2026 IMISCOE FORUM

Promoting Afro-European Mediterranean Dialogue: Shifting Geographies of Migration

28-30 October 2026
Faculty of Languages, Arts and Human Sciences-Ibn Zohr University & online

Schedule at a glance

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

Pre-Forum event for PhD candidates: Activities of the IMISCOE PhD Network & EuroMedMig PhD Network
These activities are specifically tailored for PhD candidates. Their aim is to:

- Explore regional studies with a focus on the Mediterranean as a case study
- Showcase the research conducted by local PhD candidates (EuroMedMig)
- Allow participating PhD candidates to meet and network with fellow early-career researchers.

17:00-17:15	Welcome & introduction
17:15-18:00	Session 1 – Panel: EuroMedMig PhD candidates (HYBRID)
18:00-19:00	Session 2 – Workshop: How to approach regional studies (ONSITE) Session 3 – Workshop: How to approach regional studies (ONLINE)

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

08:45-09:30 **Registration & welcome**

09:30-10:00 **Opening Words**

- Abdelkhaleq Jayed (Dean of Faculty of Languages, Arts, and Social Sciences, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Daniela Vintila (IMISCOE Coordinator, University of Liège, Belgium)
- Angeliki Konstantinidou (IMISCOE Senior Network Officer, University of Liège, Belgium)
- Mohammed Ouhemmou (FLASH, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Driss El Yazami (CCME, Morocco)
- Ricard Zapata-Barrero (IMISCOE Chair External Affairs)

10:00-11:00 **Opening Plenary**: *Governing mobility between Europe and Africa: The spatial and temporal logics of Morocco's hybrid governance*

- Myriam Cherti (The Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity, COMPAS, University of Oxford, UK)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-13:00 **Parallel Panels**:

- Panel 1: *Mobility paradigms and theories* (Chair: Mounir Sanhaji, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Panel 2: *Migration corridors and routes* (Chair: Daniela Vintila, University of Liège, Belgium)
- Panel 3: *Climate change and environmental mobility* (Chair: Hassan Ouddadene, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Panel 4: *Externalization and EU migration regimes* (Chair: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)

13:00-14:30 *Lunch break*

14:30-16:00 **Parallel Panels**:

- Panel 5: *Governance, policy, and legal frameworks* (Chair: Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece. MSCA EuroMedMig Project)
- Panel 6: *Digital borders, technology, and surveillance* (Chair: Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University, UK)
- Panel 7: *Border violence, necropolitics, and control* (Chair: Saad Alami Merrouni, Mohammed V University, Morocco)
- Panel 8: *Mobility, race, and racialisation* (Chair: Siham Marroune, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-18:00 **Plenary Roundtable 1**: *Telling it as it is: Migration research partnerships across Africa and Europe* (Chair: Gunjan Sondhi, The Open University, UK)

Thursday, 29 October 2026

09:00-10:30 **Parallel Workshops:**

- Workshop 1: *At a closer look: Africa's protagonism in migration governance* (Chair: Chiara Scissa, University of Bologna, Italy)
- Workshop 2: *The right to know? A collaborative approach to (re)searching for answers in the context of migrant disappearances and deaths at the borders of Europe and Africa* (Chair: Anja Simonsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

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- Workshop 3: *What now? How to deal with the rippling effects of European-African migration governance in research and policy practice* (Chairs: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway & Ida Marie Savio Vammen, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark)
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12:30-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-15:00 **Parallel Panels:**

- Panel 9: *Labour, political economy and migration* (Chair: Leander Kandilige, University of Ghana, Ghana)

- Panel 10: *Everyday life, integration and belonging* (Chair: Sarah Scott Ford, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Panel 11: *Youth mobilities, policies and experiences* (Chair: Luisa Faustini Torres, Pompeu Fabra University, MSCA EuroMedMig Project, Spain)
- Panel 12: *Gender, feminist and intersectional perspectives* (Chair: Kamal Sbiri, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-17:00 **Parallel Panels:**

- Panel 13: *Informality, survival and social networks* (Chair: Eda Gemi, University of New York Tirana, Albania, MSCA EuroMedMig Project)
- Panel 14: *Expériences migratoires, représentations et enjeux transnationaux* (Chair: Aharmouch Fatima Zahra, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Panel 15: *Arts, culture and creative methodologies* (Chair: Hanane Darhour, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

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- Workshop 6: *Ethics in practice: Navigating ethical dilemmas across the Mediterranean* (Chair: Maria-Nerina Boursinou, University of Surrey, UK)
- Workshop 7: *From drawing to poetry: Decolonising migration research through reflective and creative methods? Methods and Ethics* (Chair: Abdelmjid Kettioui, Moulay Ismail University, Morocco & Sarah Anschütz, University of Antwerp/Utrecht, Belgium/Netherlands)

Friday, 30 October 2026

09:00-10:30 **Plenary Roundtable 2:** *Cinema, memory and migration* (Chair: Ricard Zapata-Barrero, UPF, Spain)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

Parallel Panels:

11:00-12:30

- Panel 16: *Solidarity, activism and civil society* (Chair: Yasmine Bouchfar, Université Mohammed V Rabat, Morocco)
- Panel 17: *Development, aid and external intervention* (Chair: Ida Marie Savio Vammen, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark)
- Panel 18: *Migration diplomacy and geopolitics* (Chair: Ahlam Chemlali, Aalborg University, Denmark)
- Panel 19: *Alternative epistemologies and decolonial approaches* (Chair: Ibtissame Bourhnane, University of Liège, Belgium. MSCA EuroMedMig Project)

12:30-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-14:00 **Special Event:** *African migration governance: A global policy and research network (AMIGOV),* Chair s: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway & Ibrahima Dia, African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration, Mauritania

14:00-15:30 **Parallel Workshops:**

- Workshop 8: *Postcolonial goals: Diaspora, recognition, and the identity politics of African football* (Marie Godin, Leicester University, UK)

- Workshop 9: *Reframing mobility in West Africa: Grounded perspectives on free movement and borderwork in a dynamic and politically salient region* (Chair: Sarah Scott, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Workshop 10: *Euro-African racial border regimes: Colonial legacies and contemporary bordering* (Chair: Chiara Pagano, University of Pavia, Italy)

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00-17:30 **Closing Plenary:** *African Migration Observatory and European Commission: Contrasting perspectives* (Chair: Mohammed Ouhemmou, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

Detailed programme of plenaries (chronological order)

Wednesday, 28 October 2026, 10:00-11:00

Opening Plenary: Governing mobility between Europe and Africa: The spatial and temporal logics of Morocco's hybrid governance

Speaker: Myriam Cherti (The Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity, COMPAS, University of Oxford, UK)

Wednesday, 28 October 2026, 16:30-18:00

Plenary Roundtable 1: Telling it as it is: Migration research partnerships across Africa and Europe

Chair: Gunjan Sondhi, The Open University, UK

Speakers:

- Parvati Raghuram (The Open University, UK)
- Markus Breines (Fafo, Norway)
- Omolola Olarinde (Elizade University, Nigeria)
- Joseph M. Batet (Nigeria Immigration Service, Nigeria)
- Malon Muronzi (IOM, Zimbabwe)
- Asma Mehan (Texas Tech University, USA)
- Ilham Bettach (Mohammed V University, Morocco)
- Fatima Zahra Znioi (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, Poland)

Friday, 30 October 2026, 09:00-10:30

Plenary Roundtable 2: Cinema, Memory and Migration

Chair: Ricard Zapata-Barrero (GRITIM-UPF, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain)
Speakers:
•Alessandro Di Gregorio (Film director, Italy)
•Sine Plambech (anthropologist and film director, Denmark)
•Yasmine Bouchfar, Université Mohammed V, Morocco)
•Lorenzo Caglioni, (MSCA fellow at IPNA_CSIC, Spain)

Friday, 30 October 2026, 15:30-17:00

Closing Plenary: African Migration Observatory and European Commission: Contrasting perspectives

Chair: Mohammed Ouhemmou (FLASH, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
Speakers:

- Ambassador Dr. Namira Negm (Director of the African Migration Observatory, Morocco)
- Ambassador Mme Patricia Llombart Cussac (Delegation of the European Union to Morocco)

Detailed programme of panels and workshops (chronological order)

Wednesday, 28 October 2026, 11:30-13:00

Panel 1: Mobility paradigms and theories (Chair: Mounir Sanhaji, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Diversified and dynamic mobilities and trajectories in regional migrations in Africa- Eleonore Kofman and Necla Acik (Middlesex University, UK)
- Re-measuring African mobility across Afro-Mediterranean geographies: Circulation, intermediary spaces and the limits of origin–destination models- Elvino Nhantumbo (National Institute of Statistics, Mozambique)
- Evoking sea crossings: Narratives and memories of journeys across the Mediterranean Sea- Daniela DeBono (University of Malta, Malta)
- Mediated borders and violent pushbacks: Afro–European transit and racialized visibility at the Pazarkule/Evros crossing- Murat Yaman (Giresun University, Turkey)

Panel 2: Migration corridors and routes (Chair: Daniela Vintila, University of Liège, Belgium)

- From sea to land: The Balkan route in the shifting Afro-European geographies- Danica Šantić (University of Belgrade, Serbia)
- Elastic borders at the Atlantic edge: The Canary Islands between onshore transfer and offshore lethality- Mirco Buoso and Bilgin Ayata (University of Graz, Austria)
- Making sense of migrant mobilities in the Mediterranean: Small places, trajectories, and the politics of belonging- Apostolos G. Papadopoulos (Harokopio University of Athens, Greece) and Loukia-Maria Fratsea (Harokopio University of Athens, Greece)
- A point of departure: Narrative migration mapping to challenge dominant narratives of 'refugee journeys' across the Mediterranean"- Esa Aldegheri (University of Glasgow, UK)

Panel 3: Climate change and environmental mobility (Chair: Hassan Ouddadene, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Educating (in)justice: Climate migration, power, and silences in EU school curricula- Mirela Holy (Institute for Migration Research, Croatia)
- Whose climate story? Media, misinformation, and environmental mobility in Afro-European climate narratives- Noemi Mena Montes (Radboud University, the Netherlands)
- Family structure, climate stress, and migration decisions in Senegal- Héctor Cebolla, Álvaro Suárez, Inmaculada Serrano, (IEGD-CSIC, Spain)
- Women's perceptions around mobility in water-scarce rural areas of the Souss Massa region in Morocco: Accounting for intersectional experiences- Nina Sahraoui, Sofia El Arabi (PRINTEMPS, CNRS, France)

Panel 4: Externalization and EU migration regimes (*HYBRID*) (Chair: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)

- EU-Nigeria externalization borders: Does the recent USA externalization policy in Africa shift the dynamics?- Umoh Samuel Uwem (Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic) and Oyewo Gbadebo Gbemisola (Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic)
- Democracy promotion, migration governance, and EU externalization in Tunisia: Conditionality, civil society, and executive power (2003–2024)- Smaro Boura (ITML Company, Greece)

- An historical and long-term view on of European externalization towards North and Sub-Saharan Africa: Exceptionality and excess as pillars- Lorenzo Gabrielli (GRITIM-UPF, Pompeu Fabra University, MSCA EuroMedMig Project, Spain) (ONLINE)
- Practical flaws of implementing the Temporary Protection Directive in the EU: Perspective of refugees- Pavlo Kravchuk, Lisete Monico, Beatriz Carbone, Luciana Sotero (University of Coimbra, Portugal) (ONLINE)

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Panel 5: Governance, policy, and legal frameworks (Chair: Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece, MSCA EuroMedMig Project)

- Migration management aid, governance and repression in Africa- Kelsey Norman and Nicholas Micinski (American University, USA)
- Racial capitalism, borders & belonging: A migra-centric decolonial approach to reshaping migration and abolishing borders- Glenda Belen Huerto Vizcarra (Independent Researcher, Spain)
- Governance paradox: Humanitarian myth of Moroccan immigration policy- Ibtissame Bourhnane and Elettra Calò (University of Liège, Belgium. MSCA EuroMedMig Project)
- Migration governance through transnational training sessions: Insights from the Coop4Int project between Portugal and Cabo Verde- Sofia Gaspar, Ana Raquel Matias (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, Portugal) and Carmen Barros (Migration Observatory, Cabo Verde)

Panel 6: Digital borders, technology and surveillance (Chair: Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University, UK)

- Upstreaming the paperwork: Digital identity and its role for migration control in Sierra Leone- Laura Lambert (Leuphana University, Germany)
- Digital borders, digital rights: Examining the social implications of AI and tech-driven migration governance in Africa and Europe- Nduneche Ezurike (Ligs University Hawaii, USA)
- False beliefs and resistance to immigration from the Global South: Public attitudes, racialized narratives, and restrictive migration governance- Teika Pfeifer, Jean-Michel Lafleur and Abdeslam Marfouk (University of Liège, Belgium)
- Everyday borders: Cross-border domestic workers in the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla- Alba Planchart (Malmö Institute for Migration Studies, Sweden)

Panel 7: Border Violence, Necropolitics, and Control (Chair: Saad Alami Merrouni, Mohammed V University, Morocco)

- From risk to rights: Normalising violence in rear-guard imaginaries along the Africa–Morocco–Europe migration corridor (2011–2018)- Berta Álvarez-Miranda (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain) and Zakaria Sajir (University of Salamanca, Spain)
- Governing waiting: Internal bordering and the production of forced immobility in Morocco- Myriam Cherti, Leen De Nutte, Safae Wahid, and Douaa Saffar (University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Morocco)
- Circulating rap across the Western Mediterranean: Mobility, reception and translocal cultural belonging- Victoria Silva Sánchez (Independent researcher, Spain)
- Aid yes, migration no: Why people support foreign aid and oppose immigration? - Jean-Michel Lafleur and Abdeslam Marfouk (University of Liège, Belgium)

Panel 8: Race, racialization, and blackness (*HYBRID*) (Chair: Siham Marroune, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Senegalese migrant experiences in Southern Morocco: Hierarchies of nationality, ethnicity, and minority status- Tara F. Deubel, Heide Castañeda (University of South Florida, USA)
- The path to accountability: Institutional, legal, and comparative perspectives on the EU Migration Pact- Havva Yesil (Free University of Bolzano, Italy) (Online)
- "I am not a migrant, I am discovering and conquering". Ethnographic insights into discursive practices of Maghrebi migrants on the Green Route- Joma Thomé (Fulda University, Germany) (ONLINE)
- The Tunisia "safe third country" paradox: Externalization, fragmented safety, and the new EU asylum procedure regulation-Rachid Bouajila (Judiciary, Tunisia) and Aileen Friedrich (ONLINE)

Thursday, 29 October 2026, 09:00-10:30

Workshop 1: At a Closer Look: Africa's Protagonism in Migration Governance (Chair: Chiara Scissa, University of Bologna, Italy)

Workshop participants:

- Veronica Federico (University of Florence, Italy)
- Chiara Scissa (University of Bologna, Italy)
- Iddrisu Amadu (Wageningen University, Netherlands)
- Paola Pannia (University La Statale of Milan, Italy)
- Quivine Ndomo (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
- Elena Giacomelli (University of Bologna, Italy)
- Nuhu Adeiza Ismail (Wageningen University, Netherlands)
- Alessia Agostelli (University of Florence, Italy)
- Mamadou Faye (University of Dakar, Senegal)
- Hafsa Sati (University of Florence, Italy)
- Ademola Olayiwola (Wageningen University, Netherlands)
- Sarah Scott Ford (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Alice Fill (ENS Paris, France)
- Giuseppe Terranova (University of Messina, Italy)

Workshop 2: The right to know? A collaborative approach to (re)searching for answers in the context of migrant disappearances and deaths at the borders of Europe and Africa (Chair: Anja Simonsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Workshop participants:

- Gül Üret (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Hassane Ammari (AMSV, Morocco)
- Mohamed Abdillahi Yenis (Independent scholar, Somaliland)
- Ahmad Altaleb (Association of Families of Missing Asylum Seekers)
- Félicien de Heusch (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Nabil Ferdaoussi (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
- Hani Mohamed Abdi (Family representative, Somaliland)
- Mame Cheikh Mbaye (Association of African Migration, Senegal)
- Claudia Bisso (Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team, Argentine)

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Workshop participants:

- Ahlam Chemlali (Aalborg University, Denmark)
- Nabil Ferdaoussi (University of Cape Town, Denmark)
- Ibrahima Dia (African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration, Mauritania)
- Onike Shorunkeh-Sawyerr (University of Göttingen, Germany)
- Mohammed Ouhemmou (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Saad Alami Merrouni, (Mohammed V University, Morocco)

Workshop 4: War, displacement, and bordered livelihoods (Chair: Ann Cathrin Corrales-Øverlid, University of Bergen, Norway)

Workshop participants:

- Munzoul Assal (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)
- Randa Gindeel (Ahfad University, Sudan)
- Liv Tønnessen (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)
- Abdelmageed Yahya (Open University of Sudan, Sudan)
- Mohamed Talib (Red Sea University, Sudan)
- Malka Winnab (Red Sea University, Sudan)
- Elhadi Osman (University of Sennar, Sudan)
- Mari Norbakk,(Chr Michelsen Institute, Norway)

Workshop 5: Beyond brain drain: Skilled mobility and urban transformations in North Africa (Chair: Verena Wisthaler, Eurac Research, Italy)

Workshop participants:

- Abdeslam Marfouk (University of Liège, Belgium)
- Hassan Bousetta (University of Liège, Belgium. MSCA EuroMedMig Project)
- Hassen Boubakri (University of Sousse, Tunisia. MSCA EuroMedMig Project)
- Nicolas Micinski (American University, USA)
- Leander Kandilige (University of Ghana, Ghana)
- Anna Ammann (Policy Advisor, Austria)
- Leila Hadj Abdou (IOM, Country Office for Austria, European Migration Network Austria)

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Panel 9: Labour, political economy and migration (Chair: Leander Kandilige, University of Ghana, Ghana)

- The governance dynamics of irregular migrant work in the agricultural and seafood industry sectors in Morocco- Hanane Darhour (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- No longer passing through: Highly skilled Nigerian migrants and the Moroccan labour market recast- Chaimaa Radouani (Leiden University, the Netherlands)
- Beyond simple integration: Memory, survival, and the labor experiences of Sub-Saharan African women street sweepers in Souss-Massa- Assia Boti (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Forging trans-urban inclusion as Somali refugees: Mobile lives between UK cities and the Horn of Africa- Cathy Wilcock (University of Manchester, UK), Jimale Mohammed (University of Sheffield, UK) and Ubah Ali (University of Manchester, UK)

Panel 10: Everyday life, integration and belonging (Chair: Sarah Scott Ford, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

- Reconfiguring blackness and belonging in Morocco: Racialized (im)mobilities and shifting geographies of migration- Heide Castañeda, Tara F. Deubel (University of South Florida, USA)
- Everyday governance and mobility ambivalence among Senegalese migrants in Morocco- Philipp Roman Jung and Judith Altrogge (Osnabrück Universit, Germany)
- A trans-Mediterranean generation: Lived citizenship, multiple belongings, and decolonial identities among young Italians of Moroccan origin- Alessandra Turchetti (University of Milan Bicocca, Italy)
- Local migration governance in a medium-sized Mediterranean city: The case of Jerez de la Frontera, Spain- Ceren Taskopru (University of Cádiz, Spain)

Panel 11: Youth mobilities, policies and experiences (Chair: Luisa Faustini Torres, Pompeu Fabra University, MSCA EuroMedMig Project, Spain)

- Invisible migration: Sub-Saharan African students in the Quranic schools in the Souss region of Morocco- Challenges of cultural and educational integration- Lahoussine Hamdoune and Ahmed Abaragh (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Beyond the Africa-Europe axis: Reflexive ethnography of Asian-Middle Eastern unaccompanied minors in Italian reception systems- Elisabetta Di Giovanni (University of Palermo, Italy) and Gloria Zuccaro (University of Palermo, Italy)
- Türkiye as the 'El Dorado' for West African amputee footballers: An exploration of migration aspirations and experiences- Keon Richardson (Loughborough University, UK)
- Migrating images – images of migration. A collaborative research approach- Alexandra Karentzos (Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany)

Panel 12: Gender, feminist and intersectional perspectives (HYBRID) (Chair: Kamal Sbiri, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Between policy and lived reality: Protection and emotions of African migrant women in Italy- Miriam Jawadi (Aarhus University, Denmark), Ana Filipa Neves (University of Coimbra, Portugal), Cristiano Gianolla (University of Coimbra, Portugal), Lisete Mónico (University of Coimbra, Portugal)
- The role of transnational recruitment agents and social actors in the Europe–Africa migration corridor for agricultural labour: Evolving images of female conformity and victimization- Angels Escriva (University of Huelva, Spain)
- Bordering masculinities: Racialisation, identity, and African men's migration experiences in Portugal- Joana Topa (UMAIA & CIEG/ISCSP-ULisboa, Portugal), Mariana Holanda Rusu (University of Porto, Portugal), Vinicius C. Carabolante (University of Porto, Portugal), Ana Luísa Martinho (Polytechnic University of Porto, Portugal) (ONLINE)
- Family dynamics, health and migration in the East and Horn of Africa region- Ursula Trummer (Center for Health and Migration, Austria), Abdirahman Tayib Omer (Refugees Healthcare Providing Initiative, Uganda), Agani Ian (Kesmonds International University, Uganda), Apiny Melody Gladys (Uganda Counselling Association, Uganda), Celine Nyiramyasiro (Teaching Hospital and the National Cancer Center of Rwanda, Rwanda), Daniel Ukwishatse (OAZIS Health, Rwanda), Deng Luka Dut Mou Deng (Ayii University, South Sudan), Gertrude Tumuhairwe, Gildas Ndibanje (ICAP, Burundi), Lagu Benson Moja, Mashaga Amos Wessa (EACOP, Tanzania), Mukasibo Clementine (Save the Children International, Rwanda), Olama Nickson (Uganda Development and Health Associates, Uganda), Roda Allison Dokolo (Norwegian Refugee Council, Uganda), Vedastus Malole Mugeta (University of Health and

Allied Sciences, Tanzania), Veronica Kenyi (Mercy Corps, Sudan), Zainab Aisha Haruna, Sonja Novak-Zezula (Center for Health and Migration, Austria) (ONLINE)

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Panel 13: Informality, survival & social networks (Chair: Eda Gemi, University of New York Tirana, Albania, MSCA EuroMedMig Project)

- Social networks and collective intelligence in transit migration: Evidence from Nigerian migrants in Morocco- Ayobami Emmanuel Omolusi (Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco)
- Human security and (im)mobility aspirations and decisions of Nigerian residents and migrants in Mediterranean localities-Dominique Jolivet (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands), María Jesús Cabezón-Fernández (Universidad de Alicante, Spain), Ismail Misbahu (Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands), Zoulikha Benkaakaa (Universidad de Alicante, Spain), Francesco Teo Ficcarelli (Mixed Migration Centre, Switzerland), Filip Savatic (Université Paris, France), Juan David Sempere Souvannavong (Universidad de Alicante, Spain), Simona Vezzoli (Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands)
- Re-migration intentions across four different contexts: Moving beyond the failed returns paradigm- Inmaculada Serrano, Lucía Fernández, Héctor Cebolla (IEGD-CSIC, Spain)
- Treacherous travels: Sudanese movements to and from Egypt- Elena Habersky (University of Glasgow, UK)

Panel 14: Expériences migratoires, représentations et enjeux transnationaux (*French*) (Chair: Aharmouch Fatima Zahra, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- La mobilité de la main-d'œuvre vers le Maroc. Le point de vue des travailleurs migrants subsahariens sur la coopération internationale- Rachid Ben Bih (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Un journalisme africain sur les migrations ? Récits migratoires et l'appui à la professionnalisation d'un journalisme sur les migrations en Afrique de l'Ouest- Christopher John Chanco (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas, France)
- De la migration climatique à la migration liminale : femmes et mineurs non accompagnés dans l'entre-deux migratoire- Fatima Zahrae Ghatous (Mohamed V University, Morocco)
- Rapatrier ses morts : gestion de la mort et circulations funéraires transnationales entre l'Afrique subsaharienne et Bordeaux- Akpemado Sodegla (Les Afriques dans le Monde-LAM, France)
- Mort migrante, politiques publiques et enjeux des droits humains au Maroc- AHARMOUCHE Fatima Zahra (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) and Mariam Ouabi (Higher Institute of Nursing Professions and Health Techniques, Morocco)

Panel 15: Arts, culture and creative methodologies (*HYBRID*) (Chair: Hanane Darhour, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

- Bridging the Mediterranean: Migration cinema and the politics of visibility in Afro-European space- Deniz Günes Yardimci (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)
- Co-development and Agenda 2030: The case of the "Africagua" network in the province of Zaragoza, Spain- Mohamed Lamine Camara (University of Zaragoza, Spain) (ONLINE)
- Documenting erasure: Imaging the unseen at postcolonial borders- Elsa Gomis (French Institute Saint-Louis Senegal, Senegal) (ONLINE)
- Mobilités Cap-Vert–Canaries: un corridor afro-européen peu étudié – Héritages coloniaux et angles morts des études migratoires- Mara Deisy Durão Gomes (University de La Laguna, Spain) and Juan Manuel Parreño Castellano (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain) (ONLINE)

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Workshop 6: Ethics in practice: navigating ethical dilemmas across the Mediterranean (Chair: Maria-Nerina Boursinou, University of Surrey, UK)

Workshop participants:

- Milena Rizzotti (University of Leicester, UK)
- Danmore Chuma (Giraffe Heroes South Africa, South Africa)
- Zainab L. Mai-Bornu (University of Leicester, UK)
- Freeman Mateko (University of Johannesburg, South Africa)
- Barret M Kamunzyu (Independent specialist, Kenya)
- Irene Peano (Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal)
- Sine Plambech (Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark)

Workshop 7: From drawing to poetry: Decolonizing migration research through reflective and creative methods? (Chair: Abdelmjid Kettioui, Moulay Ismail University, Morocco & Sarah Anschütz, University of Antwerp/Utrecht, Belgium/Netherlands)

Workshop participants:

- Kholoud Al-Ajarma (University of Edinburgh, UK)
- Somita Sabeti (University of Göteborg, Sweden)
- Sarah Anschütz (University of Antwerp/Utrecht, Belgium/Netherlands)
- Verena Wisthaler (Eurac Research, Italy)
- Abdelmjid Kettioui (Moulay Ismail University, Morocco)
- Emilia Melossi (University of Sussex, UK)
- Catherine Therrien (Al Akhawayn University, Morocco)
- Dewi Lemmens (RADAR, Netherlands)
- Lena Richter (Radboud University, Netherlands)

Friday, 30 October 2026, 11:00-12:30

Panel 16: Solidarity, activism and civil society (Chair: Yasmine Bouchfar, Université Mohammed V Rabat, Morocco)

- Ideals of citizenship and solidarity among Russian activists and francophone African migrants- Alexia Bloch (University of British Columbia, Canada)
- Mobilizations for welcoming migrants in Spain (Andalusia and Canary Islands): Local solidarity and cultural circulation between immigrant people and more recent refugees- Céline Veniat (Université Paris Nanterre, France)
- Solidarity towards migrants, care and antiracist practices in Morocco- Chirine Chalak (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)
- Evaluating conflicting conceptions and realizations of mobility rights from a global justice ethics perspective: The case of migrants from Chad and Sudan crossing through North Africa- Seddik Ouboulahcen (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

Panel 17: Development, aid and external intervention (Chair: Ida Marie Savio Vammen, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark)

- Inclusive entrepreneurship and circular migration: Decentralizing support ecosystems between Italy and Morocco- Stefania Peca (University of Bologna, Italy), Pierluigi Musarò (University

of Bologna, Italy), Samanta Musarò (KILOWATT soc coop, Italy), Erika Ramanzini (CEFA, Morocco)

- When European borders slow down African buses: Approaching border externalization from the road- Marc Hertel (University Klagenfurt, Austria)
- Urban inequality as emotional governance: Housing policy and African mobility in Portugal- Fernanda Jesus, Ana Filipa Neves, Lisete Mónico (University of Coimbra, Portugal)
- Tam Tam or the 1980s Black Atlantic in Brussels- Ilke Adam (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium)

Panel 18: Migration diplomacy and geopolitics (Chair: Ahlam Chemlali, Aalborg University, Denmark)

- Similar agendas, different authorities: Selective emulation and migration governance in Spain's and Italy's Africa strategies- Diego Caballero-Vélez (University of Latvia, Latvia) and Filippo Simonelli (Università di Siena, Italy)
- Inside migration diplomacy: Actors and venues of international cooperation between Morocco, Europe and the Sahel- Federica Infantino and Lorenzo Ghione (Université Côte D'Azur, France)
- Reconfiguring Africa-Morocco Relations: Migration diplomacy, soft power, and mega-sporting events from AFCON 2025 to the 2030 World Cup- Hassane Oudaden and Mohammed Ouhemmou (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Beyond privilege: Skilled (im)mobilities and urban precarity in the Eastern Mediterranean- Ezgi Tuncer (Kadir Has University, Turkey) (ONLINE)

Panel 19: Alternative epistemologies and decolonial approaches (*HYBRID*) (Chair: Ibtissame Bourhnane, University of Liège, Belgium, MSCA EuroMedMig Project)

- "I think that they are not fair to us": Colonial legacies and the contestation of EU migration policies in The Gambia- Omar N. Cham (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium)
- Shifting perspective: Media framings of migration and public perceptions of EU migration governance in selected Middle Eastern and North African countries- Iuliia Lashchuk and Anna Rosinska (Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, Italy) (Online)
- Beyond state-centrism: Regional approaches to refugee protection in the East African Community and implications for European migration governance- Elvis Ng'andwe (University of Fulda, Germany) (online)
- Where the border meets: Artistic counter-mapping and dialogic encounters at the Strait of Gibraltar- Rhea Dehn Tutosausn (Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany), Irene Gutierrez Torres (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium & University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain) (ONLINE)

Friday, 30 October 2026, 13:30-15:00

Workshop 8: Postcolonial goals: Diaspora, recognition, and the identity politics of African football (Chair: Marie Godin, Leicester University, UK)

Workshop participants:

- Carlos Varga-Silva (Oxford University, UK)
- Myriam Cherti (Oxford University, UK)
- Marie Godin (Leicester University, UK)
- Hassan Bousetta (University of Liège, Belgium. MSCA EuroMedMig Project)
- Hicham Jamid (Neuchâtel University, Switzerland)
- Abderrahim Bourkia (Hassan I University, Morocco)

Workshop 9: Reframing mobility in West Africa: Grounded perspectives on free movement and borderwork in a dynamic and politically salient region (Chair: Sarah Scott, University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Workshop participants:

- John Narh (University of Ghana, Ghana)
- Sarah Scott Ford (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Alexandra T.D.M Tapsoba (University Joseph KI-ZERBO, Burkina Faso)
- Adedeji Aina Ademola (Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria)
- Abdou Khadre Diop (Université Numérique Cheikh Hamidou kane, Senegal)
- Amanda Busa Bisong (EUI, Italy)
- Kossigari Djolar (Université Le Havre Normandie, France)
- Laura Elisabeth Johanna Lambert (Leuphana University, Germany)
- Delphine Perrin (IRD/AMU, France)
- Mary Boatemaa Setrana (University of Ghana, Ghana)
- Agnes Doe Agbanyo (University of Ghana, Ghana)

Workshop 10: Euro-African racial border regimes: Colonial legacies and contemporary bordering (Chair: Bilgin Ayata, University of Graz, Austria)

Workshop participants:

- Sebastian Cobarrubias Baglietto (University of Zaragoza, Spain)
- Mirco Buoso (University of Graz, Austria)
- Sanaa Alimia (Aga Khan University, Pakistan)
- Artemis Fyssa (University of Graz, Austria)
- Kelma Manatouma (University of N'Djamena, Chad)
- Yasmin Wardi Akrimi (University of Gent, Austria)
- Chiara Pagano (University of Pavia, Italy)
- Moctar Dan Yaye (Alarm Phone, Niger)
- Bilgin Ayata, (University of Graz, Austria)
- Johara Berriane (University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Germany)

Special Event: African migration governance: A global policy and research network (AMIGOV)

Participants:

- Cathrine Talleraas (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)
- Ibrahima Dia (African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration, Mauritania)
- Leander Kandilige (University of Ghana, Ghana)

Closing Plenary: African Migration Observatory and European Commission: Contrasting perspectives

Chair: Mohammed Ouhemmou (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)

Speakers:

- Ambassador Dr. Namira Negm (Director of the African Migration Observatory)
- Ambassador Mme Patricia Llombart Cussac (Delegation of the European Union to Morocco)
- Driss El Yazami (CCME, Morocco)