

Call for papers

Annual Conference of the Romanian Network for Migration Studies (RoMig) *From source to destination: new challenges of migration in Central and Eastern Europe*

Timișoara, 11th – 12th of September 2018

As one of the social phenomena which gained enormous momentum in the past ten years, migration continues to represent a major issue on the European agenda. Regardless of its nature, dynamics, and causes, migration remains a global social phenomenon raising new challenges in a continuously uncertain global environment, and incorporating new countries as either countries of origin, transit, or destination.

Over the last decades, Central and East European (CEE) countries have been particularly affected by migration. Their recent history as emigration countries passed through different stages, from sources of mass emigration in some cases to cases of return, transit, and immigration. For politicians or policy makers, migration has successively triggered the enthusiasm for high remittances and exporting social unrests, challenges of brain drain and the efforts to encourage return or/and diaspora policies. For many citizens coming from the region, migration is simply a search for a wider range of professional opportunities, better economic perspectives or cultural enrichment. At the same time, for many immigrants, passing through or settling in these countries, the region is often seen as just a second-hand choice, however safer and far better option than their countries of origin. These rapid and complex developments unveil the CEE countries as *new strategic research sites as source, transit, and destination countries*, where current critical questions related to migration can be asked anew. With more than 3 million of its citizens living abroad and with a low, but rising foreign born population, Romania epitomizes this regional development. Our aim in this context is to explore this current status and migratory developments in comparative perspective.

Academics, students and practitioners working in the field of migration and social integration are encouraged to submit papers on topics such as: *Migration and social change; Migration and development; Diasporas and remittances; Migration and transnationalism in CEE countries; Migration and family; Migration policies and institutional practices in new countries of destination; Return and circularity in the Eastern European migration; Immigration and immigrants' integration in the "New Europe"; The link between internal and external migration, Data sources and their uses in the study of migration; Migration, employment and labour markets in developing countries; refugees in the Central and Eastern Europe, etc.*

Submissions: Abstracts no longer than 250 words should be submitted online at: <http://romig.ro/submissions-2018> no later than the **15th of June**. We will be able to accept up to 40 proposals. Acceptance decisions will be communicated before the 30th of June.

Email: web.romig@gmail.com

There are no registration or participation fees. Participants need to cover their own costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission: 15 June 2018

Acceptance decision: 30 June 2018

Deadline for registration: 15 July 2018

Date for preliminary program: 25 July 2018

Dates of RoMig Conference: 11-12 September 2017

Set up in 2016, RoMig – the Romanian Network for Migration Studies (www.romig.ro) is a network of Romanian and international scholars with different disciplinary backgrounds who share the interest in international migration from and towards Romania. The conference will take place in Timișoara and it will be hosted by the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology and the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timișoara.

For more details, see: www.romig.ro