

Call for papers for the 24th IMISCOE Annual Conference

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Yogyakarta Principles in Queer Migration and Displacement Contexts:

Twenty Years On

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The year 2026 marks the 20th anniversary since a group of international human rights experts met in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and established 29 international principles relating to sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC). Following a revision by a second expert panel in 2017, nine principles and additional state obligations were added. Together, they are referred to as [Yogyakarta Principles Plus 10 \(YP+10\)](#), and they affirm the rights of people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities to State protection from violence and discrimination, alongside the right to seek asylum, to health, to economic and social development, to participate in public life and so on. In the last decade, however, anti-LGBT politics are rising within the context of global authoritarianism, intersecting with crises created by armed conflicts, capitalism, pandemics, racism, misogyny and environmental degradation. These crises challenge the promotion and implementation of Yogyakarta Principles, though the impacts of these crises are experienced differently among people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

For the 24th IMISCOE Annual Conference, we plan to develop a panel to present a set of reflections on YP Plus 10 in the contexts of migration and displacement. Echoing the theme of the Conference, that is ‘United for Human Rights and Global Equity’, our panel will focus on **migrants and displaced people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities**. We are particularly interested in empirical, theory-informed contributions that address:

- The experiences of migration and displacement among LGBT rights defenders
- Discriminations, at any stage within migration and displacement trajectories, especially the intersections between different forms of discriminations
- The right to seek asylum in the context of cross-border displacement, and the right to protection for internal displacement
- Belonging, especially in the intersections of ageing, migration/displacement and/or digital landscape
- Participation in political activities in home and host countries
- Religious beliefs and participation in religious activities
- Economic and social rights in the context of climate-induced migration or displacement
- Access to healthcare, housing, education and/or employment

We welcome contributions from **all disciplines, methodological approaches and modes of presentation** (in person/hybrid), as long as they allow for **meaningful reflections on YP Plus 10** for migrants and displaced people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

Please send your abstract (max. 250 words, including a clear identification of which Principle(s) you are addressing) to Satrio Nindyo Istiko (TIKO), at tiko@writtenbytiko.com, by 9th October 2026. More information about the conference: [24th IMISCOE Annual Conference](#).