with specific topics, fostering a rich environment for scholarly dialogue.

One of the conference highlights was the inclusion of two plenary sessions and keynote speeches by renowned experts. The first plenary session, chaired by Ahmet İçduygu (Koç University), focused on “Polycrisis in an Age of (Im)mobilities”. Speakers included Marta Pachocka (SGH Warsaw School of Economics, University of Warsaw) who discussed about “EU and Forced Migration Governance in Times of Polycrisis: From the European Agenda on Migration to the New Pact on Migration and Asylum?” and Peter Scholten (Erasmus University Rotterdam), who presented on “Understanding Crises: A Complexity Perspective on Crises in Migration and Diversity Governance”.

The second plenary session, chaired by Daniela Vintila (University of Liège), addressed “Crisis Politics and the Future of Migration”. Speakers included Giovanni Bettini (Lancaster University) who explored “Climate (Im)mobilities: Displacement, Escape, and Mobility in the Climate Emergency” and Tamirace Fakhoury (Aalborg University) who provided insights on “Refugee Policy and Temporalities of Mobility and Immobility”.

In addition to these plenary sessions, the conference featured keynote addresses by Jørgen Carling (Peace Research Institute Oslo) and Anna Triandafyllidou (Toronto Metropolitan University). Carling’s keynote, titled “Theorizing Immobility in Migration Studies: Is Staying the Opposite of Leaving?” offered a profound exploration of immobility as a concept within

migration studies. Triandafyllidou’s address, “What Crisis? Whose (Im)mobility?” critically examined the complex relationship between migration and crises, challenging conventional narratives and proposing a nuanced understanding of migration as both a cause and consequence of crises.

An important aspect of the conference was the session organized for the IMISCOE community of PhD students. This session was invaluable for early-career researchers, offering insights and guidance on navigating the publication process. Experts shared practical advice on selecting appropriate journals, preparing manuscripts, and responding to reviewers’ comments.

The success of the conference was evident in the positive feedback received from participants. Attendees appreciated the quality of the presentations, the organization of the sessions, and the opportunities for networking and scholarly exchange. The thematic focus on mobilities and immobilities in an era of polycrisis provided valuable insights and fostered meaningful discussions among scholars from diverse backgrounds. As the Migration Research Centre at Koç University (MiReKoç) commemorated its 20th anniversary in 2024, this Spring Conference was also the occasion to celebrate the contributions of IMISCOE and MiReKoç members to the field of migration studies. The conference hosts express their gratitude to the Organizing Committee, International Scientific Committee Members, IMISCOE Conference Trustee, paper reviewers, members of the IMISCOE Board of Directors and Executive Board, colleagues at the IMISCOE Network Office in Liege, the colleagues and students at MiReKoç, and all conference participants for their invaluable contributions.

The 2024 IMISCOE Spring Conference was a resounding success, providing a forum for scholarly debates, networking, and exploration of research avenues. We are confident that the insights and connections fostered during this conference will contribute significantly to the advancement of migration studies and to better understanding the complex dynamics of mobility and immobility in an era of polycrisis.

The full conference programme can be found here: <https://mirekoc2024imiscoe.ku.edu.tr/conference-details/the-program/>





## 9.3 IMISCOE PHD SCHOOL

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### **Migration, Race and Inclusivity, 3-7 June 2024, University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), Preston**

The 2024 IMISCOE PhD Summer School was organised by two research centres at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), namely the Centre for Migration, Diaspora and Exile (MIDEX) and the Global Race Centre for Equality (GRACE). The organising committee included UCLan members (Lara Momesso, Raphael Hoermann, Jonathon Prasad, Ambreen Cohan, John Wainwright) and Fray Luis University staff (Eduardo Tasis).

The theme of the event revolved around the ways in which migration, race, and inclusivity intersect to shape human beings' experiences. A total of 125 applications were received and all of them went through a double-blind review. Overall, 45 proposals were selected based on their high quality and alignment with the event theme. Participants came from various institutions in South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Central and East Asia, as well as different disciplinary backgrounds. This diversity contributed to further enriching the variety of approaches and experiences shared during the PhD School. PhD students presented their work divided across 15 panels and received detailed feedback from experts in their field.

Along with the student panels, a series of lectures, workshops, and cultural activities were organised each day. Delivered by distinguished scholars in the field, artists, professionals, and third-sector representatives, they provided participants with a rare opportunity to receive interdisciplinary and cross-sector training and reflect on how to use their skills and academic understanding in creative and innovative ways. The main talks and workshops included the following speakers: Alan Rice, Antri Kanikli, Bavaragh Dagalomai Jolan Hsieh, Carole Hunt, Champika Lasanthi Liyanage, Clinton Smith, Feixia Yu, José María Naharro-Calderón, Ming-tso Chien, Lana Abu Hijeh, Lela Harris, Marie-Claire Balaam, Nadia Shiraz, Naush Sabah, Natasha A. Kelly, Saulo Cwerner, and Zaffar Kunial.

This event was made possible thanks to IMISCOE funding and a major contribution by the Research England Enhancing Research Culture Fund to enable higher education providers to develop and initiate new activities aiming to foster research and young scholars' development. Among other things, this fund also made possible to provide student fee waivers and allow greater accessibility to this development opportunity for all participants.

The 2024 IMISCOE PhD School was well received by the students, scholars, experts and professionals involved. The event has created new synergies between participants and MIDEX, GRACE and the broader IMISCOE community. It also launched the basis for the creation of a new peer reviewed journal on the themes of migration, race, and inclusivity.



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



### 10.1 COMPARATIVE MIGRATION STUDIES (CMS)

The journal **Comparative Migration Studies (CMS)** was established in 2013 as the first Open Access journal in the field of migration studies. Since 2015, the journal has been associated with IMISCOE since 2016, it is published by Springer and part of the SpringerOpen platform. 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 the research field.

CMS is 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. The journal 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 2023, CMS received a citation impact factor of 5.3, 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 2024 this resulted in almost 900.000 downloads from the journal page, ensuring that all submitted work gets read as widely as possible.

The 10 years anniversary of CMS was celebrated with a special issue on Critical Developments in Migration Studies. This issue addressed 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 organized a special session to celebrate this anniversary and discuss the anniversary issue with an interactive panel.

CMS publishes individual articles, special issues, paper clusters and comment series. There are two special issue calls per year, of which one is thematically and regionally targeted, and one is open. The open call is always announced during or shortly after the IMISCOE Annual Conference. Paper clusters are groups of max. 4 papers that are published together on a common theme without an introductory or concluding paper. These can be submitted on a regular basis via the journal webpage. Comment series are issues that are targeted at a specific debate within migration studies and consist of a series of commentaries in mutual dialogue. These comment series are organized by the journal's editorial board.

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## 10.2 EUMIGS

**The EuMIGS European Master in Migration Studies: Studying migration while on the move:** In 2024, 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 2024.

**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 for both Double Degree and regular migration master students. EuMIGS organized its second Winter Workshop on Knowledge Transfer with a focus on the production of scientific posters in March 2024 at the University of Liège. During the spring semester 2024, 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 2024, 20 Double Degree students participated in two EuMIGS workshops at the IMISCOE Annual Conference in Lisbon. The students presented their recently finished or ongoing master theses and reflected, in a panel discussion, on the implications of doing migration research while being on the move themselves. In November 2024, a new cohort of EuMIGS Double Degree students kicked off their second year abroad in a three-days meeting at the University of Linköping. During the last two months of 2024, the EuMIGS consortium organized the third edition of its Lecture Series and Joint Blended Mobility course funded by the Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership grant on the topic of Biography, Subjectivity and Reflexivity in Migration Studies.

**Towards 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 2024 with the financial support of the Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership offered opportunities to meet, exchange, and build a cohort for students participating in the Double Degree programme. Moreover, we continued to develop virtual and blended mobility options with a short physical component for students not participating in a one-semester or full year exchange. Travel and accommodation costs for attending the EuMIGS events could be covered by EuMIGS. This contributed to increasing the inclusivity of our activities: Migration master students whose financial or family situation or migration status in Europe makes it difficult to move abroad for a longer period could also benefit from the EuMIGS network by participating in the online and blended activities with a short physical mobility component. Most participants in the Lecture Series and Joint Blended Mobility course and about half of the participants in the Winter Workshop were regular (non-Double Degree) migration master students of various backgrounds.



# 10.3 CONFERENCE PLATFORM, WEBSITE & WEBEX

Two important online components of IMISCOE's research infrastructure are the [IMISCOE website](#) and the [Annual Conference Platform](#). For both the website and the conference platform, the IMISCOE Network Office works closely with the IT provider DesignServer, led by René de Ree and Marco Legemaate.

In 2024, new updates were implemented on the website and conference portal. Several sections were added and reorganized on the IMISCOE website, to reflect new developments in IMISCOE's activities and events. The Conference Platform has become central for the participants to the IMISCOE Annual Conference. It now allows them to filter, select and store the panels and workshops they wish to attend, in order to generate their own personalized conference schedule. This was an important step to reduce the use of paper at conferences and to improve participants' experience.

Another fundamental element of IMISCOE's online infrastructure is its subscription to Cisco Webex. In 2024, the IMISCOE research community continued to make extensive use of this tool for all online and hybrid events organized by the Network, including the Annual Conference. IMISCOE's governance bodies and committees also make recurrent use of Webex for their events and meetings.



## Colophon

IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network) is the largest interdisciplinary network of scholars in the field of migration. The **Network** currently consists of 68 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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