PROGRAM

The Third Annual Conference of the Romanian Network for Migration Studies (RoMig)

Crossing borders: Recent developments in migration research and policy

Iași, 23 – 24 September 2021

Conference organizers:
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Conference Opening Ceremony –
Thursday, 23 September 2021

09:30 – 09:45 RoMig welcoming remarks

Keynote lectures

Thursday, 23rd of September 2021

09:45 – 10:30 Keynote Peter Nijkamp – “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania and Open University, Heerlen, The Netherlands

“Economic and cultural effects of migration on international tourism”

16:15 – 17:15 Keynote Amelie F. Constant – Princeton University, New Jersey, United States

“The cutting edge of out-migration research and policy considerations”
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10:30 – 10:40 Relaxing break

10:40 – 12:20 Session 1 – Public support, judicial interactions, and the impact of migration on children

Chair: Alina Vrânceanu

1. To hear or not to hear? The judicial shaping of the right to be heard of asylum seekers and irregular migrants
   
   Mădălina Moraru
   Centre for Judicial Cooperation of the European University Institute in Florence; Masaryk University, Brno, Czechia

2. Unaccompanied minors in contemporary migration. A transatlantic perspective
   
   Anna Bartnik
   Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora; Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

3. Childhood memories of belonging among young Romanian migrants in Italy: a qualitative life-course approach
   
   Beatrice Scutaru
   Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland
4. ‘Sometimes all you need is a peer’ - impact assessment of a mentoring programme for children affected by migration in Central and Eastern Europe

*Bogdan Borș*
Terre des hommes Romania; National School of Political and Administrative Studies, București, Romania

*George Matu*
National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania

5. International cooperation on migration: what do domestic publics want?

*Alina Vrânceanu*
Migration Policy Centre (MPC), European University Institute, Florence, Italy

*Tobias Heidland*
Kiel Institute for the World Economy, University of Kiel

*Martin Ruhs*
Migration Policy Centre (MPC), European University Institute (EUI)

*Elias Dinas*
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

12:10 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

13:10 – 14:00 *Networking Session (only for the board members of RoMig)*

14:00 – 16:00 *Session 2 – Seasonal workers and refugees – expectations, priorities, preferences, and risks*

Chair: Monica Șerban

1. Pandemic migration and the exceptional case of seasonal migrant workers

*Roxana Bărbulescu*
University of Leeds, Leeds, United Kingdom

2. Migration and care work in Italy. The case of Romanian and Moldovan women

*Sebastian Ţoc*
National University of Political Science and Public Administration; Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania
Dinu Guțu
National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

3. Reducing the risks of exploitation for Romanian and Bulgarian workers in the UK agricultural and food industry
   Oana Burcu
   The Rights Lab & School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham, UK

4. The ‘essential’ yet exploited Romanian migrant seasonal workers: towards a fairer European agriculture
   Elena Trifan
   National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania
   George Matu
   National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania
   Ileana Szasz
   National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania
   Iris Șerban
   National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania
   Mădălina Muscă
   National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania
   Rodica Novac
   National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania

5. Refugees: from transit to destination
   Liliana Harding
   University of East Anglia, Norwich, England
   Ciprian Pânzaru
   West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania

6. The impact of migration for work in agriculture on migrants’ communities of origin: a comparative analysis of two rural contexts in contemporary Romania
   Monica Șerban
   Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania
   Alexandra Deliu
   Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania
Mădălina Manea
Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania

16:00 – 16:15 Relaxing break

16:15 – 17:15 Keynote Lecture

Amelie F. Constant
Princeton University, New Jersey, United States

"The cutting edge of out-migration research and policy considerations"

17:30 – 18:30 Virtual tour of Iasi

Our guide: Lecturer dr. Mihai Bulai
Friday, 24 September 2021

9:00 – 11:00 Session 3 – Impact of migration on origin and destination countries

Chair: Monica Roman

1. To be or not to be a samsar. Understanding motivations for entrepreneurship among returnee transnational entrepreneurs trading used vehicles in Romania
   Anatolie Coșciug
   University of Bielefeld, Germany; Department of Political Sciences, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2. Welfare brokers and EU free movers’ access to European social citizenship
   Alexandra Voivozeanu
   CEDEM-University of Liège, Liège, Belgium

3. Vectors of change? Returnee MPS and democratic diffusion in Turkey and Romania
   Vladimir Bortun
   Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
   Deniz Pelek
   Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
   Eva Østergaard-Nielsen
   Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

4. Environmental migration – perspectives and problems
   Brankica Todorovic
   School of Economics Uzice, Serbia

5. Online diaspora – online integration? Digital street work with Romanian migrants in Germany
   Janka Vogel
   Minor - Projektkontor für Bildung und Forschung gGmbH, Berlin, Germany
6. Comparative analysis of recent immigration from the Republic and Moldova and Arabic countries to Romania. A stakeholders’ perspective

Monica Roman
Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

Ioana Manafi
Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

Elena Prada
Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

11:00 – 11:15 Relaxing break

11:15 – 13:15 Session 4 – Migration Project Presentations

Chair: Alina Botezat

1. Empowerment through liquid integration of migrant youth in vulnerable conditions

Project acronym: MIMY

Financed by: European Research Council through the Horizon 2020 funding program


Principal investigator: Prof. Birte Nienaber, Université du Luxembourg

Project website

2. Children left behind by labour migration: supporting Moldovan and Ukrainian transnational families in the EU

Project acronym: CASTLE
Co-funded by: European Union, contracted by ICMPD through the Migration Partnership Facility

Implemented by: Babeș-Bolyai University, in collaboration with Terre des Hommes Elvetia, Terre des Hommes Moldova, Terre des Hommes Ukraine, the Ukrainian Institute for Social Research after Oleksandr Yaremenko and the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Principal investigator: Dr. habil. Viorela Duci Telegdi Csetri

Project website

3. Transnational returnees in it and agriculture. Adaptation, innovation and social remittances

Project acronym: ReturnITA

Financed by: UEFISCDI

Implemented by: Babeș-Bolyai University

Principal investigator: Dr. habil. Remus Gabriel Anghel

Project website

4. Migration and democratic diffusion

Project acronym: MIGRADEMO

Financed by: European Research Council through the Horizon 2020 funding program

Implemented by: Department of Political Science – Autonomous University of Barcelona

Principal investigator: Professor Eva Østergaard-Nielsen

Project website

5. Migration from South-East Europe - enabling participation & cohesion at the municipal level

Project acronym: ZuSudo

Financed by: Mercator Foundation

Implemented by: Ruhr University Bochum (Chair: Sociology, Organisation, Migration, Participation, Faculty of Social Science)

Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Ludger Pries (project lead) / Christian Schramm (project coordinator)

Project website
6. **Job-education (mis)match in times of migration: the effects of youth brain drain and skill utilization among Romanian graduates on the local labor market**

*Project acronym: YOUTHSKILLS*

*Financed by: UEFISCDI*

*Implemented by: “Gh. Zane” Institute for Economic and Social Research - Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch, Romania*

*Principal investigator: Dr. Alina Botezat*

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**13:15 – 14:30 Lunch Break**

**14:30 – 15:00 Virtual tour of Iasi**

*Our guide: Lecturer dr. Mihai Bulai*

**15:00 – 16:00 Roundtable – The challenges induced by migration in the Republic of Moldova and the shifts caused by the current pandemic (in Romanian)**

*Chair: Victor Cebotari*, Strategic Advisor to the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, University of Luxembourg

*Ghenadie Crețu*, International Organization for Migration - Mission to Moldova, Chișinău, Moldova

*Veaceslav Ioniță*, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS Viitorul), Chișinău, Republic of Moldova

*Valeriu Sainsus*, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova

**16:00 – 16:15 Relaxing Break**
16:15 – 18:00 Session 5 – Skilled migration and local development

Chair: Cristian Încalțărău

1. Conflict – induced skilled migration: evidence from the Americas
   Camelia Țigău
   Center for Research on North America, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico

2. The effect of Romania’s EU accession on regional emigration and development
   Hannah Moreno
   Yale Department of Economics, New Haven, Connecticut, United States

3. Europe’s essential workers: migration and pandemic politics in Central and Eastern Europe during COVID-19
   Ruxandra Paul
   Harvard University; Amherst College, Massachusetts, United States

4. Local matters: the local turn in emigration policies
   Magda Ulceluse
   Faculty of Spatial Sciences Landleven, University of Groningen, Groningen, The Netherlands

5. Regional differences in nurse migration – self-sufficiency and resilience in the aftermath of health and labour market shocks
   Alina Botezat
   “Gh. Zane” Institute for Economic and Social Research - Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch, Iasi, Romania

   Cristian Încalțărău
   Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Iasi, Romania

   Peter Nijkamp
   Open University of the Netherlands, Heerlen, The Netherlands

18:00 – 18:15 Closing Ceremony