

Programme

Overall programme

Sessions

PhD activities

SC meetings

Plenary sessions

Events

Sessions

Mon June 29

Tue June 30

Wed July 1

Thu July 2

Search

My Sessions

Participants

All times are in CEST (GMT+2).

Your list contains 5 sessions

These are the session you are participating in and/or you have bookmarked using the dot/star next to the title of each session.

SC FMR Special Session: Forced Displacement and Local Migration Governance: How to Promote Sustainable Policy Solutions?

Mon June 29, 13:00–14:30, Session #4 workshop 🏠 | fmr

Room: Faculty of Education and Psychology, First Floor, Room 170



organizer

[Birgit Glorius](#)

🏠 on-site

TU Chemnitz

[view profile](#)



organizer

[Marta Jaroszewicz](#)

🏠 on-site

University of Warsaw

[view profile](#)

[less](#)



In line with the theme of the 23rd IMISCOE Annual Conference, this session will present reflections on narratives, interventions, and policies that can contribute to inclusive pathways for migrants and to building a more equitable society in dialogue with local communities. Building also on the legacy of the former IMISCOE Research Group on Refugees in European Localities, this workshop will provide a platform to discuss approaches to researching and engaging with local governance, as well as the involvement of diverse communities in building sustainable policy solutions for both local societies and incoming migrants, in particular those forcibly displaced. Local migration governance is among the fastest-developing fields within migration studies. Yet, despite the recognised “local turn” in migration research (Caponio & Scholten 2017), the responses of cities to large-scale displacement remain understudied, with the exception of major Western European urban centers. In particular, local responses to displacement often lack systemic analysis and tend to fade away once a “return to normality” occurs.

At the same time, local governments—being directly confronted with the challenges on the ground—are often more receptive to pragmatic, community-based solutions (Kreichauf & Glorius 2022). Their involvement offers hope that, despite the increasing politicization of migration and declining trust in evidence-based policies, collaborative approaches involving both academia and local communities can pave the way toward innovative and sustainable solutions.

The workshop brings together scholars and practitioners engaged in studying and working within the field of local migration governance. In particular, we will focus on discussing how to apply innovative solutions to the challenges of local integration policies.



participant

[Liana Wool](#)

🏠 on-site

*Universitat Pompeu
Fabra*

[view profile](#)



participant

[Marta Pachocka](#)

🏠 on-site

*SGH Warsaw School of
Economics & Centre of
Migration Research,
University of Warsaw*

[view profile](#)



participant
Claire Marie Dorrity

🏠 on-site

*University College Cork,
Ireland*

[view profile](#)



participant
Jasmin Lilian Diab

🏠 on-site

*Institute for Migration
Studies, Lebanese
American University*

[view profile](#)



participant
Jeroen Doomernik

🏠 on-site

University of Amsterdam

[view profile](#)



participant
Johannes Gloeckner

🏠 on-site

*Chemnitz University of
Technology*

[view profile](#)



participant
**Karolina
Łukasiewicz** 🏠 on-site

*Centre of Migration
Research, University of
Warsaw*

[view profile](#)

papers

On-site location: Faculty of Education and Psychology, First Floor, Room 170

Roundtable discussion: Methodologies in researching migration in local contexts

Mon June 29, 14:50–16:20, Session #26 workshop 🏠 | migpog

Room: Faculty of Arts, Ground Floor, Room Sala de Graus



organizer
Marta Pachocka

🏠 on-site



organizer
Peter Scholten

🏠 on-site

less



Despite a growing academic interest in migration in large cities, medium-sized, and small localities, little attention has been paid to methodologies of studying migration in local contexts. Drawing on cases from the Global North (Zapata-Barrero, Caponio, and Scholten, 2017; Schiller, Çağlar, 2009), and increasingly the Global South contexts (Triandafyllidou et al., 2024), and from various types of cities (Pisarevskaya and Scholten, 2025), the 'local turn' scholarship has produced a broad spectrum of findings on migration governance forms and mechanisms. Yet, the reflection on research designs, available local-level data, data collection, and analysis in the local context remains scattered. Researching migration in localities remains challenging due to the fragmentation of data, data incompleteness, or the difficulty of obtaining comparative data. While some of these challenges are common to any migration research, local-level analysis poses particular difficulties. This roundtable discussion aims to bridge the knowledge gaps in migration and urban scholarship by focusing on qualitative and quantitative methodologies, drawing from original and existing data collected in localities within a global context, and incorporating insights from different fields, including political science, sociology, economics, and anthropology. Panellists, including authors and editors of recently published books on migration in cities, will share the methodologies they applied to conduct comparative studies, the challenges they encountered, and the solutions they used. We will focus on, for example, using indices, qualitative comparative analysis (QCA), elite surveys in small localities, and participatory co-creative methodologies to research localities alongside their residents. This panel discussion will proceed with work on "Migration and Localities: A Research Methods Handbook". We invite everyone interested in contributing to the book to join our discussion. This workshop is developed in cooperation with two Standing Committees: Migration Politics and Governance and Methodological Approaches and Tools in Migration Research.



participant

[Irene Ponzo](#)

🏠 on-site

*University of Eastern
Piedmont and FIERI*

[view profile](#)



participant

[Asya Pisarevskaya](#)

🏠 on-site

*Erasmus University
Rotterdam*

[view profile](#)



participant
Anna Triandafyllidou

🏠 on-site

*Toronto Metropolitan
University*
[view profile](#)



participant
Els de de Graauw

🏠 on-site

Baruch College, CUNY
[view profile](#)



participant
Tiziana Caponio

🏠 on-site

*FIERI, Collegio Carlo
Alberto and University of
Turin*
[view profile](#)



participant
Camilla Borgna

🏠 on-site

University of Turin
[view profile](#)



participant
**Zeynep Sahin
Mencütek** 🏠 on-site

*Bonn International
Centre for Conflict
Studies*
[view profile](#)



participant
Michał Nowosielski

🏠 on-site

*Centre of Migration
Research University of
Warsaw/WSB Merito
University*
[view profile](#)



participant
**Karolina
Łukasiewicz** 🏠 on-site

*Centre of Migration
Research, University of
Warsaw*



participant
Agata Górny

🏠 on-site

University of Warsaw
[view profile](#)

23rd IMISCOE Annual Conference

29 June–2 July 2026 — Girona & online



papers

On-site location: Faculty of Arts, Ground Floor, Room Sala de Graus

The politicisation of migration and the role of academia



Tue June 30, 09:00–10:30, Session #65 workshop   | open

Room: Faculty of Education and Psychology, Ground Floor, Room 19-20

Link : <https://imiscoe.webex.com/imiscoe/j.php?MTID=m83e9c603398090dca951dd901f5fbbfc> 



organizer

Blanca Garcés-

Mascareñas

 on-site

CIDOB

less



Despite the significant growth of studies looking at the politicisation of migration and the increasing hegemony of anti-immigration discourses, linked to the rise of the extreme right and the accommodative strategies of traditional parties, there is little debate about the role of migration scholars in this context. In line with the Annual Conference's aim to discuss the role and positionality of researchers in a context of increasing polarisation, this roundtable discusses how academia can contribute to a calmer and more contextualised political and public debate about migration.

The increasing instrumentalization of migration issues, in a context of rising post-truth politics where facts, science and expertise are dismissed, poses many challenges for academia. On the one hand, migration knowledge may be ignored, distorted or cherry-picked. On the other hand, scholars may themselves decide to withdraw from public debates, also as a result of attacks from the extreme right. In this context, we will discuss what to do and how to make migration knowledge matter. The final purpose is to offer a space for common reflection and for more robust alliances among scholars.

Participants will discuss the following questions: (1) what are the main drivers and actors of the politicisation of immigration in each country? (2) how has this increasing politicisation of migration affected the role of academia in public and political debates and with policymaking? and (3) looking ahead, particularly in a context highly shaped by the rise of the extreme right in Europe, what can we do in each national context but also as an international community of migration scholars?

The roundtable participants have all contributed to debates about the politicisation of migration and the role of academia in shaping public and political debates. At the same time, they bring in different disciplinary perspectives and knowledge and experience in different national contexts.



participant
Ferruccio Pastore

🏠 on-site

FIERI



participant
Marta Pachocka

🏠 on-site

*SGH Warsaw School of
Economics & Centre of
Migration Research,
University of Warsaw*
[view profile](#)



participant
Peter Scholten

🏠 on-site

*Erasmus University
Rotterdam*
[view profile](#)



participant
Elke Winter

🏠 on-site

University of Ottawa
[view profile](#)



participant
Sebastian Rinken

🏠 on-site

*Instituto de Estudios
Sociales Avanzados
(IESA-CSIC)*
[view profile](#)



participant
Birgit Glorius

🏠 on-site

TU Chemnitz
[view profile](#)



participant
Gianni D'Amato

🏠 on-site

*Swiss Forum for
Migration and
Population Studies*
[view profile](#)



participant
Leila Hadj Abdou

🏠 on-site

IOM
[view profile](#)



participant
Rinus Penninx

💻 online

*IMES, University of
Amsterdam*
[view profile](#)