

## **Call for Chapter proposals for an edited book: “Contemporary Perspectives on migrant families, children and youth” (working title)**

### **IMISCOE Standing Committee “Families, Children and Youth”**

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Migration research has developed a significant body of evidence on the diversity of family relationships and care practices which take place and are maintained across borders (e.g. Baldassar et al., 2007, Bernhard et al., 2009, Chamberlain and Leydesdorff, 2004, Huang and Yeoh, 2011, Jerves et al., 2018, Carling et al., 2012, Levitt and Waters, 2002). In the European context, scholarship on transnational families has developed significantly in the last two decades, starting to consolidate an area of study which had, initially, lagged behind that of other world regions (e.g. Bryceson and Vuorela, 2002, Zontini, 2015, Reynolds, 2009, Haagsman and Mazzucato, 2014, Mazzucato and Schans, 2011, Christou and King, 2010, Mas Giralt and Bailey, 2010, Goulbourne et al., 2010, Al-Sharmani et al., 2017).

This has included a growing engagement with critical conceptualisations of the family (Morgan, 2011, Morgan, 1996, Finch, 2007), which has opened the field to research on families of choice and other intimate relationships and helped to challenge restrictive migration policy definitions of what constitutes ‘family’ (e.g. Heath et al., 2011, Zontini and Reynolds, 2018, Carver, 2014, Walsh, 2018, Mustasaari, 2015). However, it is necessary to develop further insights into the myriad of intimate relationships and practices found in ‘family’ migration, family experiences of incorporation in receiving societies, everyday intergenerational family or intimate practices, positive and negative emotional obligations, gender and reproductive roles, and the perspectives of ‘children within families’ (e.g. Kofman, 2004, Cook and Waite, 2016, Bonjour and Kraler, 2015, Bailey and Boyle, 2004, Zontini and Reynolds, 2018). Furthermore, existing scholarship is dominated by ‘nuclear family’ conceptualisations and focuses mainly on first and second generation migrants, requiring that more attention is paid to extended and other models of ‘family’ which may include third and fourth generation members and elective or non-kinship relationships (e.g. Mustasaari, 2015, Foner and Dreby, 2011, Moskal, 2011, Eguren, 2005).

The prospective edited collection aims to contribute to developing some of these insights by exploring current conceptualizations of families, intimate relationships and practices in relation to situations faced by migrants and their significant others, paying particular attention to the perspectives of children and young people within these families. The publication builds on the work developed by the IMISCOE Standing Committee “Families, Children and Youth” and incorporates the ideas and topics that were kindly contributed by interested participants during the workshop “Contemporary Perspectives on Migrant and Transnational Families and youth: Open invitation to contributors for the development of an edited book” held at the IMISCOE 15th Annual Conference in Barcelona (4<sup>th</sup> July 2018).

## Chapter proposals

Interested authors are invited to submit chapter proposals on the following topics related (but not limited) to migrant families, children and youth:

**I. Children, youth and their relationships within the migrant or transnational families as well as the community of peers and neighbors** at the local level and beyond. Of particular interest will be the social mobility and educational trajectories that such youth experience. Recommended topics include:

- Children's lives at the local level and what growing up as an 'intergenerational person' means, when does second generation no longer hold?
- Children's own stories of what they experience within migrant families in their everyday practices
- Informal learning and street level exchanges of youth and families
- Practices that youth adapt in order to gain access into adulthood, be these practices those that are approved of by the family such as that of being mediators and interlocutors with their family, peers, and the community at large, or represent the more shady or darker side of getting ahead, e.g. bribery of parental affection with money for being separated from mothers over time
- The lived experiences and the minutiae of children and youth as they negotiate and try to appropriate roles for themselves
- Revisiting the concepts of resilience, empowerment and voice in the ways that children and youth express and figure out their own lives
- Community-based practices of families, children and youth

**II. Emerging theoretical conceptualizations of family or intimate practices or relationships in migration.** Case studies and perspectives that cover theoretical and practical aspects of family or intimate life in migration contexts are invited. Recommended topics include:

- Contested conceptualisations of migrant or transnational families, including 'family members-centred' perspectives (including children and young people) which problematize traditional conceptualisations of family or intimate relationships in migration
- New theoretical stances on families including aspects of gender, intersectional and/or intergenerational roles
- The influence of family life with regard to onward or return migration in sending and receiving contexts
- Family practices, rituals and caring across borders
- Migration policies and the rights of migrants to family life in a changing Europe

**III. Innovative methodologies with migrant families, children and youth.** Case studies and contributions showcasing current methodological trends and approaches are invited.

Recommended topics include:

- Innovative research methodologies accessing families and their children
- Netnography and social media
- Visual methodologies
- Shifting roles of researchers while in the field and post field
- Reflexivity and adaptability of the researcher to new ideologies of understanding

#### **Submission Procedure:**

Contributors are invited to submit a proposal of no less than 1,500 words which addresses any of the recommended topics above and is coherent with the theoretical conceptualization of the book **by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Proposals need to be submitted to: [mifacy.imiscoe@gmail.com](mailto:mifacy.imiscoe@gmail.com)

Proposals should be submitted in Microsoft word document (not a pdf) and use Times New Roman 12pt and 1.5 line spacing. References should follow Harvard style. The 1,500 proposal should provide an outline of all the sections in the chapter and driving arguments. All submitted chapter proposals should not have previously been published or be currently under review for publication.

Authors will be informed about the outcome of the pre-selection process in **December 2018**. Full chapter drafts of 8,000 words including references tables and graphs will need to be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please note that full chapter drafts will have to undergo double blind peer review in order to be accepted into the final publication.

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