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Citizenship and Mobility: Two Entangled Sides of a Segmented Order?

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I Micro and macro level drivers and consequences of mobility

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Understanding intra-European youth mobility. The case of Romanians and Latvians in Sweden.

Henrik Emilsson is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Global Political Studies at Malmö University and Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM).

Abstract: The talk is based on two articles examining migration of young people from Latvia and Romania to Malmö, Sweden. Why do they want to move to, and stay in, Sweden despite economic difficulties and underemployment? Six main factors for explaining mobility patterns are highlighted: free university education, romantic relationships, cosmopolitan lifestyle, presence of English language, idealisation of Sweden and work–life balance. The findings illustrate that many young migrants do not chose to move to Sweden for short-term economic opportunities, but rather to experience a different lifestyle. In most cases, these expectations are met, although over time. In a further study of their stay, a life-course perspective is applied to map the education and career trajectories before and after their mobility.

Individual perceptions as a driver of migration aspirations. The case of Ukraine

Iryna Lapshyna is a VW Fellow at IMIS, Osnabrück University and a Research Associate at South East European Studies at Oxford, University of Oxford. Previously, Iryna was a Senior Researcher at COMPAS, University of Oxford. She was also a grant holder of the British Academy and completed a project on the Ukrainian Diaspora in the UK and Poland. Prior to this, she worked as national expert on an EU-funded FP7 project 'Imagining Europe from the outside'.

Abstract: This lecture will give an overview of how people's perceptions of democracy and human rights such as corruption, safety and security, job opportunities, social security and quality of health care/schools affect their migration aspirations. It is based on the results of EUMAGINE project, which studied migration-related perceptions of Europe among people aged 18-39 in four countries of origin and transit: Morocco, Senegal, Turkey and Ukraine. Four main questions are addressed. First, it explores how Ukrainians perceive life in Ukraine and how they compare these with conditions in Europe. Second, it analyses the correlation between these individual perceptions and their migration aspirations. Third, it investigates how people perceive migration meaning its consequences, advantages and disadvantages. And fourth, it describes the subsequent emergence of migration motives and aspirations. This presentation also will show that dissatisfaction with social policy in the sending country as well as positive perceptions of social policy in the destination countries are important contributors to the emergence of migration aspirations.

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Mobility restrictions during Covid: How citizenship mattered during crisis

Didier Ruedin (DPhil, Oxford) is a senior lecturer at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, and affiliated research fellow at the African Centre for Migration & Society at the University of the Witwatersrand. He uses experiments and quantitative analysis to examine discrimination and political reactions in policies and political debates. Personal website: <http://druedin.com>.

Abstract: Every government in the world introduced restrictions to human mobility – that is, the movement of persons across and within state borders – in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. While such restrictions constituted a global phenomenon, they were by no means globally uniform; rather, they varied significantly between and within states, as well as over time. We use the large-scale Citizenship, Migration and Mobility in a Pandemic (CMMP) dataset to explore border closures and domestic lockdowns in response to the Covid-19 outbreak between March and June 2020. Drawing inspiration from research on previous pandemics, we outline possible implications and research avenues prompted by these data. We argue that explaining the causes and consequences of restrictions, as well as the differences between them, can advance research on the governance of mobility, migration, and citizenship.

Understanding the experience of internationally mobile students in the context of everyday bordering

Yao Wang is a lecturer in Intercultural Communication at Newcastle University. Her research interests extend to the internationalisation of Higher Education (HE), particularly centred around the adjustment, adaptation, and employability of international students. She works on different projects on decolonisation, equality, diversity, and inclusion within HE contexts.

Abstract: Everyday bordering encompasses the continuous construction of borders through various facets such as ideology, cultural mediation, discourses, political institutions, attitudes, and everyday forms of transnationalism. Universities have emerged as pivotal arenas for the manifestation of everyday bordering. Internationally mobile students encounter a myriad of challenges stemming from cultural differences, issues of identity, and the potential for social isolation, these further complicated by their legal status, requiring them to negotiate the complex web of laws governing visas, residency, and citizenship. Hence, it is important to understand their emotional and intellectual work involved in negotiating, sustaining and/or developing a sense of belonging while dealing with everyday bordering. This session aims to shed light on the experiences of internationally mobile students in the UK and elucidate the rationale behind initiating a research project dedicated to unravelling the intricacies of everyday bordering experiences in the UK and Germany.

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III International mobility, citizenship and human rights

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Statelessness in the context of migration: human rights and protection framework

Haqqi Bahram is a PhD student at the Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO) at Linköping University.

Abstract: Statelessness impacts more than 10 million persons globally. In the context of international migration and refugee protection responses, the issue is often overlooked. This talk considers the different understandings of statelessness and the international mechanisms for the protection of the rights of stateless persons. Focusing specifically on the intersecting challenges facing stateless refugees in Europe, the lecture discusses the protection gaps observed in the refugee protection framework, the lack of knowledge on statelessness and the dilemmas of proving it in migration processes.

The Nation's electorate. The loyalty of emigrants in the Roya Valley (1944-1949)

Lucie Bargel is an associate professor of political science in Université Côte d'Azur, France. She is also a member of the Institut Universitaire de France. Her work on the franco-italien frontier was recently published in *Dans l'écheveau de la frontière. Alignements et réalignements des attachements politiques dans la Roya (XIXè-XXIè siècles)*, Karthala, 2023.

Abstract: The 1947 referendum to ratify the transfer of Italian mountain villages to France reveals the political impacts of how the electorate is defined. The systematic comparison of local and national archives, both French and Italian, shows that the legal criteria of residency and place of birth contributed to a selection of eligible voters dictated by the expected national loyalty of different migrant groups. In order to obtain a favorable result, France recognized emigrants as legitimate political actors within the village.

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IV Transformation of mobility and citizenship

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Political participation of undocumented migrants in the city (of Liège) as means of informal cultural citizenship

Elsa Mescoli is an anthropologist with a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the University of Liège and in Anthropology of Contemporary Worlds from the University of Milan-Bicocca. Her thesis focused on the culinary practices and eating habits of Moroccan women in the context of migration. I am now a lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, within the CEDEM - Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Migration, and the LASC - Social and Cultural Anthropology Laboratory. I teach anthropology of food, urban socio-anthropology, socio-anthropology of interculturality, refugee studies and studies of gender, intersectionality and migration. My most recent research projects deal with public opinion and citizen initiatives concerning migrants, cultural and artistic practices related to migration, integration policies and discrimination against Muslims.

Abstract: This presentation is based on ethnographic research carried out in 2017-2019 in Liège as part of a research project targeting public opinion on refugees and asylum seekers, as well as initiatives to support them. More specifically, Elsa Mescoli took part in activities organised by a collective of undocumented migrants living in Liège aimed at raising local awareness of their situation and claiming their rights. In this talk, she will analyse a number of artistic and cultural initiatives and show how they function as a means of asserting citizenship in a context that denies it to the people concerned. The opportunities and constraints encountered by undocumented migrants in this process will be discussed, as well as the (intersectional) dynamics of inclusion and exclusion in which they are involved.

Unpacking narratives and policies of belonging: stories and representation of migration

Tina Magazzini is a Maria Zambrano Postdoctoral fellowship recipient at the University of A Coruña and a founding member of INTEGRIM Lab, a non-profit organisation providing research on migration, integration and social justice.

Abstract: This talk explores what kind of narratives of migration exist, who they are told by, and what role they play in shaping migration policies and access to citizenship. The central questions will be (1) Who has a right to move around freely in different countries, and how has this changed over time (and place)? (2) How are the concepts of citizenship and migration connected, and why do some immigrants acquire citizenship while others do not? (3) What does dual citizenship mean, and do, in different settings? By comparing and contrasting different models of immigration policies and citizenship acquisition, this lecture will look at how stories of migration and membership are told, for whom they are told, and of who does the storytelling.

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Reading list

All PDF files can be downloaded here:

<https://drive.switch.ch/index.php/s/UEOTrdalMFGGrR4L>

06.11.2023 Micro and macro level drivers and consequences of mobility

- Emilsson, H., & Adolfsson, C. (2019). Dreaming of Sweden as a space of well being. *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*, 9(2), 201-219.
- Optional reading: Emilsson, H., & Mozetič, K. (2021). Intra-EU youth mobility, human capital and career outcomes: the case of young high-skilled Latvians and Romanians in Sweden. *Journal of ethnic and migration studies*, 47(8), 1811-1828
- Timmerman C., Heyse P., "Conceptual and Theoretical Framework EUMAGINE Research Project"

20.11.2023 Citizenship policies and their implications on mobility patterns & citizenship hierarchies

- Piccoli, L., Dzankic, J., Ruedin, D. (2021). Citizenship, Migration and Mobility in a Pandemic (CMMP): A global dataset of COVID-19 restrictions on human movement. *PLoS ONE* 16(3): e0248066. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0248066>
- Yuval-Davis, N., Wemyss, G., & Cassidy, K. (2018). Everyday Bordering, Belonging and the Reorientation of British Immigration Legislation. *Sociology*, 52(2), 228–244.
- Gutiérrez-Rodríguez, E. (2016). Sensing dispossession: Women and gender studies between institutional racism and migration control policies in the neoliberal university. In *Women's Studies International Forum* (Vol. 54, pp. 167-177). Pergamon.

04.12.2023 International mobility, citizenship and human rights

- Tucker, J. (2021). 'The statelessness of refugees.' In Bloom, T. and Kingston, L. N. (eds) *Statelessness, governance, and the problem of citizenship*. Manchester University Press, pp. 61–73.
- Can be read as an article in French or a blog post in English:
 - FR: McGee, T. and Bahram, H. (2021). 'Kurdes syriens : après l'exil, l'apatridie en Europe.' *Plein droit*, 128 pp. 15–18.
 - ENG: McGee, T. and Bahram, H. (2021). 'Navigating intersecting statelessness: Syrian Kurds in Europe.' *European Network on Statelessness*. 6th May.
- Bargel, L. (2019). "The Nation's electorate. The loyalty of emigrants in the Roya Valley (1944-1949)"

11.12.2023 Transformation of mobility and citizenship

- Damery, S., & Mescoli, E. (2019). Harnessing visibility and invisibility through arts practices: Ethnographic case studies with migrant performers in Belgium. In *Arts* (Vol. 8, No. 2, p. 49). MDPI. <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-0752/8/2/49>
- Optional: Mescoli, E., Reidsma, M., Diels, E., Hondeghem, A., Mazzola, A., Roblain, A., & Rea, A. (2019). Mobilizations and opinions regarding asylum seekers, refugees and undocumented migrants in Belgium: Frames, motivations and actions. In Rea et al. *The refugee reception crisis: Polarized opinions and mobilizations* (p. 256). Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 171-221. <https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/24581>
- Triandafyllidou, A. (2023). "The Research Memoir of an Intra-EU Migrant Who Has Become a Guest in a Settler Colonial State"
- Bloemraad, I. & Sheares, A. (2017). "Understanding Membership in a World of Global Migration: (How) Does Citizenship Matter?"