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BIRMM NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER: BIRMM RESEARCH DAY



The next BIRMM Research Day is coming up on 30 October 2020. Do you want to learn more on recent VUB research on migration and minorities? Do you want to discover how to better cooperate with migrant and minority organisations? Then register!

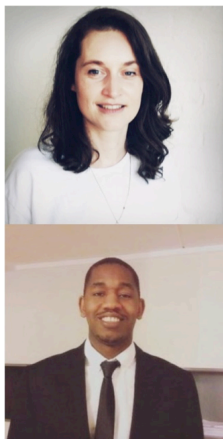
Four BIRMM members from four different disciplines will present and discuss their PhD research: Rose-Lima Van Keer (medicine and pharmacy), Dirk Lafaut (philosophy), Marjolein Schepers (history) and René Kreichauf (geography). We will also meet with Minderhedenforum, a great occasion to discover their work and explore future initiatives for collaboration and research.

Check the [full programme](#) and make sure to register [here](#) for this online event. We are looking forward to meeting you all!

BIRMM NEWS

A new BIRMM coordination team: Hannah and Omar

Hannah Vermaut (BIRMM Coordinator) and Omar N. Cham (assistant-part time) started last September as BIRMM's coordination team. Hannah and Omar will be responsible for the day to day running of BIRMM. Hannah will get in touch with all BIRMM delegates to meet and discuss the cooperation within



BIRMM.

BIRMM has set foot on social media: you can find BIRMM on [Twitter](#) and on [LinkedIn](#). If you want to stay informed and promote your research, publications and events, follow us! We also updated the [BIRMM website](#).

Do not hesitate to contact us for further suggestions and to announce your news at birmm@vub.be.

MINDERHEDEN
FORUM

BIRMM and Minderhedenforum are teaming up!

BIRMM now has a structural agreement with Minderhedenforum, the representative organisation of ethnic minorities in Flanders and Brussels. BIRMM will regularly exchange with Minderhedenforum on current research on migration and minorities and on research needs from minority organisations. We will also develop research proposals together and experiment in writing joint op-eds. BIRMM Coordinator Hannah Vermaut will work at Minderhedenforum once a week to ensure a fruitful exchange.

Currently, Minderhedenforum is transforming into a network organization to respond to today's challenges. They are renewing their mission and vision. They have welcomed new board members and they will launch a new name in 2021.

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CONFERENCES

AfroEuropeans Conference 2021: call for papers

The 8th Biennial [AfroEuropean Network Conference](#) "Intersectional challenges in AfroEuropean communities" will take place in Brussels from 7-10 July 2021. BIRMM will be co-organising the conference. The call for papers will be out soon and BIRMM members are strongly encouraged to send proposals. We will keep you updated!

IMISCOE conference: call for papers/panels/workshops

This year's IMISCOE conference "Crossing borders, connecting cultures" has been rescheduled to 7-9 July 2021 in Luxembourg. [The call for papers is open now. We warmly recommend BIRMM members to submit.](#) The deadline for submission is 1 December 2020.

IMISCOE is Europe's largest interdisciplinary research network in the field of migration, integration and diversity studies. BIRMM is an institutional member. The network organises annual conferences hosted by member institutes, it has its own open access book series, its open access journal 'Comparative Migration Studies', it organizes winter and summer schools, a PhD prize and numerous other events. As institutional members we have many advantages, amongst others a reduction of the fee for the publication of an open access book. For more info, contact birmm@vub.be.

PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH 2020

The Innoviris Prospective Research call is open. The theme



is "Questioning systemic crises and exploring future avenues" and it focuses on the Brussels Post-Covid society. Deadline for project submissions is 9 December.

If you are inspired to submit a proposal together with colleagues from other disciplines and/or with Minderhedenforum, let us know at birmm@vub.be. Maybe we can help to facilitate the process.

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PUBLICATIONS



Want your publication to appear here?

VUB researchers, make sure to add BIRMM in the **PURE** database! Or send your publication to birmm@vub.be.

Recent BIRMM publications

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PHD DEFENCE



Last Friday October 9, BIRMM member Laura Westerveen successfully defended her PhD thesis on "Ethno-racial (In)equality in Belgium and Germany: Understanding Policy Frames". Her dissertation explored how European countries respond to persisting inequalities faced by ethno-racial minorities. Well done Laura, and all the best with your future plans!



On September 7, BIRMM member Lars Bruels defended his thesis titled "Detention of Foreign Nationals in the Low Countries: An Ethnographic Study Into The Practice of Detention of Foreign Nationals In Belgium and The Netherlands". The entire BIRMM membership wishes Lars all the best in his future endeavours!

Online: Toolbox on Diversity in End-of-Life-Care Projects

BIRMM member Lieve De Block collaborated on a project developing diversity tools for researchers, trainers and anyone involved in end-of-life-care projects. You can consult the toolbox [online](#) (Dutch only).

Online: Culturally sensitive care in residential care facilities for elderly people

BIRMM member Saloua Berdai-Chaoui finished her two year action research on culturally sensitive care in residential care facilities for elderly people. She wrote an inspiring [research report](#) about it and organized [a webinar](#) (Dutch only).

UPCOMING EVENTS

12 NOVEMBER 14:00

VUB EQUALITY ACTION EVENT: ANTI-RACISM

VUB Equality Team presents the results of the VUB curriculum scan, puts the spotlight on people that are working on (anti-)racism, decolonisation and migration, presents the follow-up actions after the conversations about racism and discusses plans for the future.

3 DECEMBER 17:00

BIRMM POINcaré book launch @ KVS

An evening with debate, dance and music to launch our book with 44 opinions on migration, equality and racism.



OTHER LINKS

[Website sharing stories of institutional racism and sexism](#)

Institutional racism and sexism in academia continue to be on the rise. Victims need safe spaces to share their stories and experiences. Sharing stories of institutional racism and sexism is a platform that provides an opportunity for victims of academic harassment to share their stories. Visit the website to learn more.

[Crocevia di Sguardi: online documentary film festival on migration and cultural diversity](#)

This online film festival is happening now and runs until November 19th. It screens 8 international documentaries on migration and cultural diversity. Don't miss out on "Gods of Molenbeek", shot in Brussels.



VACANCY

Postdoctoral researchers (2 years) for EDGE project

EDGE is a strategic research programme at VUB. It explores the contemporary challenges to democratic governance in Europe through three main research streams. The project seeks to recruit post-doctoral researchers for a 2-year term (2021-2022) to strengthen its current team.

[Read more here.](#)

Application deadline: 18 October 2020



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