



## RC-31 Newsletter Dec 2024

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### From the president:

Hi RC 31 Migration Colleagues,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well!

As we experience record levels of human displacement touching nearly every corner of our world, I am reminded of the importance of our work and the challenges ahead. In the pages of this newsletter, you will find news from our colleagues around our world, and I hope you find opportunities, inspiration, and synergetic ideas to spark your migration research and work.

Quite separately, later in the newsletter, you will see an announcement about recent email scams claiming to be from ISA or an ISA Research Committee and requesting money for ISA activities from fraudulent email accounts. The ISA will never request money in this way from you.

We have spent many months this year working towards the

upcoming 2025 Rabat Forum, and I want to thank you for submitting your research for the program and helping to make this next meeting a success. Already, it is shaping up to be a fantastic program and we hope to create meaningful formal and informal events for migration discourse and ideation. Furthermore, we invite you to check out the timeline leading up to the 5th ISA Forum and of course, the registration grant call which you will find in this newsletter issue. We look forward to seeing you in Rabat, Morocco.

Many thanks to Ruttia Bhula-or, RC 31 Newsletter Editor, for bringing this newsletter to fruition!

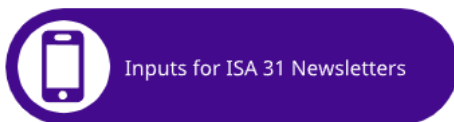
Wishing you the best,



*Loretta*

Loretta Bass  
President, ISA RC 31 Sociology of Migration

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We encourage you to continue submitting your contributions for the upcoming June 2025 RC 31 Sociology of Migration newsletter through the link:  
<https://forms.gle/3CdUqyR7CJ1jAfGF7>

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## Call for nominations for RC 31 Sociology of Migration

### **Best Book on Migration Award**

Submissions are due by: April 1, 2025

The ISA RC 31 Best Book on Migration Award honors a book published since January 2021 (3-year cycle). Nominees must be current members of the ISA RC 31 Sociology of Migration Research Committee. Self-nominations from our members who have recently published a book are welcome and encouraged. To nominate a book, submit a pdf copy of the migration-focused book to the Co-Chairs of the Best Book Award Committee, Cat Stevens ([c.stevens@ecu.edu](mailto:c.stevens@ecu.edu)) and Shobha Gurung ([gurung@suu.edu](mailto:gurung@suu.edu)), with “2025 ISA Best Book Award Nomination” in the subject line of the email. If you prefer to submit a hard copy, please contact Cat and Shobha to arrange those shipping details.

Visit this page to see prior scholars honored with this award: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc31-sociology-of-migration/rc31-awards-for-best-book-and-for-best-article>.

### **Best Scholarly Article on Migration Award**

Submissions are due by: April 1, 2025

The ISA RC 31 Best Scholarly Article on Migration Award recognizes the outstanding research article published since January 2021 (3-year cycle). Nominees must be current members of the ISA RC 31 Sociology of Migration Research Committee. Self-nominations from our members who have recently published an article are welcome and encouraged. To nominate an article, submit a pdf copy of the migration-focused article to the Co-Chairs of the Best Scholarly Article on Migration Award Committee, Yao-Tai Li ([yaotai.li@unsw.edu.au](mailto:yaotai.li@unsw.edu.au)) & Cristián Doña-Reveco ([cdona@unomaha.edu](mailto:cdona@unomaha.edu)), with “2025 ISA Best Scholarly Article on Migration Award Nomination” in the subject line of the email.

Visit this page to see prior scholars honored with this award: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc31-sociology-of-migration/rc31-awards-for-best-book-and-for-best-article>.

## Info from the ISA on Email Scams

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In recent months (especially after new Board Members' contact information on the ISA website was updated), there has been an alarming rise in scam emails targeting the members of RC/WG/TGs. As the digital world expands and our online influence grows, protecting ourselves entirely from these fraudulent activities becomes increasingly challenging.

Despite the risks associated with scam emails, we cannot hide your email addresses from the ISA website, as we aim to maintain accessibility and ease of communication. Concealing email addresses would hinder our member' ability to connect with one another and limit opportunities for collaboration within our community.

By strengthening email security, maintaining transparent communication, and raising awareness, Research Committees, Working Groups, and Thematic Groups will be better prepared to combat these fraudulent activities.

## Join us for the 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum of Sociology!

### Join us for the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology!

#### *Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene*

Rabat, Morocco | July 6–11, 2025

For more information, click [here](#)

Or <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025>

To register, click [here](#).

Or <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/rabat-2025/5th-isa-forum-registration>



### ISA Registration Grants Allocation

#### Rules

Each Research Committee (RC), Working Group (WG) and Thematic Group (TG) is responsible for allocating registration grant(s) to person(s) selected by its Board, following the criteria established by the ISA.

#### Eligibility

**Individual ISA member** - Registration grants can be allocated to individual ISA members in good standing (i.e., those who have paid the individual membership fee) and who are active participants in the conference program.

**Program Coordinator** - In addition to registration grants for active program participants, each RC/WG/TG will receive a registration grant for one Program Coordinator. (Note: In the event of multiple program coordinators in an RC/WG/TG, only one grant will be provided.)

#### How to apply

The participants must send an e-mail requesting a registration grant directly to the Program Coordinator Manashi Ray ([Manashi.ray@gmail.com](mailto:Manashi.ray@gmail.com)) and RC 31 President Loretta Bass ([Lbass@ou.edu](mailto:Lbass@ou.edu)) by January 31, 2025. With this request, please attach your CV and a budget justifying why you need support. Applications for a grant can be submitted to only one RC/WG/TG.

## Selection process

1. Each RC/WG/TG will select candidates and allocate the funds available for that group. The Program Coordinator will decide on allocation in consultation with the RC/WG/TG President and Secretary, and the results will be published on the ISA conference website.
  - A backup list of potential grant recipients in order of priority shall also be prepared to be used in case someone cancels participation or has been allocated a grant by another RC/WG/TG.
  - It is recommended to avoid repetition of the same persons who have received grants for previous conferences.
  - The full amount of the registration grant has to be allocated to a grantee; grants are not paid in cash, but a special code will be given to each participant.
2. A list of selected individuals (including the program coordinator) and registration grant amounts must be sent by the Program Coordinator to the ISA Secretariat at [isa@isa-sociology.org](mailto:isa@isa-sociology.org) before **February 15, 2025**, for verification and approval.
3. Each Registration grant will be handled directly by the ISA Secretariat prior to the early registration deadline of the conference, **March 22, 2025**.

## Key Dates & Deadlines for the V ISA Forum 2025 to take place in Rabat, Morocco!



We look forward to seeing you in Rabat!

## Sessions of RC 31 at the 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum of Sociology

**Program Coordinators for 5th ISA Forum of Sociology 2025 are:**

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### RC31 Sociology of Migration at the 5<sup>th</sup> ISA Forum in Rabat, Morocco, July 6-11, 2025

As of 25 December 2024

#### **RC31 Sociology of Migration**

**Special Lecture:** *All That is Solid Melts into Mobility: Understanding Climate-Related Migration as the Socio-Ecological Question*

**Session Organizer:** Manashi Ray ([manashi.ray@gmail.com](mailto:manashi.ray@gmail.com)), West Virginia State University, USA

**Session Language:** English

**Status:** Under construction

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#### *Transnational Families over Time*

**Session Organizer:** Nazli Kibria ([nkibria@bu.edu](mailto:nkibria@bu.edu)), Boston University, USA

**Session Language:** English

Defined by national border spanning ties, intimacies, identities and obligations, transnational families are a prominent feature of the contemporary global landscape. The global neoliberal regime, of widespread precarity and declining state supports coupled with a culture of mobility aspirations, has spurred movements across national borders and the growth of cross-border family configurations.

This session will explore transnational families with a focus on generational shifts both within families and across historical cohorts. There is a rich and extensive body of research on transnational families; however, the question of change over time has received limited attention. How do transnational practices change over the life course of a family? As the children of migrant parents enter into adulthood, how do they understand and approach these practices? How do cross-border family configurations shift over historical time in response to changing events and circumstances? For example, how do transnational family structures and practices compare pre and post-Covid pandemic? How are they altered by legislation on migratory movement?

We invite papers on transnational families that address these and other aspects of change from a variety of perspectives and methodologies.

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## *Rethinking Race, Ethnicity, and Migration in 21st Century Asia*

**Session Organizer:** Hsin-Chieh Chang (hsinchieh.tw@gmail.com), Fudan University, China

**Session Language:** English

In recent years, more research has begun to address the interplay between race or ethnicity and (im)migration in nontraditional immigrant destinations in Asia (e.g., Ang et al., 2022 & Weiner, 2022). In these non-white, non-Western contexts, ideas about race and ethnicity and views on immigrants and immigration have evolved rapidly in the 21st Century. These processes and consequences remain less well-understood in the literature.

This session invites empirical research addressing the formation or construction of race and ethnicity and the role of (im)migration in the making of racial/ethnic categories or hierarchies in emerging migrant destination contexts in Asia. Under what conditions, what elements and which actors and structures contribute to the processes? What roles do media platforms and policies play at the local, national, and regional levels? How do the general public's attitudes towards different migrant groups impact the making of these racial or ethnic hierarchies? What are these processes' social and political consequences on race or ethnic relations or the majority-minority boundaries? How do (im)migrant or minority groups with different migration histories within or beyond the country negotiate racial or ethnic boundaries? How do these processes affect the identity of immigrants of different generations?

This session specifically calls for research that shifts away from conventional frameworks based on phenotype or skin color, and (re) conceptualizes race or ethnicity in Asia with context-specific explanations. By doing so, this session provides a platform to rethink and discuss the complex dynamics of race, ethnicity, and (im)migration in 21st century Asia.

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## *New Patterns of Mobility in the Post-COVID Era*

**Session Organizer:** Zai Liang (zliang@albany.edu), State University of New York at Albany, USA

**Session Language:** English

Some have argued that COVID will have a lasting impact on patterns of human mobility (including both internal and international migration). This session aims to explore some new and emerging patterns of human mobility in the post-COVID era, using a variety of data sources and methods, including but not limited to traditional census and survey data, big data on mobility, social media data along with qualitative data. We welcome submissions that either examine changing mobility patterns for one group or taking a comparative perspective by comparing groups and or cities/countries.

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## *Forced Migration and Trafficking in Persons in the Contemporary World*

**Session Organizers:** Jennifer Clark (bryson06@gmail.com), South Texas College, USA; Arun Kumar Acharya ([acharya\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:acharya_77@yahoo.com)), Sambalpur University, India

**Session Languages:** English, Spanish

This session addresses forced migration and human trafficking, focusing on gender, human rights, and neoliberalism. Discussions will explore global efforts to combat trafficking and promote gender-sensitive approaches to anti-trafficking initiatives.

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## *The Nexus between Migration and Enslavement*

**Session Organizers:** Lucas Cé Sangalli (lucas.cesangalli@ruhr-uni-bochum.de), Ruhr University Bochum, Germany; Charles Murata (charlemurta@gmail.com), Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany

**Session Languages:** English, Spanish

Rabat played a crucial role as a market for enslaved people from Europe and Africa until the 19th century (pejoratively referred to as the ‘Barbary’ slave trade). Despite the legal prohibition of the slave trade in the Kingdom of Morocco in 1884 and 1923, many people currently migrating to the country, especially from other regions of Africa, report experiences of unpaid labor and being subjected to slurs that evoke the collective history of various forms of enslavement and servitude in Moroccan society. Inspired by the history of our host country, we invite papers that explore the nexus between sociohistorical and contemporary processes of enslavement, movement restriction, unpaid labor, and servitude in the context of migration. We are particularly interested in empirical, archival, and (auto)biographical research that examines how migration trajectories around the world have intersected with human ‘trafficking’ routes, as well as work that reconstructs how migration can, in certain sociohistorical contexts, represent an escape from conditions of, or analogous to, enslavement. What potential does migration offer individuals and collectives to contest power inequalities, and to what extent can it lead to more or less powerful positions in different societies? We welcome research that addresses, but is not limited to, issues such as transitions from slavery and recruitment into colonial armies; indentured servitude; migration and coerced labor (e.g., mining activities, sexualized work); migration ‘sponsorship’ (e.g., *kafala* systems); and the development and repression of autonomous communities (e.g., *Zongos*, *Quilombos*, *Mascogos*).

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## *Connecting Mobility Ecologies, Climate Crises, and Families*

**Session Organizers:** Anna Simola (anna.simola@uclouvain.be), UCLouvain, Belgium; James Fletcher (james.fletcher@manchester.ac.uk), University of Manchester, UK

**Session Language:** English

Wide-ranging ecological transformations can characterise people’s experiences of movement in many different ways. Drought, flooding, temperature, weather, ecocide, development and much more enliven the mobility ecologies of all humans, be they sun-seeking tourists, heatwave-suffering commuters or families forcedly displaced from regions that have become unlivable. In this proposed session we would like to discuss the processes of environmental and climate change as multi-dimensionally, multi-sensorially, relationally, and intergenerationally lived in and with motion.

We invite scholars to propose theoretical and empirical papers addressing the lived experience of changing environment from the perspectives of persons and families that have moved, are moving, or will move locally or transnationally, as well as geographically dispersed families. This movement might respond to ecological transformations, or it might simply relate to them in some manner. Papers may tackle questions such as: How do individuals and families take on-going or anticipated ecological transformations into account when considering their mobilities? How are the continuous or abrupt changes in the environment and ecosystems in the regions of origin experienced from a distance, during visits, or in relation to people’s deliberation or imaginaries of return? How do people find out, experience, make sense of and deal with environmental and climatic threats and disasters facing their regions of origin, perhaps where their relatives still live? How do those who have moved live in connection with the changing climate and ecology in their new environments? What kind of conceptual and empirical tools do we need to better understand mobilities with changing ecologies?

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### *New Expatriates in the Global City*

**Session Organizer:** Anju Paul (anju.paul@nyu.edu), New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Session Language:** English

The term “expatriate” calls to mind someone who is white, originates from a Western country, and is employed by a multinational corporation which posts them to different regional offices for extended stints. However, there are more and more highly mobile, skilled professionals who do not fit this mould. These “new expatriates” may have very different experiences in the global city as a result of their multifaceted identities and motivations. A non-white or non-Western identity could potentially make it difficult for these new expatriates to gain respect and recognition of their class status in some parts of the world, so they may seek global cities where they can experience a degree of cultural familiarity or social acceptance. At the same time, new expatriates may no longer be linked to a multinational corporation and their international mobility could be motivated by a different set of goals and preferences. Their personal, subjective rankings of global cities may thus be very different from that of the older category of expatriates. This panel explores this new breed of expatriates and their lived experiences in old and emerging global cities, shedding light on what draws these mobile migrants to particular parts of the world. Rather than flattening the image of the expatriate to a single dimension, this panel brings together papers that consider how race, gender, nationality and religion shape the migratory lives of a new breed of expatriates in different global cities, highlighting the diversity that exists within the category of global city as well.

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### *Exhibiting the Narratives of Migration: Reconstructing the National Image through Migration Museums*

**Session Organizer:** Chie Sakai (csakai@kansai-u.ac.jp), Kansai University, Japan

**Session Language:** English

In this session, we will examine museums’ role in curating the history and narratives of migration. International migration is increasing, and people with diverse backgrounds coexist within countries. However, right-wing parties in many nations emphasize domestic cultural homogeneity and often deny migrants access to rights, appealing to those who do not welcome the changes that migrants bring.

As educational institutions and community hubs, museums play a significant role in generating counter-discourses. Since the 1990s, many migration museums have emerged worldwide. Migrants and their descendants have started collecting their memories and testimonies, challenging dominant national histories. Museums built and run by national or regional governments that display the history and realities of migrants also exist. These institutions are pivotal in preserving and disseminating these invaluable stories for generations to come. Some museums also function as community hubs—spaces that cultivate relationships among residents, museum staff, volunteers, and visitors.

The organizer expects participants to share their research on these diverse museums. Although movements to build migration museums have co-occurred in various areas, there is still diversity in their purposes, operating entities, and ways of displaying migrant culture and history. In conclusion, this session will underscore the significance of museums as platforms for cultural dialogue and the profound effect of migration stories on shaping our collective understanding of history and identity.

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## *Migration Policy Implementation in the Global South*

**Session Organizers:** Wayne Palmer ([wayne.palmer@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:wayne.palmer@uni-bielefeld.de)), Bielefeld University, Germany; Amrita Datta ([amrita.datta@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:amrita.datta@uni-bielefeld.de)), Bielefeld University, Germany

**Session Language:** English

This panel explores the intricate dynamics of migration policy implementation in the Global South, focusing on how incoherent narratives on policy and migration, local-level exclusion from policy design, and mismatches between policy targets and local realities impact the execution of migration policies. Most migration occurs within the Global South, and the global race for talent has led to increased migration from the Global North to the Global South, meaning that the migration policy implementation there is increasingly important to understand how migration is governed. Multiple stakeholders, including the governments of both home and host countries, their economic structures and legislative frameworks deeply influence migration policy implementation. For countries in the Global South, migration policies are also shaped by terms as they are developed in the Global North. This highlights the need for tailored, context-specific approaches that can address the unique challenges faced when implementing migration policy in the Global South.

In light of this, the panel invites papers focusing on specific countries in the Global South to explore implementation challenges of migration policies. Case studies from these countries will illustrate diverse experiences and common obstacles encountered during migration policy implementation. These papers will provide detailed analyses and offer local perspectives to contribute to a more nuanced understanding of migration governance. Such contributions are essential to develop a more effective approach to migration governance that addresses country-specific dynamics beyond frameworks tailored to the Global North.

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## *Refugees and Forced Migrations*

**Session Organizer:** Manashi Ray ([manashi.ray@gmail.com](mailto:manashi.ray@gmail.com)), West Virginia State University, USA

**Session Language:** English

This session presents research on forced migrations and refugees, covering diverse regional contexts and thematic aspects.

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## *International Migration and Transnational Social Protection*

**Session Organizer:** Meltem Yilmaz Sener ([meltemyilmazsener1977@gmail.com](mailto:meltemyilmazsener1977@gmail.com)), VID Specialized University, Norway

**Session Language:** English

In today's world, many people are on the move and they have lives that cross national borders due to necessity, choice, or a combination of the two. They earn their living, care for their children and elderly, make investments, participate politically, save for retirement, etc. in multiple countries. Although the literature on these transnational aspects of migrants' lives is expanding, we still do not know much about how and to what extent mobile individuals receive social protection especially outside the framework of the nation state. Traditionally, social protections provided to individuals especially under social risk situations have been analyzed by taking the nation state as the unit of analysis. However, as Levitt et al. (2017) emphasize, it is important for scholars to move beyond state-based approaches to see that many individuals are embedded in transnational social fields and several state and non-state actors provide social protection to them. Gray and Levitt (2022: 2721) define transnational social protection (TSP) as "those policies, programmes, people, organisations, and institutions that provide for and protect individuals in a transnational manner as well as those

resources that migrants transnationally assemble to protect themselves”. In this regime, state is not the main responsible actor for providing social support. Multiple actors and resources from both the countries of origin and destination are involved in TSP. This session aims to include the presentations of those researchers who focus on different actors in transnational social protection in different contexts of international migration.

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### *Migration and Community Well-Being: Towards Socio-Environmental Justice?*

**Session Organizers:** Melissa Moralli (melissa.moralli2@unibo.it), University of Bologna, Italy; Laura Oso (laura.oso@udc.es), University of A Coruña, Spain

**Session Language:** English

In recent years, many initiatives have been developed in non-urban contexts to make these areas more welcoming and inclusive for all. However, despite the emergence of numerous “welcoming spaces”, restrictive migration policies and repressive measures represent a main challenge threatening mobility justice. Moreover, going against “anti-migration” policies and discourses, such initiatives are often invisible, if not even contested (Fekete, 2018). On the other hand, such initiatives can present different criticalities – social polarization, lack of job opportunities, political exclusion, among others (Rygiel, Baban, 2019). Drawing upon these reflections, the panel intends to explore the complex interconnections between human mobility and the development of rural areas. The aim is to reflect on the multidimensional role of migration in reshaping regional areas, creating new opportunities, generative well-being and, in some cases, counter-hegemonic imaginaries capable of challenging media distortions (Smets *et al.*, 2019). To do so, it goes beyond an idea of migration as an asset for boosting socio-economic growth or a form of “subordinated inclusion”, inspired by the principle of moral indifference (Rye, O’Reilly, 2020). On the contrary, it embraces the concept of “generative reception” (Minervini, 2016), thus considering at the same time the needs of the territory and the local community as a whole, towards new forms of socioenvironmental justice. The panel welcomes critical papers focused on the intersections between migration and well-being from the point of view of citizenship, rights and equality, towards more equitable, democratic and sustainable models of development.

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### *Cities as Migrating Religious Archives: Shifting Processes, Affiliations, and Urban Materiality*

**Session Organizers:** Letizia Carrera (letizia.carrera@uniba.it), University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy; William Calvo-Quiros (wcalvo@umich.edu), University of Michigan, USA

**Session Languages:** English, French, Spanish

People all over the world are migrating, in numbers never seen before. New migrant settlements are emerging, and old ones are shifting and cracking. This massive mobilization of people is transforming not only the demographics of nations but also their secular and religious institutions and practices. Cities have become laboratories that manifest these migration transformations, from new local labor marketplaces to new worshipping localities and repurposing religious spaces. In other words, cities are cultural, social, and historical archives of migration. This includes first and second-generation as well as new citizens. In these differentiated, and territorially specific contexts, religious affiliations and religiosity play a fundamental role in both the process of acceptance, integration, rejection, and also valorization and affirmation of people. Furthermore, these processes have significantly impacted the material and immaterial aspects of urban space, transforming it and generating both processes of accentuating fear and conflict, but also for the most part accelerating the process of accepting re-encounters, dialogues, and syncretism(s). The panel offers a multifaceted and multidimensional overview of urban material and immaterial transformations related to migration processes and religious dynamics, to foster a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities characterizing contemporary cities and their policies.

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### *Immigration and Changing Perceptions of Justice: Social Class Perspectives*

**Session Organizers:** Magdalena Nowicka (magdalena.nowicka@hu-berlin.de), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany; Elke Winter (winter.elke@gmail.com), Univ. of Ottawa, Canada

**Session Language:** English

In recent years, scholarly and public engagements with immigration, in particular attitudes towards immigrants, their acceptance, and their social rights were dominated by the perspectives focusing ethnic and racial difference. While these social markers are far from being insignificant, changing patterns of migrant characteristics, migration policies, as well as increasing socio-economic anxieties within native-born populations require the adaptation of our sociological toolkits and analytical viewpoints. This session therefore invites papers that engage with issues such as the 'global race for talents', 'welfare chauvinism', and 'immigrant justice' from the perspective of social class. It challenges presenters to probe accepted wisdom that attributes smooth immigration and integration pathways to allegedly 'skilled' migrants and refugees in receiving societies where some fractions of the native-born population welcome them as heroes and saviors while others view them as cultural and economic competitors. Papers might address the following questions: How do xenophobia and aporophobia (Cortina 1995) intersect producing new mechanisms of exclusion of immigrants? How is the provision of social rights to immigrants shaped by their perceived social class belonging and productivity? Do receiving-country middle-class norms strengthen the systemic and structural exclusion of certain categories of immigrants? How do intersections of racism and classism amplify social inequalities in immigrant-receiving countries? Do 'successful' immigrants frighten or appease native-born populations? How can social class perspectives enrich our thinking about justice and injustice in general, and in relation to the complex relationships between migrant and native-born populations in particular?

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### *Migration and the Role of Social Media II*

**Session Organizer(s):** Cristián Doña-Reveco (cdona@unomaha.edu), Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha, USA

**Session Language:** English

This session explores how migrants leverage social media for navigating daily life, building relationships, and promoting collaboration or resistance. Submissions may focus on social media's role in shaping settlement processes, emotional ties, and addressing challenges like entering the labor market. Researchers are invited to submit papers on how social media influences migration trajectories and its potential as a research tool for finding "invisible" immigrant groups. Papers can be submitted in English or Spanish, covering any geographical region.

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### *It's Not a 'Refugee Crisis,' It's a Political Crisis: Social Justice and Human Rights for Refugees*

**Session Organizer(s):** Lori Wilkinson (lori.wilkinson@umanitoba.ca), Univ. of Manitoba, Canada

**Session Language:** English

This session challenges the notion of a "refugee crisis," framing it instead as a political failure. Papers are invited to address issues related to refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons, focusing on policy reform, humanitarian aid, and sociological research. Discussions will highlight the resilience of refugees, their contributions to host societies, and the need for inclusive policies that promote social justice and human dignity.

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### ***Migration and Diversified Family Life***

Session Organizer(s): Dong Hoon Seol (dhseol@jbnu.ac.kr), Jeonbuk National Univ., South Korea

Session Language: English

This session examines how migration shapes family life, including parenthood, caregiving, and transnational relationships. The session includes case studies from East Asia and invites global perspectives. Topics include long-distance fatherhood, single parenting, and the impact of migration policies on family roles and responsibilities.

Part 1: East Asian Context

- *Long-Distance Fatherhood: Filipino & Vietnamese Guest-Worker Fathers in South Korea*
- *Vulnerability and Precarity of Single Parenting: Cases of Migrant Women in South Korea*
- *Muslim Migrants' Intimacy in South Korea*

Part 2: Global Context

- Open call for papers
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### ***New Developments in Migration and Integration Policies***

Session Organizer(s): Hideki Tarumoto (tarumoto@bk.ij4u.or.jp), Waseda University, Japan

Session Language: English

This session examines the evolving landscape of migration and integration policies worldwide, including points-based immigration systems, guest worker schemes, and integration classes. Discussions will focus on the effectiveness and implications of these policies from a comparative perspective, exploring their social and political impacts.

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### ***International Migration and the Transformation of Agrarian Life and Foodways***

Session Organizer(s): Yasmin Ortiga (yasmino@smu.edu.sg), Singapore Management University, Singapore; Marvin Joseph Montefrio (marvin.montefrio@yale-nus.edu.sg), Yale-NUS College, Singapore

Session Language: English

This session explores the relationship between international migration and agrarian life, focusing on how migration patterns impact rural communities, food systems, and agrarian economies. Topics include migration trajectories, agrarian change, and the implications of border policies and migration infrastructure.

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### ***Mobilising Care Workers in Global Care Labour Markets***

Session Organizer(s): Isabel Shutes (i.h.shutes@lse.ac.uk), London School of Economics and Political Science, UK; Ito Peng (itopeng@chass.utoronto.ca), University of Toronto, Canada

Session Language: English

This session addresses the role of governments and actors in shaping the mobility of care workers in global and local care labor markets. Papers will explore recruitment strategies, migration policies, and the implications of these approaches for sustainable and equitable care systems.

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### *Contemporary Media Narratives and Counter-Narratives on Migrants I & II*

Session Organizer(s): Erica Chito Childs (echitoch@hunter.cuny.edu), City University of New York-Hunter College, USA

Session Language: English, French

These sessions analyze how migration-related narratives in mass and social media influence public attitudes and migrant experiences globally. Discussions will explore how migrants use social media to counter anti-migrant sentiments and create innovative methodologies for migration research.

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### *Family and Migratory Trends*

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Session Language: English

This session examines various aspects of family dynamics in migration, focusing on how migration affects family roles, relationships, and strategies in response to migration policies.

## Sharing Section

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all contributors for our members' remarkable achievements!

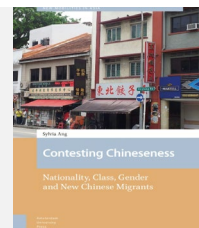
Your collective efforts have resulted in 3 prestigious awards, 16 published books, 11 book chapters, 69 articles, 2 published reports, and 1 doctoral thesis. Additionally, we celebrate 4 upcoming works, 4 past events, 2 impactful projects, and 2 other significant contributions. These accomplishments reflect the depth of knowledge and innovation within our community.

Thank you for your invaluable inputs and unwavering commitment to advancing research and practice.

### Section 1: AWARDS BY MEMBERS – BIG CONGRATS!

- **2024 Honorable Mention:** Asayesh, O., & Kazemipur, A. (2023). *Homo Emigraturus vs. Anti Emigraturus: the rise of involuntary immobility in Iran and its consequences*. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 50(4), 970–993. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2023.2223770>

- **2024 Raewyn Connell Prize:** Ang, S (2022). *Contesting Chineseness: Nationality, Class, Gender, and New Chinese Migrants*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. 154 pp. <https://www.aup.nl/en/book/9789463722469/contesting-chineseness>



- **2025 Letty Katts Fellowship:** Carl Anacin for his project, 'Migration, musical practices and belonging among Filipino migrants in Queensland: festivals, music industry participation and everyday lives'. <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/get-involved/awards-and-fellowships/queensland-memory-awards/letty-katts-fellowship>



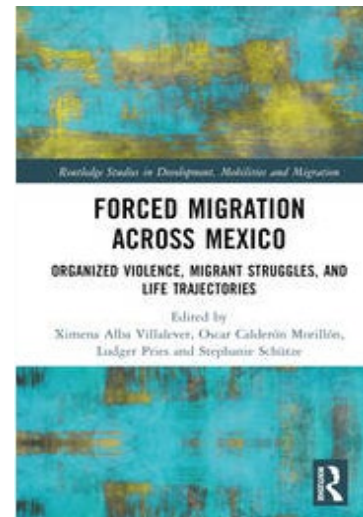


## Section 2: MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

Alba Villalever, X., Schütze, S., Pries, L., & Calderón Morillón, O. (Eds.). (2024). *Forced migration across Mexico: Organized violence, migrant struggles, and life trajectories* (1st ed.). Routledge.

<https://www.routledge.com/Forced-Migration-across-Mexico-Organized-Violence-Migrant-Struggles-and-Life-Trajectories/AlbaVillalever-Schutze-Pries-CalderonMorillon/p/book/9781032614014>

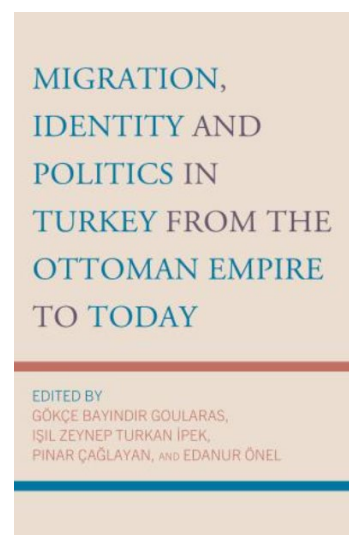
This book examines the complex social situations of everyday violence and increasingly aggressive border controls faced by migrants in Mexico. This book takes a critical approach on migration policies and on the externalization of borders by analyzing their effects on the trajectories and experiences of migrants themselves. It shows that the more migrants' opportunities and rights during transit are hindered, the more they are at risk of exposure to these actors.



Bayındır Goularas, G., Turkan İpek, I. Z., Çağlayan, P., & Önel, E. (Eds.). (2024). *Migration, identity and politics in Turkey from the Ottoman Empire to today*. Rowman & Littlefield.

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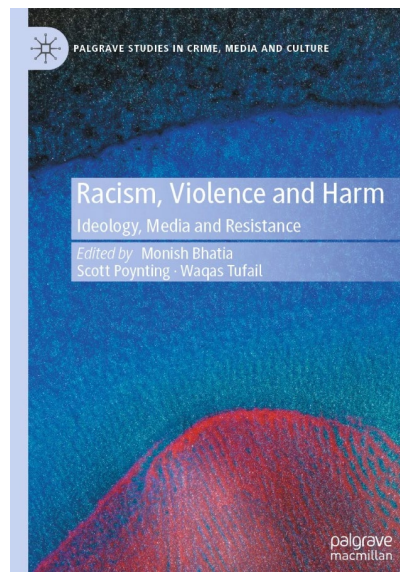
International migration, the flow of people across international boundaries, has been studied from several perspectives, especially since the Syrian civil war in 2011. This book aims to explore the motivation of migration, the social integration or disintegration, the migration process to the host country and the development and creation of new migrant identities. A lot of studies deal with the subject of international migration, especially regarding the civil rights of migrants, economic impacts of migration, or international policies related to migration, but a micro based analysis on migrants' culture, political, social identities and attitudes, generational transformation, moral and mental stated historical approach is limited. In this regard, the book differs from other works in that it includes comprehensive and historical analyzes of internal and external migration since the Ottoman Empire, rather than just focusing on current international migration to Turkey, as well as an identity-based and cultural perspective that goes beyond the social, economic and political perspective.



**Bhatia, M., Poynting, S. and Tufail, W. (eds) (2023) Racism, Violence and Harm: Ideology, media and resistance, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.**

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-37879-9>

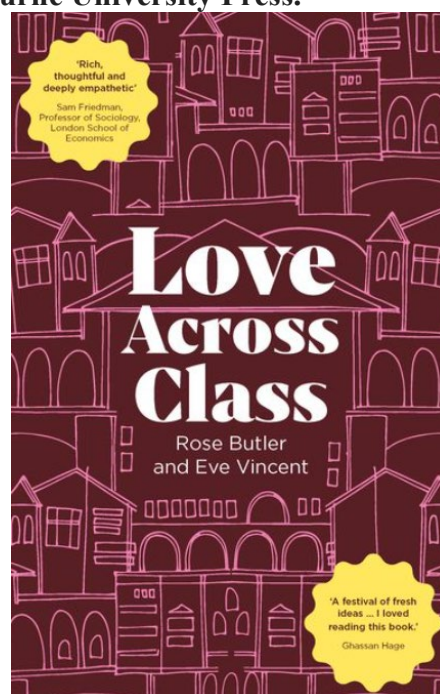
This book examines connections between racism, violence, and social harms, along with the parts played by media actors and institutions in sustaining these phenomena. The chapters present instances of racism from numerous countries in connection with state violence, media coverage of harms and violence against racialised others, including Roma, Palestinians, Indigenous Australians, Maori, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Muslim peoples, Black people in Portugal, Middle-Eastern people in Australia, and asylum seekers. The chapters analyse ideology while paying attention to history and global context, tracing intersectional dynamics including nexuses of racism, class, and gender. They focus on various aspects of violence, including state, colonial and imperialist violence and ideological violence. The book is necessarily interdisciplinary, but explicitly anti-racist and attentive to resistances. It traverses criminology, sociology, cultural studies, postcolonial studies, mediastudies, history, and cognate fields.



**Butler, R., & Vincent, E. (2024). Love across class. Melbourne University Press.**

<https://www.mup.com.au/books/love-across-class-paperback-softback>

This book explores cross-class relationships in contemporary Australia, a society long-invested in the myth of egalitarianism. Drawing on in-depth interviews with people from a range of class and cultural backgrounds, Love Across Class brings to life the role of class in shaping people's childhoods, as well as the adult lives couples have built together. These stories move between the mundane, the profound and the taboo, as interviewees reckon openly with the pain, pleasure, humour and contradiction that comes with forming a close relationship across class. From escaping one's class background and confronting class dissimilarity, to managing money and negotiating holidays, this book offers rich accounts of personal worlds shared across class as they are lived. Yet not only do those interviewed reflect on the classed dynamics and tensions present in their relationships and family life, they also strive to grasp the concept of class itself. Conversations about class at home ultimately led to scrutiny of other areas of society deeply implicated in class experience in Australia. Education, work, migration and assets are all examined here amid the backdrop of growing inequality.

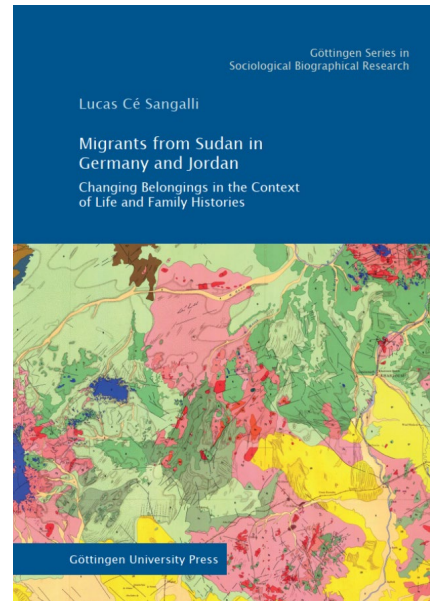


**Cé Sangalli, L. (2024). Migrants from Sudan in Germany and Jordan. Göttinger Beiträge Zur Soziologischen Biographieforschung.**

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Migration often intensifies both how people construct a sense of belonging and how they are labelled or categorised by others. However, the ways in which power transformations shape these processes across generations and throughout a person's life are rarely analysed in relation to experiences of different forms of violence.

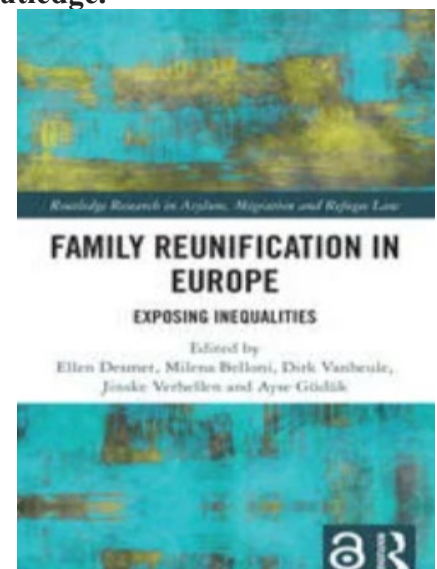
This book – winner of the 2024 prize for the best dissertation at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Göttingen – provides an analytical framework for studying the transformation of autobiographical constructions of belonging through empirical cases of individuals and families who have migrated from Sudan. Through a transnational comparison of Sudanese diasporas and different generations of migrants, the book demonstrates that belonging for migrants and their descendants is shaped not only by their experiences and processes of remembering, but also by sociohistorical power inequalities, different forms of violence and the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.



**Desmet, E., Belloni, M., Vanheule, D., Verhellen, J., & Güdük, A. (Eds.). (2024). Family Reunification in Europe: Exposing Inequalities (1st ed.). Routledge.**

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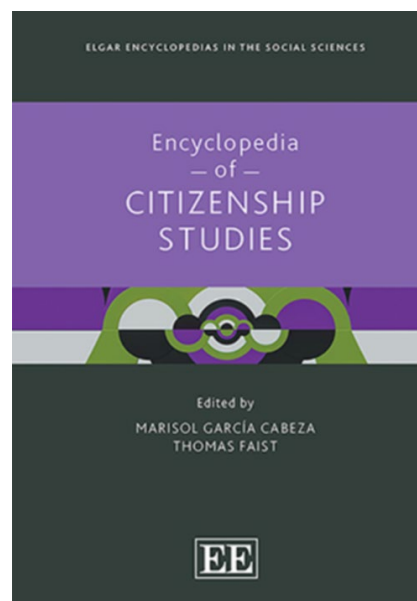
This book provides a multi-disciplinary investigation of family reunification laws, policies and practices across the European Union. Family reunification – the possibility for family members to (re)unite in a country where one of them is residing – has been high on the political agenda. Building on original empirical research with families and practitioners as well as in-depth doctrinal analyses, the book explores the fragmentation of legal rules, the gaps between formal regulations and practices, and their consequences for families across borders. Different contributions in the volume point to the growing inequalities among and within applicant families, based on residence status, gender, location, citizenship and socio-economic resources, due to the family reunification regimes currently in place. The book enhances interdisciplinary dialogue by providing clear insights into the specific contribution of migration law, private international law and social scientific analyses to the study of family reunification.



**García Cabeza, M., & Faist, T. (Eds.). (2024). Encyclopedia of citizenship studies. Edward Elgar Publishing.**

<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/encyclopedia-of-citizenship-studies-9781800880450.html>

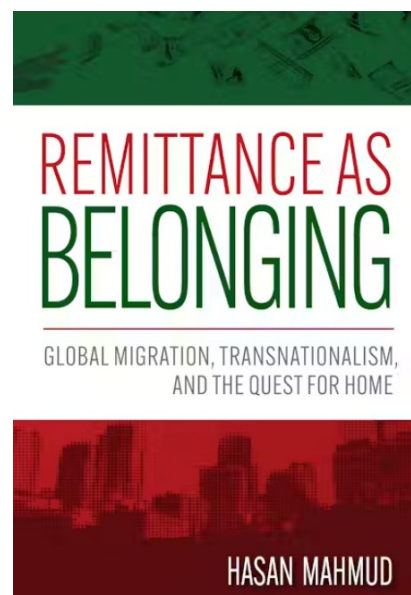
This Encyclopedia presents a comprehensive collection of entries addressing the normative claims and definitions of the critical concepts, principles, and approaches that make up the field of citizenship studies. It explores the empirical realities of citizenship from a diverse array of perspectives, and covers comparative, regional and global perspectives in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Its broad coverage ranges from classical ideas of citizenship to the experience of citizenship in the Anthropocene, providing contextual insight into its expansion, erosion, and extension over the past 200 years.



**Mahmud, H. (2024). Remittance as belonging: Global migration, transnationalism, and the quest for home. Rutgers University Press.**

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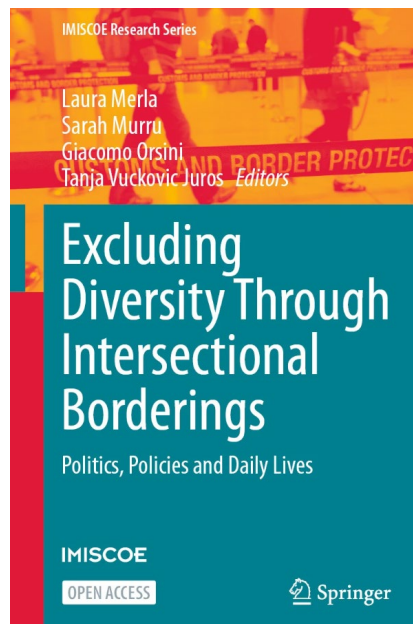
Remittance as Belonging: Global Migration, Transnationalism, and the Quest for Home argues that migrants' remittances express their sense of belonging and connectedness to their country of origin. Drawing on three and a half years of ethnographic fieldwork with Bangladeshi migrants in Tokyo and Los Angeles, Hasan Mahmud demonstrates that while migrants go abroad for various reasons, they travel essentially as members of their family and community and maintain their belonging to home through transnational practices including remittance sending. By conceptualizing remittance as an expression of migrants' belonging, this book presents detailed accounts of remittances' emergence, growth, decline, and revival as a function of transformations in migrants' sense of belonging to home. The central argument about remittances as tethered to belonging and vice-versa is new, nuanced, and a welcome addition to the literature on migration, immigration, and the shaping of remittances.



Merla, L., Murru, S., Orsini, G., & Vuckovic Juros, T. (Eds.). (2024). *Excluding diversity through intersectional borderings: Politics, policies, and daily lives*. IMISCOE Research Series. Springer.

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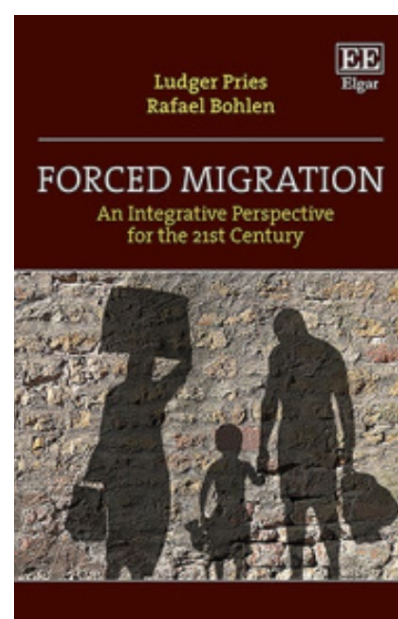
This open access book critically examines how discourses and policies target and exclude migrants and their families in Europe and North America along racial, gender and sexuality lines, and how these exclusions are experienced and resisted. Building on the influential notion of intersectional bordering, it delves deep into how these discourses converge and diverge, highlighting the underlying normative constructs of family, gender, and sexuality. First, it examines how radical-right and conservative political movements perpetuate exclusionary practices and how they become institutionalized in migration, welfare, and family policies. Second, it examines the dynamic responses they provoke—both resistance and reinforcement—among those affected in their everyday lives. Bringing together studies from political and social sciences, it offers a vital contribution to the expanding field of migrant family governance and exclusion and is essential for understanding the complex processes of exclusion and the movements that challenge and sustain them. It expands academic discussions on populism and the politics of exclusion by linking them to the politicization of intimacy and family life.



Pries, L., & Bohlen, R. (2024). *Forced migration: An integrative perspective for the 21st century*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

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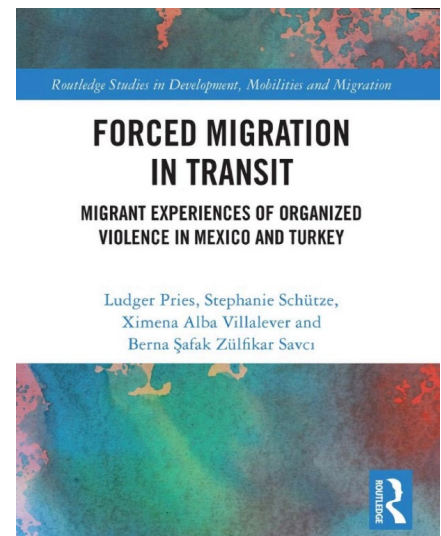
In their book Pries and Bohlen argue for a broader transnational perspective on the concept of forced migration and its multiple contexts and catalysts. They analyze the different social groups of forced migrants, treating them neither as passive victims nor as activist heroes, but as social actors under highly constrained conditions.



**Pries, L., Schütze, S., Alba Villalever, X., & Zülfikar Savci, B. S. (2024). *Forced migration in transit: Migrant experiences of organized violence in Mexico and Turkey*. Routledge.**

<https://www.routledge.com/Forced-Migration-in-Transit-Migrant-Experiences-of-Organized-Violence-in-Mexico-and-Turkey/Pries-Schutze-AlbaVillalever-ZulfikarSavci/p/book/9781032750866>

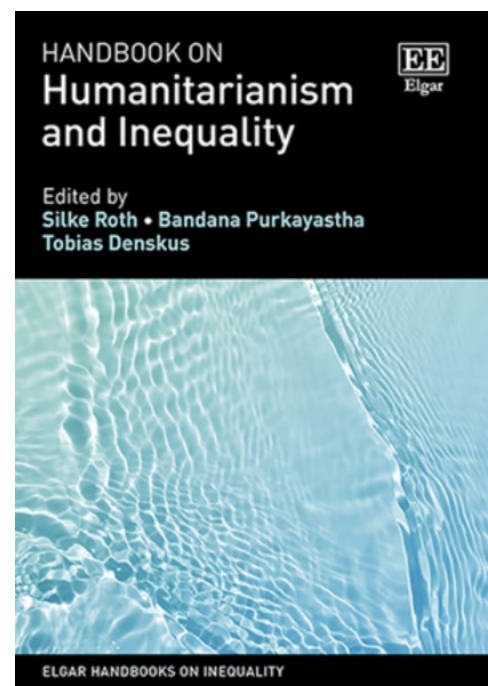
This book compares the life courses of forced migrants in two of the world's most important transit countries: Turkey and Mexico. It examines the local, regional, and global contexts of their experiences, trajectories, and biographical projects, caught between return, stay, and forward movement. Forced migration has increased rapidly around the world in recent years, with Mexico and Turkey experiencing particularly high numbers of migrants, as conflict, violence, authoritarian regimes, environmental disasters, economic instability, lack of opportunity, and generalized violence have driven people to leave their homes in search of a better life. This book analyzes the specific impact of organized violence on the trajectories and biographies of forced migrants, situating these life courses in the political, economic, cultural, and social contexts of the countries of origin (Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria; El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras) and in the country of transit (Turkey and Mexico).



**Roth, S., Purkayastha, B., & Denskus, T. (Eds.). (2024). *Handbook on humanitarianism and inequality*. Edward Elgar Publishing.**

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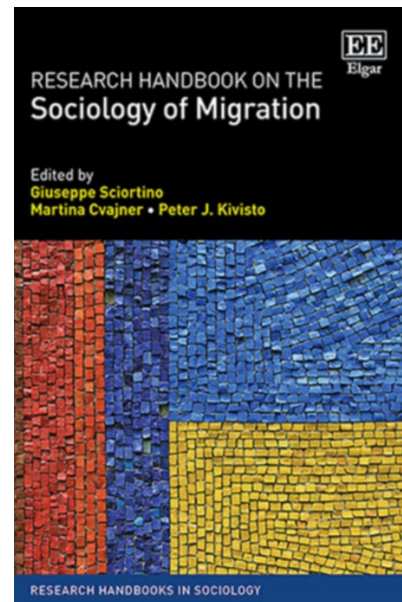
This prescient Handbook examines inequalities in humanitarianism at multiple levels, highlighting the long-lasting impact of colonialism on contemporary power relations. Silke Roth, Bandana Purkayastha and Tobias Denskus bring together esteemed experts from the global north and south who introduce crucial research ethics frameworks and methodologies in order to study humanitarianism and inequality. Adopting an intersectional approach, this Handbook demonstrates the ways in which race, gender, class and other sources of inequality intersect in relation to a range of contemporary issues including the role of the media and technology, the COVID-19 pandemic, linguistic inequality, trafficking, and refugee protection and assistance. Looking ahead, the contributors stress the need for academics and practitioners to reflect on the inequalities that both underpin and are perpetuated by humanitarian contexts.



**Sciortino, G., Cvajner, M., & Kivisto, P. J. (Eds.). (2024). Research Handbook on the Sociology of Migration. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.**

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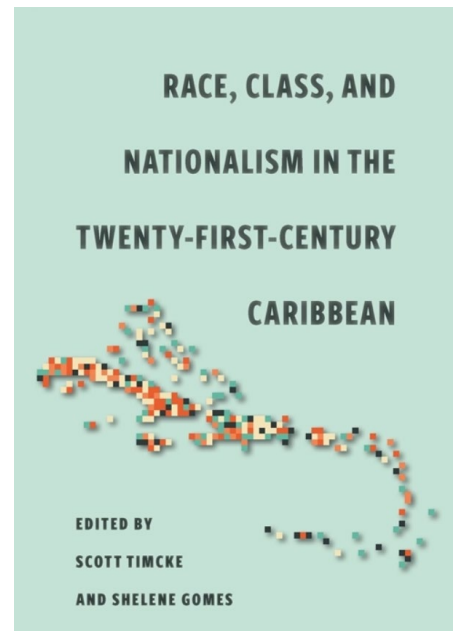
The Research Handbook provides a comprehensive and research-based exploration of the sociology of migration. As well as highlighting the field's achievements and current challenges, it explores key concepts used in current research, methods employed, and the spheres and contexts in which migrants participate.



**Timcke, S., & Gomes, S. (Eds.). (2024). Race, class, and nationalism in the twenty-first-century Caribbean. The University of Georgia Press.**

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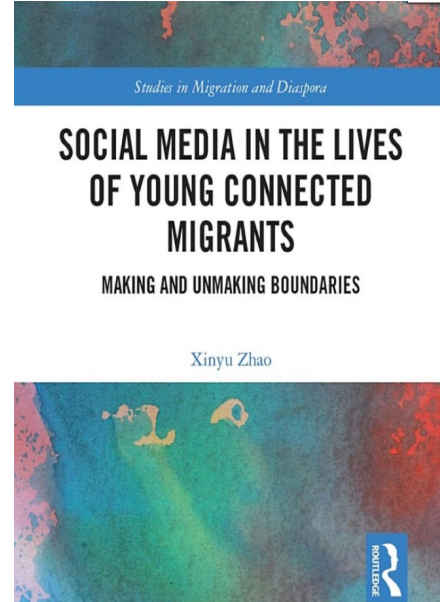
This multidisciplinary collection of essays from the multicultural English, Dutch, French, and Spanish-speaking Caribbean focuses on the political dynamics of race, class, and nationalism in the present. Editors Scott Timcke and Shelene Gomes gather and frame chapters that collectively help to trace the process of race, class, and nationalism through the contours of a broader political, economic, and social geography. These chapters argue that notions of racial identity have changed over time, but those reformations are not independent of class rule or nationalism. Despite the plethora of studies on nationalism in the Caribbean, few have attempted to look at the phenomenon as a political invention that does not—and cannot—serve the interests of all: how essentialist, overdetermining nationalism is a political and conceptual confusion that forever stalls the project of universal human emancipation.



**Zhao, X. (2023). *Social Media in the Lives of Young Connected Migrants: Making and Unmaking Boundaries*. Routledge.**

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Digital media are a key part of everyday social life for international migrants. However, we don't know enough about how these migrants critically understand and cope with the cultures and infrastructures of ubiquitous connectivity while on the move. This book explores and theorises what it means for young migrants to live in a digital age. Presenting a richly detailed analysis of Chinese international students' everyday social media practices, the book unravels the meanings of digital connectivity in general and how contemporary mobile young generations respond to such changes. Drawing on ethnographic and interview data, this book highlights the enabling aspects of connective media in migration journeys and shows how and why young Chinese migrants manage or even resist being connected. With close attention to diasporic, intercultural, family, and professional migrant identities and relationships, the author provides a nuanced account of living with digital media in everyday settings. Focusing on the boundary practices associated with social media, the book offers a unique analytical framework through which to capture the complex intersections of digital communication technologies and migrant social life.



**Zülfikar Savcı, B. Ş., Pries, L., & Erdoğan, M. M. (Eds.). (2024). *Forced migration in Turkey: Refugee perspectives, organizational assistance, and political embedding*. Routledge.**

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This volume addresses the specific experiences and trajectories of forced migrants in Turkey in the context of local and national contexts and the future of EU-Turkey relations. The focus is on organized violence and corresponding experiences in countries of origin, during transit, and at current places.





### Section 3: MEMBERS' NEW BOOK CHAPTERS

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3. Bhatia, M., & Poynting, S. (2023). A violent dream: Importing the “Australian solution” to the United Kingdom. In M. Bhatia, S. Poynting, & W. Tufail (Eds.), *Racism, violence and harm: Ideology, media and resistance* (pp. 191–201). Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-37879-9\\_9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-37879-9_9)
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## Section 4: RECENT ARTICLES BY MEMBERS

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## Section 5: RECENT TECHNICAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS

### **Migrant Workers Centre (MWC) (2024). Carrot or Stick: When Academic Degrees become Bargaining Chips for Migration Pathways. Melbourne, Australia.**

[https://www.migrantworkers.org.au/carrot\\_or\\_stick](https://www.migrantworkers.org.au/carrot_or_stick)

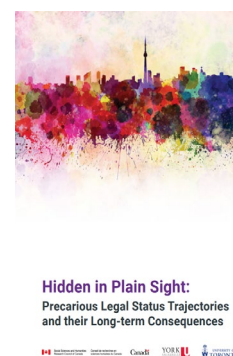
Since the 1990s, the international education sector in Australia has been increasingly guided by free market principles. This shift has transformed how education is delivered and managed, prioritising competition and profits over its role as a public good. In 2022-23, international education contributed \$36.3 billion to the Australian economy, making it one of the country's largest export sectors. Notwithstanding its economic importance, there is a lack of research on how the marketisation of education affects the migration decisions of international students. This research sheds light on the structural issues impacting international students and highlights policy gaps that exacerbate their vulnerabilities. The findings underscore the need for more inclusive policies to address this demographic's unique needs, promoting fair treatment, support systems, and better integration into Australian society. This report aims to inform policymakers, fostering improvements aligned with international student welfare and rights.



### **Goldring, L., Landolt, P., Joly, M.-P., & Abji, S. (2024). Hidden in plain sight: Precarious legal status trajectories and their long-term consequences. Toronto: CEP Project.**

[https://cep.info.yorku.ca/files/2024/12/CEP-Hidden-in-Plain-Sight\\_12022024.pdf?x24645](https://cep.info.yorku.ca/files/2024/12/CEP-Hidden-in-Plain-Sight_12022024.pdf?x24645)

This report presents findings from the Citizenship & Employment Precarity (CEP) survey, designed to address gaps in available government data. Conducted in 2019, the CEP survey was the first in Canada to examine the impacts of legal status on temporary entrants using a five-dimensional model and a community-informed approach. Based on data from 1,237 temporary entrants living in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), the survey uncovered complex and unexpected legal status trajectories, including among those who eventually obtained permanent residency in Canada. Termed “precarious legal status trajectories” (PLSTs), the study highlights the multiple and cumulative disadvantages of entering Canada on a temporary basis. Navigating the immigration, refugee, and temporary worker systems required significant financial, emotional, and time investments, negatively affecting long-term health and job quality. Furthermore, periods of illegalization were reported across all entry categories, causing adverse effects even for those who eventually secured permanent residence or citizenship. Overall, the analysis sheds light on the near- and long-term negative consequences of policies that depend on non-citizenship.





## Section 6: PHD DISSERTATION

Kvalvaag, A. M. (2024). *Re/Presentations of migrant integration discourses in Northern Norway* (PhD thesis). Nord University. <https://hdl.handle.net/11250/3167993>



## MEMBERS' OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Section 7: UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Call for Papers

**German Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology: 29 September - 2 October 2025.**

<https://tagung.dgska.de/en/>

We warmly invite you to submit a paper proposal for our panel “Mobilizing the Commons: Everyday Activism and Mobility Struggles around EU Border Regimes” to be held at the Conference of the German Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology (GASCA/DGSKA) at the University of Cologne/Köln/. This panel invites ethnographic explorations of how the anthropology of commoning can enrich studies of small-scale and resistant forms of solidarity, citizenship, or humanitarianism by migrants and non-migrants acting in physical and digital arenas to challenge EU border and migration regimes.

Convenors: Monika Palmberger (University of Vienna),  
Elissa Helms (Central European University)

#### Call for Papers

**15th Gulf Research Meeting: July 22-24, 2025**

<https://gulfresearchmeeting.net/>

The Gulf Research Meeting (GRM) offers a unique environment to explore matters of key importance to the Gulf region and provides a platform for discussion and dissemination of research in a wide variety of Gulf-related fields, including economic and financial issues, international relations, security, environment, energy and renewable energy, as well as education, labour and social issues. Committed to a high-level academic standard, the GRM's objective is to help generate solutions to many of the region's pressing challenges.



#### Key dates

15 January 2025:  
Call for Papers  
deadline



#### Key dates

5 January 2025:  
Call for Papers  
deadline

## Invitation to Participate

### Recalibrating 'Skill' in Changing Immigration Regimes: Skilled Migrants and the Nature of Work in Asia: 16 Jan 2025 - 17 Jan 2025

Hybrid (Online via Zoom & AS8 04-04) National University of Singapore @ KRC

<https://ari.nus.edu.sg/events/recalibrating-skill/>

The workshop, "Recalibrating 'Skill' in Changing Immigration Regimes," explores evolving definitions of "skilled work" and their impact on skilled migrants in Asia. Organized by the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore and the QuaMaFA project, it examines how structural shifts like digitalization, demographic changes, and geopolitical tensions reconfigure skilled labour mobility. Asia, a major hub for IT and nursing professionals, faces unique challenges due to less liberal migration regimes and labour shortages. The workshop addresses how changing work environments and immigration policies affect skilled migrants' self-perception, socio-economic mobility, and family dynamics, inviting papers on related themes.



## Section 8: PAST EVENTS

### Distinguished Expert Lecture Series/ Theme: Diaspora: Prof. Viksit Bharat @2047, 11 November 2024

<https://www.cug.ac.in/pdf/20241108075310253c58828c.pdf>

The event, a Distinguished Expert Lecture series on "Diaspora: Viksit Bharat @2047", was organized by the Central University of Gujarat. It took place on November 11, 2024 at Central University of Gujarat. The inaugural session featured prominent speakers, including, for example, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey, Registrar Prof. H.B. Patel, and other distinguished experts.



## Becoming a Refugee in East Asia: Evacuation from Afghanistan to Korea and Japan in the aftermath of Political Turmoil, 16 November 2024

<https://www.waseda-iam.org/event-news/november-16-2024%3A-becoming-a-refugee-in-east-asia%3A-evacuation-from-afghanistan-to-korea-and-japan-in-the-aftermath-of-political-turmoil-in-2021>

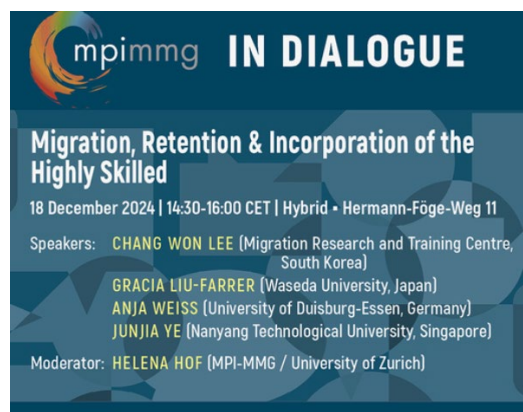
The event was held on November 16, 2024, at Waseda University, Tokyo. Organized by the Waseda Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies Colloquium Series and Chiba Studies on Migration and Refugees, it features experts discussing Afghan refugees' journeys and challenges in South Korea and Japan. Topics include government-led acculturation efforts, social acceptance, health sector challenges, and comparisons with Europe.



## MPI-MMG in Dialogue "Migration, Retention & Incorporation of the Highly Skilled", 17 December 2024

<https://www.waseda-iam.org/event-news/november-16-2024%3A-becoming-a-refugee-in-east-asia%3A-evacuation-from-afghanistan-to-korea-and-japan-in-the-aftermath-of-political-turmoil-in-2021>

This event, held on 17 December, gathered experts from (South) East Asia and Germany to address the challenges of retaining highly skilled migrants in aging societies. Beyond recruitment, discussions explored socio-cultural tensions among stakeholders, including policymakers, firms, migrants, and receiving societies. Panelists analyzed the social implications of retaining skilled migrants, challenging perceptions of them as short-term stayers or seamless integrators. Marking the conclusion of the QuaMaFA Project on skills in labor migration, the recorded roundtable became accessible online, providing lasting insights into migration and integration dynamics.



## “CONNECTIVITY: Conflict, Crime, Care, and Climate – Navigating Shared Responsibilities Under Growing Complexities” 17- 18 December 2024

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1155958179771135&set=a.535866908446935>

Chulalongkorn University, hosted by the Asian Research Center for Migration and in collaboration with regional and international networks, organized the International Conference on Migration 2024 in Bangkok on December 17–18. The conference, themed “CONNECTIVITY: Conflict, Crime, Care, and Climate – Navigating Shared Responsibilities Under Growing Complexities,” addressed the increasing complexity of migration in the Asia-Pacific region and globally. Over 230 participants, including policymakers, academics, and representatives from international organizations, discussed issues such as climate change, transnational crime, conflict, and care systems. The event aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing inclusive policies. Side events included sessions on aging and migration and on strengthening migration networks.



## Section 9: PROJECTS

### The subjective well-being of immigrants and natives (WELL-MIG)

The WELL-MIG project is funded by the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) and Next Generation EU, two-year in duration, coordinated by IRPPS-CNR (PI: Angela Paparusso) and implemented with the Department of Methods and Models for Economics, Territory and Finance (MEMOTEF) of Sapienza University of Rome. The WELL-MIG project aims to advance knowledge on subjective well-being (SWB) in Italy within the European context, studying different measures of it among immigrants and natives, among immigrant generations and over time. The WELL-MIG will measure the effect of different individual and contextual factors, including the implications of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, on the subjective well-being of different population groups. [For more information: <https://www.irpps.cnr.it/en/well-mig/> ]

## **Balance+: Ethic Diversity and Internationalisation at Nord University – Work Inclusion and Career Development**

Ethnic Diversity and Internationalization at Nord University: Work Inclusion and Career Development, funded by the Norwegian Research Council. The project addresses challenges faced by academic staff with migrant backgrounds. It focuses on enhancing diversity awareness in management, fostering belonging, and introducing inclusive career planning strategies. Key measures include integrating diversity perspectives into PhD and professor programs and improving understanding of ethnic diversity within Norwegian academia and organizations to support integration and career development. [For more information: <https://www.nord.no/en/events/conferenceseminar/kick-off-balance-diversity-and-internationalisation-at-nord-university>]



## **Section 10: OTHER INITIATIVES AND INNOVATIONS**

### **The First Forum on Human Rights and Migration in Mendoza**

The First Forum on Human Rights and Migration in Mendoza, organized by the Vice-Rector of the National University of Cuyo (Argentina) and the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC) at the University of South Florida, took place on December 10, 2024. The event included three Dialogue Round Tables focusing on municipal programs for migrants, migrant associations, and consular representatives from Mendoza's migrant communities. The forum concluded with final remarks and recommendations and was well-attended, with plans for a follow-up forum. [For more information: [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/centro-de-estudios-en-relaciones-internacionales-y-de-integraci%C3%B3n-ceridi-a76755209\\_primer-foro-sobre-derechos-humanos-y-migraciones-activity-7271874235210375168-1Qt2/?originalSubdomain=es](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/centro-de-estudios-en-relaciones-internacionales-y-de-integraci%C3%B3n-ceridi-a76755209_primer-foro-sobre-derechos-humanos-y-migraciones-activity-7271874235210375168-1Qt2/?originalSubdomain=es) ]

### **Spotify: Walking a Fine Line: Voices of Hindu Women in the US**

"Walking a Fine Line: Voices of Hindu Women in the US" is a podcast available on Spotify, featuring the perspectives and experiences of Hindu women navigating cultural and societal expectations in the United States. Hosted by Prof. Dr. Bandana Purkayastha, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Asian and Asian American Studies at the University of Connecticut, this podcast explores nuanced narratives of identity, faith, and intersectionality within the diaspora. [For more info: <https://open.spotify.com/show/1XHBKFobcTHrS146hpMHf1>]



### **ISA Research Committee 31 Sociology of Migration Mission:**

The goal of the RC31 is to advance sociological knowledge on Sociology of Migration throughout the world. Its general objectives are to promote high quality research on migration and the international exchange of scientific information in this field.

### **RC 31 Sociology of Migration Webpage:**

<https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/research-committees/rc31-sociology-of-migration/>

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