

## Call for Papers

### Annual Conference of the Romanian Network for Migration Studies RoMig 2020

#### CROSSING BORDERS: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MIGRATION RESEARCH AND POLICY

September 17-18, 2020, Iasi, Romania

#### **Conference rationale**

In recent years, questions of national identity, borders, belonging and migration have become particularly pressing in many parts of the world, including Europe. As evidenced by the Eurobarometer, “the freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the EU” has proven one of the main benefits of EU membership. Simultaneously, however, immigration has become one of the main fears in the EU. Depicted by politicians and in the media as a threat to national identity, democracy, economic development, as well as political and economic stability, immigration and the fear that often accompanies it has recently translated into nationalism, populism and xenophobia. New and older member states alike are affected by these trends. The anti-immigration manifesto was the leading vehicle for the Brexit movement in the UK. Moreover, while immigration was often interchangeably used for refugee flows in the national discourse, some of the newer member states have strongly opposed EU demands to share the burden of hosting asylum seekers in the wake of the refugee crisis. Their attitude seems rather paradoxical, given the large migration stocks from Central and Eastern Europe which were, in turn, hosted by the EU’s older members states. Therefore, the significant backlash against migration calls for further research to advance understanding of its drivers and far-reaching implications. We believe that this event could provide novel insights, while raising awareness of the migration challenges that EU members states face.

With more than 3.5 million of its citizens living abroad, Romania itself provides a fertile and compelling ground for empirical analysis. Furthermore, the large emigration flows have paved the way for an increased flow of inward migration. The increased presence of a foreign population has changed Romania’s position in the migration transition process, and challenges policy-making bodies to address issues relating to this new inward-migration context.

 **Academics, students and practitioners working in the field of migration and social integration are welcomed to submit abstracts aligned with the following topics:**

Migration, ethnicity and identity;  
Migration and development nexus;  
Migration, employment and labour markets;  
Diasporas and remittances;  
Migration, transnationalism and social change;

The mobility transition pattern;  
Refugee and asylum migration;  
Evolution and effectiveness of migration policies;  
Data sources and their uses in the study of migration;  
Frontier issues of the migration theories and evidence.

## **Confirmed keynote speakers**

**Amelie F. Constant**, Visiting Research Scholar, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School,  
Office of Population Research

**Peter Nijkamp**, Jheronimus Academy of Data Science's-Hertogenbosch

## **Submission instructions**

Please submit your abstract (max. 300 words) at <http://romig.ro/submissions-2020> by  
**15 June, 2020, 23:59 hours GMT+2 (Bucharest's time).**

We are able to accept up to 40 proposals. Acceptance decisions will be communicated before June, 30 2020.  
There are no registration or participation fees. However, participants must cover their own costs for travel,  
accommodation and subsistence.

## **Important dates**

Deadline for abstract submission: **June 15, 2020**

Acceptance decision: **June 30, 2020**

Deadline for registration: **July 15, 2020**

Dates of RoMig Conference: **September 17-18, 2020**

## **Conference venue**

The 4<sup>th</sup> RoMig conference will take place in Iasi and it will be hosted by the **Centre for European Studies,**  
**"Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi** and **"Gh. Zane" Institute for Economic and Social**  
**Research, Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch.**

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international scholars with different disciplinary backgrounds who share a common interest in international migration  
from and towards Romania.