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Master in Critical Diaspora, Race and Liberation Studies



A Master in Critical Diaspora, Race and Liberation Studies - Aftermovie of the event

Can universities be fully and structurally decolonized? What is certain, is initiatives can contribute to more racial justice for students and communities of colour. One of the possible initiatives in that strand is the creation of a Master Programme in Critical Diaspora, Race and Liberation Studies.

On March 24th we presented and discussed our recently conducted '**Blueprint Study**' for a **Master in Diaspora, Race and Liberation Studies**, followed by lively debates poetry and dance.

You can now watch the [aftermovie](#) of this event. If you would like to learn more about this study, you can download a copy of the **summary report** [here](#) or order a printed version [here](#)!

Research Day

On Thursday May 5th we hosted our [Research Day](#), jointly organized by BIRMM, EDGE, CESSMIR, and CeMIS.



Thanks to the contribution of fascinating speakers we had the opportunity to learn and discuss about visual, spatial & affective participatory research methods in migration research.

If you were unable to attend the Research Day or you would like to deepen some topics, you will find an additional reading list [here](#), which was kindly provided by the speakers.



Migration Talks Podcast: new episodes available

We recently launched a new episode of our [Migration Talks Podcast](#). In the latest episode, we talk about the EU's response to the displacement of Ukrainians, with the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive. We discuss this with [Hanne Beirens](#), the director of Migration Policy Institute Europe, and [Florian Trauner](#), co-director of the BIRMM research centre at VUB. Listen to the full episode on [Soundcloud](#) or [Spotify](#)!

You can also discover and listen to prior episodes of [Migration Talks](#):

- **Receiving and accommodating refugees in European cities:** what shall - and shall not - be done? with René Kreichauf and Louise Hantson
- **Big data and Artificial Intelligence for Migration Research** with Tuba Bircan
- **Racism and discrimination in (health) care** with Saloua Berdai Chaoui and Enata Mushimiyimana (in Dutch)



BIRMM Migration Lecture Series

BIRMM's Migration Lecture Series invites renowned scholars discussing insights from a book they have recently published.

On March 9, Prof. Nick Vaughan-Williams presented his new book on

VERNACULAR BORDER SECURITY

Citizens' Narratives of Europe's 'Migration Crisis'



NICK VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS

“Vernacular Border Security” in which he examines how ordinary citizens talked about and experienced the so-called migration crisis of 2015-2016. **Omar Ba** was the discussant. You can watch the recording of this lecture [here](#).



On March 23, Prof. **Andrew Geddes** presented insights from his book ‘Repertoires of migration governance in the European Union’. He talked about how migration governance systems through their operation and effects can shape migration — in its various forms — and the lived experiences of migrants. **Raül Hernández i Sagrera** and **Tineke Strik** were the discussants for this lecture.

This lecture series is co-organized by [EDGE](#), the VUB strategic research programme on democratic governance in Europe, and the Jean Monnet Chair '[EXPAND](#) - Explaining Resilience in EU Justice and Home Affairs'.

Upcoming events



03.06.2022 // 11:00-12:30

Lecture by Prof. Christina Zuber (hybrid)

As part of the BIRMM Migration Lecture series, we are welcoming [Christina Zuber](#), professor of German Politics at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Konstanz.

Why do policies and attitudes toward immigration vary so widely across European minority regions? What determines whether political elites frame immigration as a threat or as an opportunity? Which role do ideas and historical political economy

play in determining how immigration is perceived?

Professor Christina Zuber will talk about her new book, '[Ideational Legacies and the Politics of Migration in European Minority Regions](#)'. [Philippe van Parijs](#) will be the discussant and [Catherine Xhardez](#) will be the chair.

The lecture will be followed by a lunch at 12.30pm. Register [here](#) for this event.

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14.06.2022 // 11:00-12:30

Seminar with Dr. Katie Kuschminder (hybrid)

Save the date! We are welcoming you to a BIRMM seminar with dr. Katie Kuschminder. Katie Kuschminder works on the topic of reintegration governance for migrants, combining the study of migration governance and return migration studies.

More information to follow soon.

Job openings



A hiring poster for BIRMM. It features the BIRMM logo (a globe with an orange triangle) in a white circle. To the right, the text 'WE ARE HIRING' is written in large, bold, black letters, with three orange exclamation marks above the word 'HIRING'. Below this, a megaphone icon is followed by the text 'POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER AT BIRMM'. At the bottom left, there are three social media icons (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter) with their respective handles: '@BIRMM_VUB', '@BIRMM', and '@BIRMM_VUB'. At the bottom right, there is a white button with the text 'APPLY UNTIL JUNE 5TH' and an orange button with the text 'WWW.BIRMM.RESEARCH.VUB.BE' and a magnifying glass icon.

Postdoctoral Researcher

BIRMM is hiring! Are you or do you know someone who is interested in topics related to migration and minorities? We are currently looking for a postdoctoral researcher for grant and proposal writing on inequalities and racism in higher education. Take a look at the full vacancy [here](#)! Apply until June 5th.

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Recent publications



Books



Zinnekes Zijn Debest

Dimokritos Kavadias, [Bram Spruyt](#) & Gide Van Cappel

De stad Brussel kent de laatste twee decennia een sterke verjonging en heeft een gemiddelde leeftijd onder die van de andere gewesten. Jongeren vormen er een belangrijk onderdeel van het sociaal weefsel. De diversiteit binnen die Brusselse jeugd biedt echter zowel uitdagingen als kansen.

Het merendeel van de jongeren identificeren zich heel sterk met de stad en zien in Brussel het symbool van eenheid in diversiteit. De verschillende breuklijnen die doorheen de stad lopen vormen echter een risico voor de cohesie ervan. Daartegenover staat dat jongeren die opgroeien in een van de meest diverse steden ter wereld een hoge mate van openheid en vooral mededogen vertonen.

Zinnekes zijn De Best vormt de eerste weergave van de werkzaamheden van het DEBEST-programma (Democratic Empowerment of Brussels Education, Students and Teachers), een samenwerkingsverband van de Universitaire Associatie Brussel. DEBEST verrichte onderzoek bij 1880 jongeren van 15 à 16 jaar oud om een inkijk te krijgen op hun attitudes en besteedde aandacht aan initiatieven om jongeren te verbinden.

Book Chapters



[Circuits of migration to a port in the making: Antwerp, 1760-1860](#)

Anne Winterk | **Port-Cities and their Hitherlands (chapter)**



[Intersectional Feminist Activism in Europe: Invisibility, Inclusivity and Affirmation](#)

Serena D'Agostino | **Handbook of Feminist Governance (Chapter)**

Articles



[Ethnic discrimination on paper: uncovering realtors' willingness to discriminate with mystery mails](#)

Abel Ghekiere, Louis Lippens, Stijn Baert & Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe | **Applied Economics**



[Rental Discrimination, perceived threat and public attitudes towards immigration and refugees](#)

Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe, David De Coninck | **Ethnic and Racial Studies**



[Gezondheidszorg op de grens: Radicale zorg voor mensen zonder wettig verblijf](#)

Dirk Lafaut | **Filosofie**



[Franet SR 55 national contribution to Fundamental rights report 2022 \(Belgium\)](#)

Julia Zomigani Barboza, Serena D'Agostino, Chloe Briere, Areg Navasartian, Aleydis Nissen, Rik Raedschelders, Danaja Fabric Povse, Lander Govaerts, Paul De Hert | **Franet**



[Virtual innocence. On the status of the children of European deportees in North-East Syria](#)

Els Dumortier, Marijke Caroline Van Buggenhout, Nadia Fadil | **Ethnic and Racial Studies**



[Een diversiteitsbeleid binnen de politie: wie de f*ck heeft er iets aan?](#)

Yana Demeyere, Sofia De Kimpe, Ruben Kramer, Lucas Melgaço, Janneke Christieans | **Panopticon**



[Labour migration in Flanders and the use of the single permit to address labour market shortages: The lived experiences of single permit holders working in medium skilled bottleneck professions](#)

Amy Weatherburn, Elias Herman Kruithof, Christophe Vanroelen



[Spatial variation of migrant-native mortality differentials by duration of residence in Belgium: A story of spatial convergence](#)



"Don't they jump on the seats?" The underrepresentation of migrant and minority artists in the cultural labour market of Brussels

Eva Swyngedouw | Ethnic and Racial Studies



"That way there are no surprises in the end": The cooling out function of reception education for newly arrived migrant students in Flanders

Laura Emery, Bram Spruyt, Piet Van Avermaet | Educational



Negotiations in the Council of the EU under a new institutional setting: the case of the asylum policy

Sara Silvestre | Journal of Contemporary European Studies

The Brussels Interdisciplinary Research centre on Migration and Minorities (BIRMM) unites over 100 VUB researchers from 11 disciplines (including political science, law, sociology, criminology, geography, medical sciences, communication sciences, linguistics, psychology and educational sciences, philosophy, and history) working on migration and diversity related topics.



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