

BIRMM Research Day

17 December 2021, 09:00-17:00

ONLINE

Our MOTIVATION

We strongly believe in the importance of **interdisciplinary cross-fertilization**. Discussing your work with researchers from different disciplines will give you new insights and challenge your ideas.

Getting to know each other will also allow us to set up **academic collaborations** across disciplinary divides. This can help us to conduct innovative research and to tackle societal challenges.

Our FORMAT

Both in the morning and the afternoon, we will run a couple of sessions with short presentations, followed by discussions in breakout sessions.

Rather than choosing for parallel sessions, we have opted to work with **very short presentations (5 minutes!)**. In this way, you will get an overview of research that is conducted at VUB on the theme of migration and minorities.

At the end of each session, we will organize **discussions in breakout sessions**. For each session, the presenters will be divided into two breakout rooms with one moderator each. Members of the audience are expected to choose between one of the two breakout sessions with the researchers they would like to engage with through comments or questions. In this way, we provide space for informal encounters and more in-depth discussions.

Some instructions for the presenters

- **Timing:** your presentation cannot last longer than 5 minutes!
- **Format:** any kind of format is allowed – PowerPoint, Prezi, simply your own voice...
- **Tip:** Tell your audience which issues you would like to discuss during the breakout session afterwards. Mention them on your last slide or towards the end of your presentation. This allows people to choose for one or the other discussion.
- **Further questions?** Do not hesitate to contact us by email: hannah.vermaut@vub.be and rené.kreichauf@vub.be.

PROGRAMME

09:10 – 09:30

Welcome + short introduction by BIRMM coordinator Hannah Vermaut

09:30 – 10:30

Panel Session 1 – **Migration Politics and Policy Making**

Presenters:

- **Maja Micevska** (Brussels School of Governance): Migration Policies: A Machine Learning Perspective
- **Amy Weatherburn** (Fundamental Rights Research Centre): A study on the implementation of the single permit in Flanders for low-and medium skilled workers in bottleneck professions and their experiences of living and working in Belgium
- **Florian Trauner, Omar N. Cham, Rosangela Caleprico** (Centre for Migration, Diversity and Justice, BSoG): EU-funded information campaigns targeting potential migrants: what do we know and what do we still like to comprehend?
- **Laura Westerveen** (Brussels School of Governance): Individual or structural? Representations of racism in policy discourses

Break-out discussions:

1. Discussion with Maja Micevska & Amy Weatherburn, moderator: Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe
2. Discussion with Florian Trauner & Laura Westerveen, moderator: Giacomo Toffano

10:30– 11:30

Panel Session 2 – **Racialization, Identities, and Heritage**

Presenters:

- **Iman Lechkar** (Research Center Gender, Diversity and Intersectionality): Racialization of Muslims and the reproduction of stigma in the self-representations of Belgian Moroccan Shia Men
- **Elias Woodbridge** (Political Science & Criminology): Islam in Flanders: An ethnographic study on Islam, prison policies, experiences and masculinities
- **Gul Aylin** (Interface Demography): Between divergences and Europeanization: the Alevi identity in Europe
- **Feyza Altinkamis** (Center for Linguistics & Brussels Institute for Applied Linguistics): Teaching Turkish as a Heritage Language

Break-out discussions:

1. Discussion with Iman Lechkar & Gul Aylin, moderator: Silvia Almenara-Niebla
2. Discussion with Elias Woodbridge & Feyza Altinkamis, moderator: René Kreichauf

11:30– 12:30

Panel Session 3 – **Migrant Women and Inclusiveness**

Presenters:

- **Damini Purkayastha** (Interface Demography): Present but not counted: Highly skilled migrant women in Belgium
- **Saloua Berdai Chaouni** (Adult Educational Sciences): Inclusive dementia care for an ethnically diverse population: a new conceptual lens
- **Duha Ceylan** (DeSIRE & ECHO Media, Culture and Politics): Gender Under Attack
- **Silvia Almenara-Niebla** (ECHO Media, Culture and Politics): Digital emotivescapes: everyday media practices of Sahrawi refugee diasporic women in Spain and Mauritania

Break-out discussions:

1. Discussion with Damini Purkayastha & Saloua Berdai Chaoui, moderator: Nellie Konijnendijk
2. Discussion with Duha Ceylan & Silvia Almenara-Niebla, moderator: Hannah Vermaut

12:30– 13:30

Lunch break

13:30– 14:30

Panel Session 4 – [Accommodation and Housing](#)

Presenters:

- **Lena Imeraj** (BCUS - Cosmopolis – ID): Ethnic diversity and ethnic segregation in Belgian cities: Two decades of (co)variation
- **Rivka Saltiel** (Cosmopolis, Visiting Researcher): Care-full Encounters in the City. Geographies of informal migrant accommodation in Brussels
- **Hala el Moussawi** (Cosmopolis): Newly arrived refugees in the Belgian rental housing market
- **Marek Endrich** (Interface Demography): The reaction of neighbourhood residents to refugee housings

Break-out discussions:

1. Discussion with Lena Imeraj & Rivka Saltiel, moderator: Hannah Vermaut
2. Discussion with Hala el Moussawi & Marek Endrich, moderator: René Kreichauf

14:30– 15:30

Panel Session 5 – [Arrival and Transit](#)

Presenters:

- **Louise Hantson** (Centre for Migration, Diversity and Justice, BSoG): The Whole-COMM project: examining the governance of migrant integration post-2014 at the local level
- **Marjolein Schepers** (HOST Historical Research into Urban Transformation Processes): Closed gates and dark streets: spaces of transit at night in the city of Leyden, 1780-1870
- **René Kreichauf** (Cosmopolis): Governing Migration Through Small Towns

Break-out discussions:

1. Discussion with Louise Hantson & Marjolein Schepers, moderator: Silvia Almenara-Niebla
2. Discussion with René Kreichauf, moderator: Giacomo Toffano

15:30– 16:30

Panel Session 6 – [Media Narratives, Discourses, and Representation](#)

Presenters:

- **Valérieane Mistiaen** (DeSIRE & ECHO Media, Culture and Politics): Beyond migrant and refugee dichotomy: Belgium linguistic complexity through the lens of media discourse on migration
- **Jihane Sliti** (REGUIDE): Media, politics and the reintegration of returnees
- **Giacomo Toffano** (ECHO Media, Culture and Politics): Migration Trans-Fiction: Mapping hybridism and convergencies in fictional migration content
- **Lisa Ahenkona** (ECHO Media, Culture and Politics): Shifting the gaze - A visual participatory project on the representation of migration
- **Ilke Adam** (Centre for Migration, Diversity and Justice, BSoG & BIRMM): A Second Wave of Antiracism in Europe?

Break-out discussions:

1. Discussion with Valérie Mistiaen, Jihane Sliti & Giacomo Toffano, moderator: Hannah Vermaut
2. Discussion with Lisa Ahenkona & Ilke Adam, moderator: Nellie Konijnendijk

16:30 – 16:45

Closing remarks by René Kreichauf

+ announcement of the winner of the Research Day game