

2026 IMISCOE FORUM

Promoting Afro-European Mediterranean Dialogue: Shifting Geographies of Migration

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Welcome

On behalf of IMISCOE, the Faculty of Languages, Arts and Human Sciences at Ibn Zohr University, GRITIM-UPF, and with the support of EuroMedMig, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 IMISCOE Forum: Promoting Afro-European Mediterranean Dialogue: Shifting Geographies of Migration. We are delighted to welcome all participants joining us here in Agadir as well as those participating online from around the world.

The Mediterranean has long been a space of movement, encounter, exchange, and transformation. Yet, contemporary migration dynamics challenge us to rethink many of the concepts and assumptions that have traditionally shaped migration research. Increasingly, we recognize that state-centred perspectives alone cannot fully capture the complexity of human mobility across and beyond the Mediterranean, nor can they adequately reflect the experiences and voices of those most directly affected.

This Forum was conceived as a space to address these challenges by fostering an equitable Afro-European dialogue on migration. During the Forum we hope to explore how research, policy, and practice can become more collaborative, more inclusive, and more responsive to the realities of migration. A central objective of this Forum is to encourage critical conversations that move beyond conventional migration frameworks. We aim to reflect on emerging forms of mobility, the growing importance of transnational perspectives, the visibility of South-South migration, and the ways in which dominant narratives about the Global North and Global South continue to shape both research and policymaking.

We hope this Forum becomes more than a venue for presenting research. We hope it serves as a platform for meaningful dialogue, new collaborations, and the co-production of knowledge. The questions we discuss over these three days are not only academic; they have important implications for policy, society, and the lives of millions of people on the move.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of our keynote speakers, panel chairs, presenters, participants, volunteers, and partners whose contributions have made this Forum possible. Your presence here reflects a shared commitment to building stronger connections across disciplines, institutions, and continents.

We wish you an engaging, productive, and inspiring Forum, and we hope you enjoy both the academic discussions and your time in Morocco.

Forum Coordinators



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Welcome message from IMISCOE Coordinators

Daniela Vintila and Jean-Michel Lafleur, and IMISCOE Senior Network Officer Angeliki Konstantinidou

Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), University of Liège



Dear members and friends of IMISCOE,

A very warm welcome to the first edition of the IMISCOE Forum, taking place from 28 to 30 October 2026 in Agadir (Morocco) and online.

The IMISCOE Forum is a new addition to our network's calendar of events, emerging from collective discussions involving IMISCOE's External Affairs Committee, Board of Directors, Executive Board, Network Office, and members of our wider scholarly community, who envisioned a new platform for exchange within our growing network.

As IMISCOE continues to evolve and diversify, the Forum complements the IMISCOE Annual and Spring Conferences by creating an additional space for interaction and dialogue among migration researchers working on specific world regions from diverse disciplinary, epistemic, and methodological perspectives. In doing so, it aims to foster collaborative knowledge production that deepens our understanding of the regional specificities of migration dynamics. The Forum also reflects IMISCOE's commitment to promoting a reflexive and critical approach to how migration research is conceptualized, produced, and circulated globally. This commitment has guided the transformative journey that IMISCOE has recently embarked on as it continues to strengthen its role as a globally connected scholarly network, while fostering new international collaborations for migration research.

This inaugural edition of the IMISCOE Forum focuses on the complexities of Afro-European migration across the Mediterranean space. Inspired by a shared vision of fostering an equitable and inclusive Afro-European dialogue on migration, this first major IMISCOE scholarly event to be organized in Africa marks an important milestone in laying the foundations for future scholarly collaborations and the co-production of knowledge in migration research across different world regions. The outstanding number of high-quality submissions received reflects the strong interest in this new IMISCOE initiative. It is truly inspiring to see so many colleagues from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, career stages, institutions, and countries come together to exchange ideas, build new partnerships, and advance migration research.

The Forum organization is also the result of a collaborative endeavor between the Faculty of Languages, Arts and Human Sciences at Ibn Zohr University, our host and co-organizer, and the colleagues at GRITIM-University Pompeu Fabra, who have co-organized the event. We are deeply grateful to both teams for their remarkable dedication, hard work, and close collaboration with the IMISCOE Network Office at the University of Liège in creating a welcoming, inclusive, and intellectually stimulating environment for all participants, whether joining us in Agadir or online. We also extend our thanks to the EuroMedMig network for its support in planning this event.

We look forward to welcoming you to this inaugural edition of the IMISCOE Forum! We hope this event will provide a valuable opportunity to continue our collective scientific dialogue on decentring and advancing the dynamic and evolving field of migration research. Your presence and contributions will make the Forum a vibrant space for open dialogue, mutual learning, meaningful exchange, and the development of new collaborations that we hope will continue well beyond this event.

We wish you all an excellent IMISCOE Forum!

Daniela Vintila | IMISCOE Coordinator

Jean-Michel Lafleur | IMISCOE Associate Coordinator

Angeliki Konstantinidou | IMISCOE Senior Network Officer

The Host Institution

The Faculty of Languages, Arts and Human Sciences (FLASH), Ibn Zohr University



The Faculty of Languages, Arts and Human Sciences (FLASH) at Ibn Zohr University, located in the Agadir region of southern Morocco, is a multidisciplinary academic institution committed to advancing research, higher education, and critical engagement with contemporary societal challenges. Through its diverse academic programs and research activities across the humanities and social sciences, the Faculty provides an important institutional setting for examining social transformations, cultural encounters, and the challenges shaping contemporary societies. Its location in southern Morocco, a region situated at the intersection of African, Mediterranean, and European mobility routes, offers a particularly relevant context for research and teaching on migration and mobility.

The Faculty is actively strengthening its position as an emerging centre for migration studies in Morocco and the wider African and Mediterranean region. Building on the expertise of a growing team of migration scholars, it promotes interdisciplinary research on migration governance, border regimes, international mobility, diaspora, migrant incorporation, and the social, political, and cultural dimensions of human mobility. Its research agenda seeks to connect theoretical debates in migration studies with the institutional practices, policy developments, and lived experiences that shape migration across Africa, Europe, and the Mediterranean. Through academic collaborations, international research networks, and scholarly events, the faculty is working to establish itself as a key contributor to the development of migration studies in the region.

The faculty offers a broad range of graduate programs that bring together students and researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds. These programs provide opportunities to explore contemporary social, political, linguistic, and cultural transformations while developing the analytical and methodological skills required for advanced research. Within this diverse graduate education environment, the faculty is increasingly integrating migration and mobility into its teaching and research activities, creating opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration. A particularly important initiative in this regard is the Master's program in Mobility and Cross-Cultural Encounters in the Mediterranean. The program examines migration, mobility, borders, intercultural relations, and the historical and contemporary connections linking societies across the Mediterranean. By combining perspectives from migration studies, cultural studies, and the social sciences, it equips students with the conceptual tools to understand the political, social, and cultural dimensions of human mobility. The

program also reflects the Faculty's commitment to developing specialized educational pathways that respond to the growing importance of migration as a field of academic inquiry and public policy.

A central priority of the Faculty is to promote the next generation of migration scholars, particularly young researchers working on migration dynamics in Africa and the Mediterranean. Through graduate education, research supervision, scholarly exchange, and participation in international academic networks, the Faculty seeks to create an environment in which emerging researchers can develop independent research agendas, engage with international theoretical debates, and contribute original knowledge to the field. Particular attention is given to strengthening research capacity in the Global South and encouraging scholarship that brings African perspectives, empirical evidence, and intellectual contributions into wider international discussions on migration.

The Faculty's commitment to advancing migration studies is also reflected in its efforts to expand international academic cooperation, foster dialogue between researchers and policy practitioners, and establish Agadir as an important location for migration-related research and exchange. By bringing together established scholars, early-career researchers, and graduate students, FLASH aims to strengthen the institutional foundations of migration studies at Ibn Zohr University and contribute to a more geographically inclusive and intellectually diverse global field of migration research.

Forum Theme

The theme of the 2026 IMISCOE Forum, “Promoting Afro-European Mediterranean Dialogue: Shifting Geographies of Migration,” is more than a call for academic exchange. It represents an attempt to rethink how migration is studied, whose knowledge shapes the field, and how relations between Africa and Europe are understood. The Forum's central premise is that the Mediterranean should be approached not simply as a border separating two continents, but as a shared space of mobility, historical connection, political negotiation, and knowledge production. In this context, the forum seeks to consolidate exchanges between the IMISCOE community and scholars, institutions, and NGOs based in Africa engage with these issues and move forwards collaborative research initiatives and ideas.

The forum explores seven thematic areas reflect the interconnected political, legal, environmental, economic, social, and historical dimensions of human mobility. Together, they encourage interdisciplinary dialogue, comparative research, and critical reflection on migration governance, emerging mobility patterns, and the unequal power relations shaping the movement of people. Particular attention is given to African perspectives, understudied migration experiences, and the development of more equitable approaches to migration research and knowledge production.

1. Geopolitics, Bordering Regimes, and Human Rights

This theme examines the relationship between geopolitical interests, border governance, security policies, and human rights. It invites contributions on the externalisation of European borders in North and West Africa, the securitisation of African mobility, maritime governance, and the role of regional security actors.

2. Policy, Law, and Governance: Continental and National Reforms

This theme explores how evolving migration policies, legal frameworks, and governance arrangements shape mobility between and within Africa and Europe.

3. Climate Justice, Resource Conflict, and Environmental Displacement

This theme investigates the relationship between environmental change, resource extraction, global inequalities, and human mobility. It welcomes empirical, conceptual, and theoretical contributions examining how climate change, land appropriation, extractive industries, and unequal access to natural resources contribute to displacement and environmental injustice. Particular attention is given to carbon colonialism, carbon offset projects, the ecological consequences of large-scale fishing, and the displacement of local and Indigenous communities across Africa.

4. Diversification of Mobilities, New Corridors, and Understudied Populations

This theme examines the diversification of migration routes, destinations, and populations, challenging conventional understandings of Africa–Europe mobility. It welcomes research on intra-African migration, Afro-European movements, and emerging or overlooked corridors connecting Africa with the Gulf and the Middle East. Contributions may also explore the growing presence of Asian diasporas in Africa and the experiences of understudied groups, including seasonal agricultural workers, domestic workers, Western migrants, and professionals employed by multilateral organisations.

5. Governance of Asylum, Protection, and Return Policies

This theme focuses on the governance of asylum, international protection, and return across African and European contexts. It invites comparative analyses of refugee status determination, access to protection, gaps in national and international legal frameworks, and the practical implementation of asylum policies. Contributions are also encouraged to examine the legal, political, and ethical implications of forced and voluntary return, as well as the tensions between state migration objectives, international protection obligations, and migrants' rights.

6. Socioeconomic, Urban Transfortions, and Inclusion

This theme explores how migration and mobility transform labour markets, local economies, communities, and urban and rural spaces in Africa and Europe. It welcomes research on migrants' contributions to formal and informal economies, labour market segmentation, access to services, social inclusion, and the everyday experiences of migrant communities. Particular attention is given to the transformations of major cities, small towns, and rural areas, as well as the relationships between migration, development, inequality, and social cohesion in places of origin and residence.

7. Historical Legacies, Decolonisation, and Critical Methodologies

This theme examines how colonial histories, postcolonial relationships, and racialised representations continue to shape contemporary migration politics, citizenship, and integration. It invites contributions on historical memory, belonging, and the politics of inclusion, alongside critical reflections on the production of migration knowledge. Particular attention is given to decolonising migration research, addressing inequalities in North–South research partnerships, and developing ethical and methodological approaches that recognise the knowledge, agency, and experiences of migrants and communities across Africa and Europe.

Together, these seven thematic areas provide a framework for rethinking migration beyond conventional geographical and disciplinary boundaries. They seek to foster dialogue across regions, connect policy debates with lived experiences, and strengthen the contribution of African and Mediterranean scholarship to international migration studies.

The Forum Team

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The Forum Venue

Faculty of Languages Arts and Human Sciences (UIZ)

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Route Nationale N°10 cite d'Azrou à côté de l'institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II Ait Melloul

Please note: For accurate directions on Google Maps, we recommend copying and pasting the address in Arabic directly into the search bar.

Rooms:

Main Conference Room: Ground Floor, Scientific Building

Room 1, First Floor, Scientific Building

Room 2, First Floor, Scientific Building

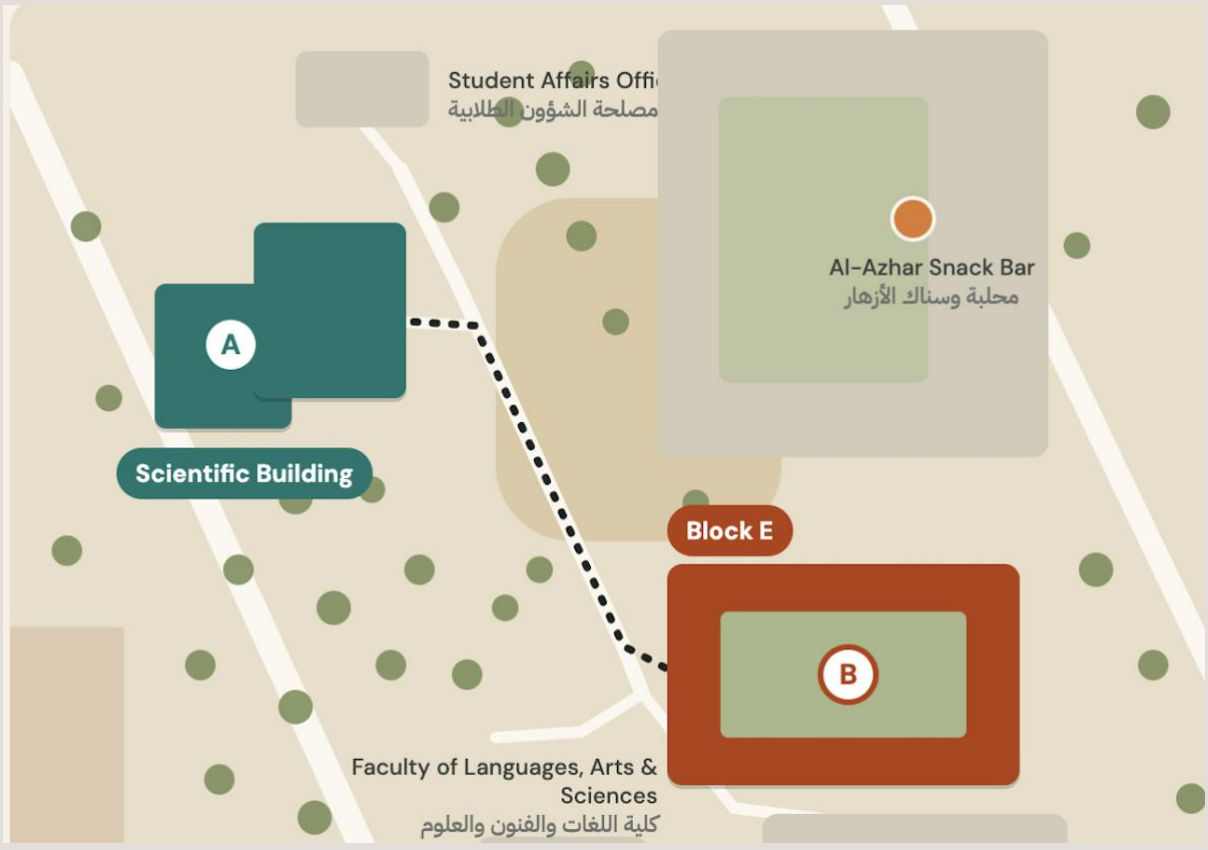
Room 3, Second Floor, Scientific Building

Room 4, Ground Floor, Scientific Building

Conference room N. 2, Ground Floor Block E

Catering Areas: Block E

Registration: Front Desk, Scientific Building



Health Emergencies

In case you get sick or injured during your time at the Faculty of Languages, Arts and Social Sciences and you need assistance, please contact the Forum Welcome Desk or the coordinator to guide you to the nearest health facility.

While outside campus, the following numbers are important to keep for emergencies

- Police: 19
- Ambulance: 150
- Fire Department: 15
- Royal Gendarmerie (rural areas): 177

In case you need to buy medication outside of the regular opening hours, kindly consult the following website to locate the nearest open pharmacy. https://saydalia.ma/fr/

Participants experiencing difficulties during travel may contact the forum local coordinator at +212 610889731

Food and Drinks

Pure Passion

A great choice for a special dinner, with seafood, French-influenced cuisine, and a marina setting.

Adress: Résidence N°02 m1 Complexe Marina, Agadir 80010

L'Ardoise Gourmande

A highly rated choice for local and carefully prepared dishes

Adress: Immeuble hasna, Boulevard Hassan II A côté de chez "Nicolas, Agadir 80000

Dar Tajine

A great spot for traditional tagines, grilled meats, tanjia, and Moroccan bread.

Adress: Rue 2 Mars (ou Avenue 2 Mars), *(près du Quartier Industriel et à quelques minutes de la Gate 6 du Souk El Had)*

Petite Pêcherie

A local favourite for fish dishes in Talborjt, Agadir.

Adress: Galerie Talborjt, Rue Yacoub El Mansour, Agadir

Sightseeing

Agadir pairs a relaxed, modern beach-city feel with easy access to some of Morocco's most memorable landscapes and villages. Below is a shortlist for a half-day out, an evening stroll, or a longer excursion around the conference schedule.

Agadir Oufella

A historic hilltop kasbah overlooking the city, offering the best panoramic views of Agadir and the Atlantic coast, especially memorable at sunset. Reachable by cable car, taxi, bus, or a scenic uphill walk.

Souk El Had

One of Morocco's largest traditional markets, with thousands of stalls selling spices, handicrafts, leather goods, clothing, and local produce. A good spot to practice some friendly bargaining, located in the center of the city and reachable on foot or by small taxi.

Crocoparc

A landscaped botanical park home to hundreds of Nile crocodiles alongside exotic plants and other wildlife. An easy, family-friendly outing a short drive from the center.

Agadir Beach

A wide sandy beach stretching several kilometers along the bay, ideal for a walk, a swim, or simply relaxing between conference sessions. Lined with cafés and a lively promenade.

The Museum of Amazigh Culture

A small but excellent museum showcasing Amazigh (Berber) history, jewelry, manuscripts, and traditional culture, a quick, worthwhile stop for context on the region.

Taghazout

Morocco's best-known surfing village, about 30 minutes north of Agadir, known for its laid-back cafés, ocean views, and relaxed atmosphere. Popular for a half-day trip even without surfing.

Imsouane

A picturesque fishing village with one of Africa's longest surfable waves and spectacular cliffs, a bit further up the coast, a favorite for a full-day excursion.

Souss-Massa National Park

Home to endangered bald ibises, flamingos, gazelles, and diverse birdlife along the Souss and Massa estuaries. A good option for wildlife and nature enthusiasts.

Code of Conduct

Why do we need a Code of Conduct?

IMISCOE is a research network with a variety of activities, including the organisation of events, training, and the support of research and publications. This Code of Conduct aims to make sure that everyone involved in IMISCOE activities can work in a safe and respectful environment. To promote such environment, IMISCOE may adopt additional documentation to accompany this Code of Conduct.

With this Code of Conduct, IMISCOE seeks to prevent harassment and discrimination[1] of anyone involved in IMISCOE activities and to create a due course of action for situations where anyone may have experienced harassment or discrimination in the context of the network activities. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to promote behaviour and exchanges in the network that:

- Respect the dignity, individuality, and diversity of the people with whom they are in contact, whether in-person or online.
- Recognise and respect academic freedom in engaging in research, dialogue and other forms of exchange amongst colleagues and participants in IMISCOE activities.
- Treat people with respect and understanding.
- Do not discriminate or condone direct or indirect discrimination on any grounds, including but not limited to sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation.
- Promote equality of opportunity and inclusion.
- Create an environment free from harassment, bullying or intimidation, and where possible remove physical and other barriers to participation.

To what and to whom does the Code of Conduct apply?

This Code of Conduct applies to all actions and speech/comments of individual Members[2] and Member Institutes[3] of IMISCOE in the context of activities of the Research Network. This includes IMISCOE Spring and Annual Conferences, training events (PhD schools, events organised by the PhD Network and the PhD Academy, etc.), meetings and events of Executive or Standing Committees within the network, as well as meetings of the Executive Board or Board of Directors. The Code of Conduct gives guidelines for respectful behaviour and interactions in these activities as well as defining unacceptable behaviour and offering a course of action in cases of unacceptable behaviour. The Code of Conduct shall apply equally to face-to-face as well as online and hybrid activities.

[1] In line with EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the EU directives, this Code of Conduct refers to discrimination as either direct or indirect. Direct discrimination consists of treating someone differently solely because of their specific characteristics. Indirect discrimination refers to a rule or practice which seems neutral but in fact has a particularly disadvantageous impact upon a person or a group of persons having a specific characteristic. Harassment is a form of discrimination. The unwanted conduct can take different forms, from verbal or written comments, gestures or behaviour, but it has to be serious enough to create an intimidating, humiliating or offensive environment. See also: https://ec.europa.eu/info/aid-development-cooperation-fundamental- rights/your-rights-eu/know-your-rights/equality/non-discrimination_en

[2] According to the IMISCOE Consortium Agreement, a Member means an individual who has paid the annual individual membership fee and signed the code of conduct; individual members are not directly represented in the Board of Directors, but can make themselves heard through the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.

[3] According to the IMISCOE Consortium Agreement, a Member Institute means a party which has signed the Agreement. From the moment an organisation expresses interest in joining the Network, until they sign the agreement, they are considered a Member-Elect.

All IMISCOE Member Institutes consent to the Code of Conduct as referred to in the IMISCOE Consortium Agreement, and all individual Members consent to the Code of Conduct as part of their individual membership. Participants in events, such as IMISCOE conferences, shall also consent to the Code of Conduct as part of the conference registration procedure. This Code of Conduct gives consequence to Article 10(1v) of the IMISCOE Consortium Agreement.

The Code of Conduct does not apply to events that are exclusively organised by IMISCOE members but which are advertised on IMISCOE webpages. It also does not cover events that are co-badged by IMISCOE but are not directly organised by Standing Committees or members as part of IMISCOE activity. However, the network governing bodies will encourage institutional and individual members of IMISCOE to apply the principles of this Code of Conduct when organising such events.

The Code of Conduct does also not apply to views expressed directly in relation to the contents of research, presentations, and in academic discussions: the intention is not to restrict intellectual freedom in engaging in research, discussion, and dissemination of ideas, however contentious.

What is considered respectful behaviour?

Respectful behaviour is behaviour that helps to create an open, safe, and inclusive environment for activities and exchanges. This includes behaviour that:

- Enables all participants to constructively criticize the substance of each other's work. In promoting our ideas, each one will make every reasonable effort to minimise the risks of any harm arising for any person. Each one will be aware that some academic opinions and arguments may cause offence to some people but that this is not, of itself, a sufficient reason not to express those opinions and arguments. Each one will, nevertheless, be sensitive to the views of others and will present its views in a reasonable and thoughtful manner.
- Allows everyone to participate in a way that makes everyone feel safe and respected.
- Strives, individually and collectively, to increase participation of under-represented groups, especially racialised groups, in accordance with Article 8 of the IMISCOE Consortium Agreement.
- Makes sure that activities reflect core values in terms of inclusivity along a variety of diversities, including but not limited to sex, race, colour, ethnic or social origin, genetic features, language, religion or belief, political or any other opinion, membership of a national minority, property, birth, disability, age or sexual orientation.
- Ensures that everyone is aware of and feels safe to raise concerns about whether the environment is truly open, safe, and inclusive.
- Pro-actively assists people who find themselves in a situation of potential harm.

What is considered unacceptable behaviour?

Unacceptable behaviour is any behaviour (actions/comments) that directly or indirectly harms another person or creates an unsafe or hostile environment for any person. This includes:

- Inappropriate actions or comments (speech) concerning a person's background, including but not limited to a person's race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, or any other aspect.
- Any form of racism, discrimination, sexual harassment, intimidation, or any form of unwelcome solicitation of emotional or physical intimacy.
- Inciting or spreading hatred or violence.
- Using ones position or authority in a way that is considered inappropriate.
- Inappropriate photography, recording, or stalking.
- Advocacy of, or encouragement of any of the above behaviours.

What is the procedure for resolving complaints?

It is important that there is a clear and easily accessible procedure for persons who feel they have experienced or witnessed unacceptable behaviour and want to approach to inform about it, report it, and/or call for appropriate actions. The Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, with the support of the IMISCOE Network Office, will make sure that such an appropriate procedure is in place, and that trustees are appointed accordingly.

For every IMISCOE event, there will be a Trustee who is clearly announced in documentation or on the website. The Trustee can be a person from the conference organizing committee, the board of a Standing or Executive Committee, etc. All messages to and talks with the Trustee will be fully confidential. Trustees will be available for a private conversation or for receiving reports of any disrespectful behaviour of harassment during events. They can also advise on appropriate subsequent actions. Anonymity must be ensured throughout the entire process unless both parties consent to the disclosure of anonymity to the other part.

The organizing committees of the IMISCOE Annual Conference, of the Spring Conference, and of the PhD School shall designate two Trustees (at least one of whom must be a woman) for each of these events. For all other events organised by IMISCOE Executive and Standing Committees, there will be one Trustee assigned for each event. If the person reported is someone from the hosting organization/committee of an IMISCOE event, the report can be made directly to the Vice-chair of the Board of Directors. For any internal meetings of IMISCOE governance bodies (including meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, Standing and Executive Committees, etc.) any reports on unacceptable behaviour shall be made directly to the Vice-chair of the Board of Directors and/or to the Network Office.

As a complement to Article 10 of the IMISCOE Consortium Agreement on Defaults and Remedies, this Code of Conduct offers two routes of action for those who feel they have experienced unacceptable behaviour:

1. Talk to a Trustee and ask for informal resolution. Once the Trustees have a private conversation or receive a complaint, Trustees and the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors will approach the person against whom the complaint was made. If the process is brief and the individuals involved can meet separately in person with one of the Trustees and the Vice-chair, it is preferable to handle it that way. If the event is ending soon or has already ended and there is no opportunity for such a meeting, communication can be conducted through a video call or via email. All members are encouraged to raise any issues and grievances as early as possible, before they become a major problem. The mediation process may be concluded if the offending party acknowledges responsibility for their misconduct and/or offers an apology to the reporting party (if accepted).
2. Report unacceptable behaviour and ask for formal resolution. Any person can formally report unacceptable behaviour to the Trustee by filing a formal complaint. In this case, the identity of the complainant needs to be revealed at least to the Trustee, but should be processed further in confidentiality, only between the parties involved in the complaint and its subsequent inquiry. The Trustee will attempt to settle the complaint with involvement by the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors. The Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and the Trustee will then jointly examine the complaint; notify the person or organisation against whom the complaint is directed and provide them with an opportunity, in a reasonable time period, to respond to the complaint; set up an inquiry into what happened that ensures the right of all parties to be heard and informed; and identify appropriate action. A formal complaint and the result of the inquiry needs to be reported to the IMISCOE Executive Board and to the IMISCOE Coordinator. The IMISCOE Executive Board and the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors can ultimately take sanctions in response to complaints, which includes giving a person a warning, informing a person's institute of the complaint, and suspending the individual membership of a person. Once a year, the IMISCOE Coordinator will need to report to the IMISCOE Board of Directors what has been done in response to formal complaints.

   To ensure that our events remain safe and inclusive, we have created the IMISCOE Code of Conduct for online, hybrid and face-to-face events. IMISCOE is a research network with a variety of activities, including the organisation of events, training, and the support of research and publications. This Code of Conduct aims to make sure that everyone involved in IMISCOE activities can work in a safe and respectful environment.

The trustees for this event are: Mohammed Ouhemmou (m.ouhemmou@uiz.ac.ma); Ricard Zapata Barrero (ricard.zapata@upf.edu) Al Batoul Majbar (e.majbar@uiz.ac.ma), Luisa Faustini Torres, Pompeu Fabra University, MSCA EuroMedMig Project, Spain) (luisa.faustini@upf.edu)

Forum Schedule

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.

15:00-15:15	Welcome & introduction
15:15-16:15	Session 1 – Panel: EuroMedMig PhD candidates **(HYBRID, Cité de l'innovation Souss Massa, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1)**
16:30-18:00	Session 2 – Workshop: How to approach regional studies **(ONSITE, Cité de l'innovation Souss Massa, Ground Floor, Meeting Room 1)** Session 3 – Workshop: How to approach regional studies **(ONLINE)**

The PhD Network events will take place at at Cité de l'innovation Souss Massa.

Address: CC4C+P8G université ibn zohr, Rue Oued Ziz, Agadir 80000

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

08:45-09:30	**Registration & welcome (Scientific Building, Ground Floor)**
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 (President of Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad -CCME Morocco) • Ricard Zapata-Barrero (IMISCOE Chair External Affairs) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room)**
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) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room)**

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

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

- **Panel 1:** *Mobility paradigms and theories* (Chair: Lahoussine Hamdoune, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **Panel 2:** *Migration corridors and routes* (Chair: Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece. MSCA EuroMedMig Project) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Panel 3:** *Climate change and environmental mobility* (Chair: Mounir Sanhaji, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**
- **Panel 4:** *Externalization and EU migration regimes* (Chair: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

13:00-14:30 *Lunch break*

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

- **Panel 5:** *Governance, policy, and legal frameworks* (Chair: Tara F. Deubel, University of South Florida, USA) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **Panel 6:** *Digital borders, technology, and surveillance* (Chair: Eleonore Kofman, Middlesex University, UK) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Panel 7:** *Border violence, necropolitics, and control* (Chair: Saad Alami Merrouni, Mohammed V University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**
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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) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Main Conference Room)**

Thursday, 29 October 2026

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

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- **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) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 **Parallel Workshops:**

- **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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **Workshop 4:** *Beyond brain drain: Skilled mobility and urban transformations in North Africa* (Chair: Verena Wisthaler, Eurac Research, Italy) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Workshop 5:** *War, displacement, and bordered livelihoods* (Chair: Munzoul Assal, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

12:30-13:30 *Lunch break*

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

- **Panel 9:** *Labour, political economy and migration* (Chair: El Batoul Majbar, Ibn Zohr University) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **Panel 10:** *Everyday life, integration and belonging* (Chair: Sarah Scott Ford, University of Copenhagen, Denmark) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Panel 11:** *Youth mobilities, policies and experiences* (Chair: Luisa Faustini Torres, Pompeu Fabra University, MSCA EuroMedMig Project, Spain) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**
- **Panel 12:** *Gender, feminist and intersectional perspectives* (Chair: Kamal Sbiri, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **Panel 14:** *Expériences migratoires, représentations et enjeux transnationaux* (Chair: Fatima Zahra Aharmouche, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Panel 15:** *Arts, culture and creative methodologies* (Chair: Hanane Darhour, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

17:00-17:30 *Coffee break*

17:30-19:00 **Parallel Workshops**:

- **Workshop 6:** *Ethics in practice: Navigating ethical dilemmas across the Mediterranean* (Chair: Maria-Nerina Boursinou, University of Surrey, UK) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

Friday, 30 October 2026

09:00-10:30 **Plenary Session:** *African Migration Observatory and European Commission: Contrasting perspectives* (Chair: Mohammed Ouhemmou, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room)**

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 **Parallel Panels:**

- **Panel 16:** *Solidarity, activism and civil society* (Chair: Yasmine Bouchfar, Université Mohammed V Rabat, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **Panel 17:** *Development, aid and external intervention* (Chair: Ida Marie Savio Vammen, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Panel 18:** *Migration diplomacy and geopolitics* (Chair: Ahlam Chemlali, Aalborg University, Denmark) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**
- **Panel 19:** *Alternative epistemologies and decolonial approaches* (Chair: Ibtissame Bourhnane, University of Liège, Belgium. MSCA EuroMedMig Project) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

12:30-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-14:00 **Special Event:** *African migration governance: A global policy and research network (AMIGOV),* Chairs: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway & Ibrahima Dia, African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration, Mali **(HYBRID, Scientific Budling, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room)**

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

- **Workshop 8:** *Euro-African racial border regimes: Colonial legacies and contemporary bordering* (Chair: Chiara Pagano, University of Pavia, Italy) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**
- **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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**
- **Workshop 10:** *Postcolonial goals: Diaspora, recognition, and the identity politics of African football* (Chair: Marie Godin, Leicester University, UK) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00-17:30 **Closing Plenary Roundtable:** *Documentaries, Cinema, Memory and Migrations* (Chair: Ricard Zapata-Barrero, UPF, Spain) **(Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room)**

Keynote Speech

Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026
Time: 10:00-11:00
Venue: Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room.

Abstract:

Migration scholarship has shown that border control is externalised, negotiated and temporally uneven, but these dynamics are rarely theorised together. This paper develops relational mobility governance to explain how migration control is produced through shifting relations among state, supranational, local and non-state actors. Bringing externalisation, migration diplomacy and temporal bordering into a common framework, it argues that mobility governance is neither simply projected outward from Europe nor reducible to interstate bargaining. It is co-produced through asymmetric Euro-African relations that shape where, when and how intensively control is exercised. A structured historical analysis of Morocco from 1992 to 2026 shows how growing European dependence on Moroccan implementation capacity has coexisted with sustained Moroccan agency and recurrent shifts in enforcement. The July 2026 Ceuta crossings function as a critical stress test, showing how changes in political and operational relations can rapidly reshape the spatial and temporal exercise of migration control.

Myriam Cherti:



Dr Myriam Cherti is a Senior Researcher at the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford, and an Affiliate Professor at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), where she holds the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Chair on Forced Displacement.

Myriam has more than two decades of experience in international migration, spanning academia, government, United Nations agencies and civil society. Her work connects research with policy and practice, focusing on migration governance, irregular migration and forced displacement, integration and reintegration, and diaspora engagement, with particular expertise in Moroccan migration. Before returning to COMPAS, she was Head of Migration Governance, Data and Research at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Morocco, having previously led IOM's Migration and Development Unit in the United Kingdom. In 2018, IOM seconded her to the Moroccan government to support the organisation of the Global Forum on Migration and Development and preparations for the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

During her first period at COMPAS, she led projects on irregular migration and immigration enforcement in the UK. She has also headed migration research at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), worked with Migrants Organise, and taught sociology, migration studies and research methods at the University of Sussex. Alongside these roles, she has undertaken consultancy and independent research for European initiatives on the integration of migrants, particularly Muslim communities.

Myriam's pioneering research on the Moroccan diaspora in the UK brought a little-documented community into view. It includes the monograph *Paradoxes of Social Capital: A Multi-Generational Study of Moroccans in London (Amsterdam University Press, 2008)* and Moroccan Memories in Britain, an oral and visual history project whose exhibition opened at the British Library before touring the UK and Morocco. Myriam holds a PhD in Migration Studies from the University of Sussex and an MSc in Social Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Film Screening

Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026
Time: 19:00-21:00
Venue: Cinema Sahara, Agadir, Talbourjt

Rescue

RESCUE opens with a harrowing abduction in the waters of the Mediterranean close to the Libyan coast. Director Sine Plambech and her film crew are accompanying the Geo Barents, a rescue ship operated by Doctors Without Borders that's trying to save a rubber boat packed with migrants in distress.

Suddenly, a third vessel approaches, piloted by Libyan militia members. During a frantic scramble in the open water, some migrants are snatched by the militias, while others reach the Geo Barents. One of the rescued migrants, Hani, tells the film crew he has just been separated from his family. His wife Roro, his young son, and their two-month-old daughter have been kidnapped by the militia. The militias hold captives for ransom, while the European Union quietly funnels billions of euros to North African countries to halt migration. Normally, these tragedies take place beyond the reach of cameras. But in this case, Roro has managed to hide a cell phone in her baby's diaper and is able to share what's happening to her in Libya with Hani, who never gives up believing they can be reunited.

RESCUE had its world premiere at Toronto International Film Festival and is nominated for several human rights awards.



Plenary Roundtable

Date: Wednesday, 28 October 2026
Time: 16:30-18:00
Venue: Scientific Building, Main Conference Room

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

Chair: Gunjan Sondhi, The Open University, UK

Abstract: This workshop places the Africa-European dialogue at its centre, inviting scholars, practitioners, and community-based researchers to rethink how migration research is conceptualised, conducted, and shared across Africa and Europe. Although recent years have seen growing recognition of inequities within migration studies (Raghuram and Sondhi 2026), significant power imbalances continue to shape collaborations among Global South researchers (Mkwananzi and Cin, 2020), migrant communities, and institutions situated outside dominant academic spaces (*BEAP Team,* 2026). This session calls for a deeper engagement with what it means to build and sustain equitable partnerships within African-European research contexts.

A key aim of the session is to examine how equitable partnership models claim to address structural inequalities, mitigate power asymmetries, and challenge ideological or cultural biases embedded in mainstream knowledge production but often fall short of achieving this. What are the stated aims around equitable partnership and what are the structural limits to achieving this?

Towards this, the session aims to open up the space to explore the practical dimensions of building equitable partnerships, including funding arrangements, due diligence processes, fair co-authorship practices, and institutional barriers, such as ethics and compliance systems. Through concrete examples, we encourage participants to explore how to shift from viewing research communities as stakeholders to recognising them as rightsholders with voice and agency across all stages of research. We also aim to think through ways in which Global South actors can shape governance structures, set partnership terms, and propose alternative models of collaboration rooted in local epistemologies.

Speakers:

- Parvati Raghuram (The Open University, UK)
- Markus Breines (Fafo, Norway)
- Omolola OlarindeElizade 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)

Plenary Session

Date: Friday, 30 October 2026
Time: 09:00-10:30
Venue: Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room.

African Migration Observatory and European Commission: Contrasting perspectives

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

Background and Rationale: Migration remains central to Africa-Europe relations, touching on mobility, development, border governance, and international cooperation. As it becomes entangled with wider geopolitical shifts, the debate needs to move beyond crisis-driven narratives toward shared challenges and opportunities.

This session brings together:

- Driss El Yazami (President of Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad -CCME Morocco). The CCME perspective: As an advisory body to the Moroccan state, the CCME produces research, policy recommendations, and cultural initiatives that strengthen ties between Morocco and its diaspora. It offers a diaspora-informed view of migration, mobility, and belonging.
- Mr Daniele Dotto, Deputy Head of Delegation (Delegation of the European Union to Morocco). The EU perspective: The EU Delegation represents European policy and partnership priorities on migration and mobility, and how they can be pursued with African partners.
- Ambassador Dr. Namira Negm (Director of the African Migration Observatory, Morocco).

Together they will discuss how data, policy, and institutional partnerships can support more balanced, evidence-based, and mutually beneficial mobility governance. The aim is to treat migration not only as a policy challenge but as a shared space for governance, knowledge production, and transregional cooperation.



Mr.Driss El Yazami (President of Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad -CCME Morocco) (photo @Cecile Laroch)



Professor Mohammed Ouhemmou (UIZ).

Special Event

Date: Friday, 30 October 2026
Time: 13:30-14:00
Venue: Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room.

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

Chairs: Cathrine Talleraas, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway, Ibrahima Dia, African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration, Mauritania & Leander Kandilige, Centre for Migration Studies, University of Ghana.

Event Description:

With this event, we aim to initiate a global research and policy network connecting researchers, practitioners and policy actors working on African migration governance. Global in membership, but with a clear focus on migration governance within Africa, the network will provide a space for research-grounded knowledge exchange, dialogue and collaboration across geographical and institutional contexts. At the IMISCOE Forum in Agadir, we will introduce the initiative and open a discussion about its aims, priorities and future activities. We invite those interested in contributing to or engaging with the network to join this conversation and its further development. The aim is to ensure that AMIGOV develops in ways grounded in the needs, interests and priorities of those working in the field.

The initiative is a collaboration between the African Centre for the Study and Research on Migration (ACSRM), the research network on African Migration, Mobility, and Displacement (AMMODI), and IMISCOE.



Closing Plenary Roundtable

Date: Friday, 30 October 2026
Time: 16:00-17:30
Venue: Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room.

Documentaries, Cinema, Memory and Migrations



Chair: Prof. Dr. Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Full Professor, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain). Director of GRITIM-UPF (Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration) and Coordinator of the EuroMedMig Marie Curie PhD Programme.

Abstract: In contemporary migration studies, the intersection of memory, displacement, and borders increasingly relies on creative and audio-visual methodologies to capture plural human experiences. Documentaries, as an artistic and ethnographic medium, serve as a vital tool for preserving, constructing, and contesting cultural and historical memories across borders. They give voice to marginalized subjectivities, map emotional geographies, and challenge state-centric, securitized paradigms of human mobility.

Organized by GRITIM-UPF and EuroMedMig, in close collaboration with the Conseil de la Communauté Marocaine à l'Étranger (CCME), this special panel bridges the gap between academic research, artistic creation, and public dissemination. Crucially, the panel expands traditional analytical borders by focusing on the Euro-Mediterranean-African space, reframing this tri-continental corridor not as an insular barrier, but as a dynamic crossroads of shared histories, intertwined migration trajectories, and plural cultural memories.

Moving beyond traditional paper presentations, this session introduces an innovative format designed to maximize engagement through three distinct, interconnected perspectives:

1. The Curatorial and Cultural Lens: Exploring how contemporary African cinema and cross-border visual arts shape public perceptions and counter-narratives of mobility.
2. The Anthropological and Filmmaking Lens: Examining how visual ethnography archives long-term trajectories of migration, human rights, and global displacement.
3. The Gendered and Academic Lens: Analyzing documentary representations of women migrants within the North African and Euro-Mediterranean space.

The session is structured in two interconnected parts:

- Thematic Roundtable: The Chair and speakers will discuss the epistemological and political role of the moving image, exploring how documentaries function as living archives of exile, diaspora, and post-memory.
- Screenings & Informal Dialogue: Selected documentary excerpts will be projected during the Forum. These screenings will serve as a catalyst for structured but informal conversations, allowing

directors, senior researchers, and postgraduate students to interact closely, share methodologies, and debate the socio-political impact of visual storytelling.

Key Thematic Axes:

- Audio-visual and ethnographic methodologies in migration, memory, and diaspora studies.
- The politics of memory: How documentaries archive counter-narratives of displacement.
- The Euro-Mediterranean-African nexus: Trans-Saharan corridors, post-colonial trajectories, and multi-shore realities.
- Gendered perspectives on displacement: Visibilizing the narratives of women migrants through the screen.
- Bridging arts and academia: Documentaries as tools for social resilience, public dissemination, and policy impact.

Speakers:

- Sine Plambech (anthropologist and film director, Denmark)
- Yasmine Bouchfar (Université Mohammed V, Morocco)
- Lorenzo Caglioni (MSCA fellow at IPNA_CSIC, Spain)

2026 IMISCOE Regional Forum, Agadir, Morocco Forum PhD Activities

The IMISCOE PhD Network proposes an activity targeted at PhD candidates participating in the 2026 IMISCOE Regional Forum at Ibn Zohr University in Agadir, Morocco. The aims of this activity are to:

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

Participants:

- PhD candidates who participate in the Regional Forum
- EuroMedMig PhD candidates
- Moroccan PhD candidates identified by the Forum's organisers

The session is open to members of the IMISCOE PhD Network and also available for online participation. In practice, this would involve livestreaming the panel discussion via Webex and running a parallel workshop session for online participants.

Programme:

Tuesday 27 October 2026

15:00-15:15	Welcome & introduction
15:15-16:15	Session 1 – Panel: EuroMedMig PhD candidates (HYBRID)
16:30-18:00	Session 2 – Workshop: How to approach regional studies (ONSITE) Session 3 – Workshop: How to approach regional studies (ONLINE)

The PhD Network events will take place at at Cité de l'innovation Souss Massa. Address: CC4C+P8G université ibn zohr, Rue Oued Ziz, Agadir 80000

Session 1 – Panel

This panel showcases the work of EuroMedMig PhD researchers, presenting how they approach migration research in, across, and to/from the Mediterranean. Three panelists each give a 10-minute reflection, followed by a 15-minute moderated discussion with audience participation.

Our panelists are:

- Sama Gasmi, University of Catania, Italy
- Lea Molina Caminero, University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Viola De Franco, Université Côte d'Azur, France
- Anouck Baraud, Koç University, Türkiye

Session 2 – Workshop

Building on the panel discussion, this workshop invites PhD researchers to reflect on how regional perspectives can enrich migration and diversity research across different geographical contexts. Through group discussions, participants explore how concepts, methods, and insights from Mediterranean scholarship resonate with their own research sites and regions, aiming to foster cross-regional dialogue and identify shared analytical challenges.

Forum Program

Detailed programme of plenaries (chronological order)

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

09:30-10:00- Opening Words

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)

Room: HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room

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Speakers:

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Room: ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Main Conference Room

Detailed programme of panels and workshops (chronological order)

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

Panel 1: Mobility paradigms and theories (Chair: Lahoussine Hamdoune, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

- Diversified and dynamic mobilities and trajectories in regional migrations in Africa- Eleonore Kofman and Necla Acik (Middlesex University, UK)
- Mediated borders and violent pushbacks: Afro–European transit and racialized visibility at the Pazarkule/Evros crossing- Murat Yaman (Giresun University, Turkey)
- Senegalese migrant experiences in Southern Morocco: Hierarchies of nationality, ethnicity, and minority status- Tara F. Deubel, Heide Castañeda (University of South Florida, USA)
- 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)

Panel 2: Migration corridors and routes (Chair: Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University of Athens, Greece, MSCA EuroMedMig Project) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

- 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)
- When European borders slow down African buses: Approaching border externalization from the road- Marc Hertel (University Klagenfurt, Austria)

Panel 3: Climate change and environmental mobility (Chair: Mounir Sanhaji, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

- 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)
- 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)

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

- 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)

Wednesday, 28 October 2026, 14:30-16:00

Panel 5: Governance, policy, and legal frameworks (Chair: Tara F. Deubel, University of South Florida, USA) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

- 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: Mobility, race, and Racialisation (Chair: Siham Marroune, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

- Evoking sea crossings: Narratives and memories of journeys across the Mediterranean Sea- Daniela DeBono (University of Malta, Malta)
- 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- sRachid 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

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) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

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 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

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, Mali)
- Onike Shorunkeh-Sawyerr (University of Göttingen, Germany)
- Mohammed Ouhemmou (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- Saad Alami Merrouni, (Mohammed V University, Morocco)

Workshop 4: Beyond brain drain: Skilled mobility and urban transformations in North Africa (Chair: Verena Wisthaler, Eurac Research, Italy) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

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)

Workshop 5: War, displacement, and bordered livelihoods (Chair: Munzoul Assal, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

Workshop participants:

- Munzoul Assal (Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway)
- Ann Cathrin Corrales-Øverlid, (University of Bergen, 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)

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Panel 9: Labour, political economy and migration (Chair: El Batoul Majbar, Ibn Zohr University) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

- 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 (Chair: Kamal Sbiri, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

- 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)

- 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)
- 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) (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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

- 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: Fatima Zahra Aharmouche, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

- 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 (Chair: Hanane Darhour, Ibn Zohr University, Morocco) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

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)

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Panel 16: Solidarity, activism and civil society (Chair: Yasmine Bouchfar, Université Mohammed V Rabat, Morocco) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

- 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)
- 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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

- 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 Oudadene and Mohammed Ouhemmou (Ibn Zohr University, Morocco)
- “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)

- 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)

Panel 19: Alternative epistemologies and decolonial approaches (Chair: Ibtissame Bourhnane, University of Liège, Belgium, MSCA EuroMedMig Project) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Ground Floor, Room 4)**

- Beyond privilege: Skilled (im)mobilities and urban precarity in the Eastern Mediterranean- Ezgi Tuncer (Kadir Has University, Turkey) (ONLINE)
- 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)

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Workshop 8: Euro-African racial border regimes: Colonial legacies and contemporary bordering (Chair: Chiara Pagano, University of Pavia, Italy) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 1)**

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)

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) **(ON-SITE, Scientific Building, First Floor, Room 2)**

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)
- Buermle Suomi Puplampu (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Agnes Doe Agbanyo (University of Ghana, Ghana)

Workshop 10: Postcolonial goals: Diaspora, recognition, and the identity politics of African football (Chair: Marie Godin, Leicester University, UK) **(HYBRID, Scientific Building, Second Floor, Room 3)**

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)
