IMISCOE PhD School - From April 24-28, 2023

We are happy to invite you to the first IMISCOE PhD school hosted by VUB! Are you looking for fruitful interdisciplinary exchanges with fellow researchers in an environment that explores creative approaches to the study racism and migration? **Then apply to our IMISCOE PhD school before January 8th, 2023!**

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Listen to our new podcast episode with Soumaya Majdoub!

In this episode on "Over- or Underpopulation? Mobilisation and Persistence of Malthusian Framings in Migration Debates", Soumaya Majdoub (Ph.D. researcher at Interface Demography, Vrije Universiteit Brussel), explains where and how the idea of overpopulation originated and why it is still persistent today. She also deconstructs the connections between the discourse on overpopulation with anti-migrant discourses and migration policies. Listen to the full episode both on Soundcloud and Spotify!

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Successful PhD defense of Sibel Top

We are pleased to announce that on November 21st 2022, BIRMM Coordinator Sibel Top successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled: "The political offence exception clause to extradition in Europe: An analysis of its evolution and application with a special focus on the Catalan independence crisis". Congratulations Sibel! You can read about her research here.

Upcoming events

**19.12.2022** // 16:00-18:00

BIRMM Lecture 'Family reunification policies: How bureaucrats make them work?' with Carla Mascia and Amal Miri

We are happy to invite you to a BIRMM lecture on the role of bureaucrats in regulating migration flows with Carla Mascia and Amal Miri. Find more information about this hybrid event here.

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Administrer le regroupement familial

Construire l'indésirable, justifier l'indésirabilité

Carla Mascia
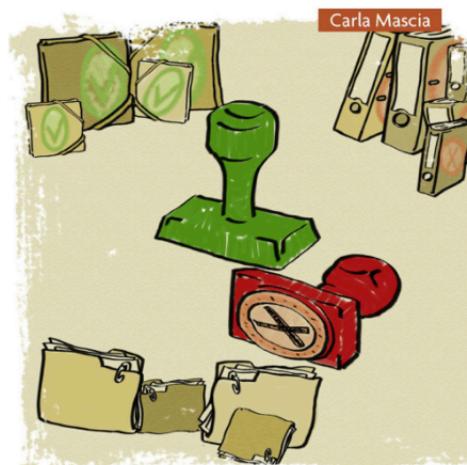
20.12.2022 // 16:30-18:30
Public PhD defense Philipp Stutz
Join us on December 20th for the public defense of Philipp Stutz titled "Unpacking EU Return Migration Policy: A Set-theoretic Analysis of EU Readmission and

Return Policy with Third Countries".

This defense will take place in a hybrid format and more information can be found here.

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09.01.2023 // 11:00-12:30

BIRMM Research Seminar: "Deporting Children. Policy framing, legitimation and intersectional boundary work" by Laura Cleton

Join us on our next BIRMM seminar with Laura Cleton on 9 January! Deporting non-citizens is widely perceived as an inseparable part of nation states' right to control their borders and to determine who can become part of their community of members. This right is complicated, however, by illegalized children's claims to belonging, the overarching children's rights regime, and the imaginary of children's innocence. In this seminar, Laura Cleton will draw on findings from her dissertation research that investigated how states that seek to deport children, in the face of such disputes, legitimize the need to do so to themselves and to the wider citizenry. Find more information about this hybrid event here.

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In the media

Islam in Belgische gevangenissen na de aanslagen
Iman Lechkar | **Kennismakers**

De uitwegen uit de asielcrisis: 'noodopvangplan schiet tekort'
Louise Hantson | 22.10.2022 | **BRUZZ**

Academisch briljant zijn volstaat niet mer
Karen Celis | 03.11.2022 | **De Standaard**

Recent publications

Books
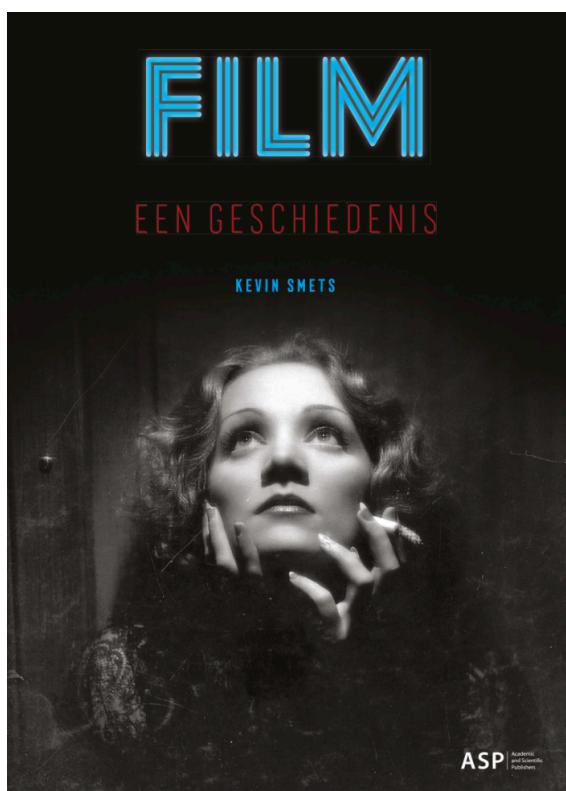
Film: Een Geschiedenis

BIRMM-lid Kevin Smets bracht onlangs een nieuw boek uit: Film - Een Geschiedenis. Dit boek is het et eerste overzichtswerk in het Nederlands sinds decennia en loodst de lezer door meer dan 130 jaar geschiedenis. Tegelijkertijd is *Film: een geschiedenis* een pleidooi voor een open en inclusieve blik op de filmgeschiedenis. Niet-westerse film en thema's als discriminatie, seksisme en kolonialisme komen daarom ruim aan bod. Lees hier meer rond het boek.

Kwalitatief onderzoek voeren in de praktijk

BIRMM-leden Lars Breuls & Jasmien Bougrine brachten onlangs een nieuw

boek uit. In dit boek staat de uitdagende, soms onvoorspelbare praktijk van kwalitatief onderzoek voeren centraal. Op basis van concrete getuigenissen en blikverruimende voorbeelden bieden de auteurs praktijkgerichte handvaten aan zowel studenten kwalitatief onderzoek als aan (beginnende) kwalitatieve onderzoekers. Dit boek vormt daarom een mooie aanvulling op bestaande basishandboeken kwalitatief onderzoek. Lees hier meer rond het boek.
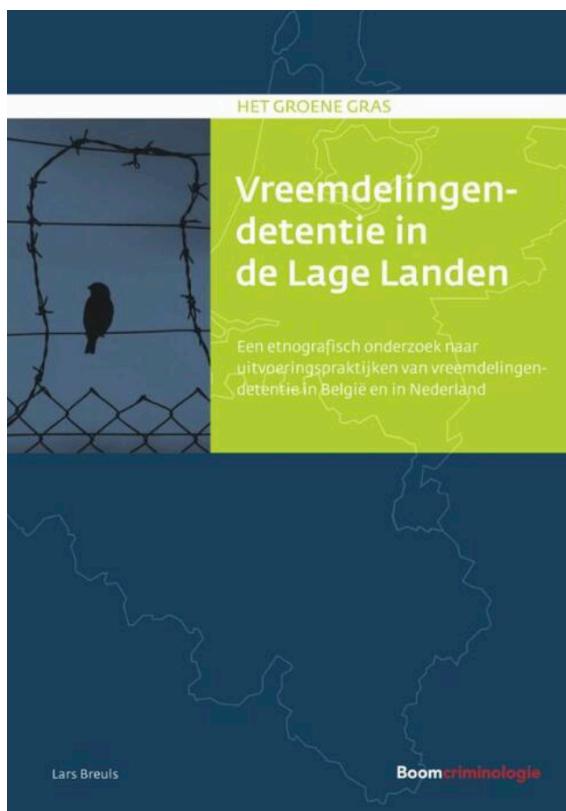
Vreemdelingendetentie in de Lage Landen

BIRMM-lid Lars Breuls bracht onlangs een nieuw boek uit. In dit boek krijgen personen die opgesloten zijn en personen die werkzaam zijn in één Nederlands en drie Belgische vreemdelingendetentiecentra een stem. Hun ervaringen en de werking van de verschillende centra worden vanuit een criminologisch-penologische invalshoek bestudeerd op basis van langdurige observaties, talrijke informele gesprekken en interviews. De vergelijking van detentiecentra over landsgrenzen heen maakt duidelijk dat uitvoeringspraktijken en ervaringen verschillen. Lees hier meer rond het boek.

Articles

Religion, Animals, and Racialization: Articulating Islamophobia through Animal Ethics in The Netherlands
Mariska Jung | **Religions**

Archives-in-the-making, vulnerable communities and migration: outreach and innovative scholarship in audiovisual-based research project and associations
Matteo Al Kalak, Silvia Almenara Niebla, Antoine Damiens, Miguel Fernández Labayen, Gianluca Gatta, Irene Gutierrez, Janine Marchessault, Shane O'Sullivan, Elena Oroz, Kevin Smets, Lennart Soberon, Alessandro Triulzi, Michael Zryd | **L'Atalante, Revista de Estudios Cinematograficos**

Between place and territory: Young people's motional geographies of security an insecurity in Brussels' deprived areas
Mattias De Backer | **Emotion, space and society**

'Their lives are even more on hold now': migrants' experiences of waiting and immobility during the COVID-19 pandemic
Mattias De Backer | **Social & Cultural Geography**

Diet and mobility in early medieval coastal Belgium: Challenges of interpreting multi-isotopic data
Rachèl Spros, Maura Pellegrini, Anton Ervynck, Hannah F. James, Philippe Claeys, Bart Lambert, Christophe Snoeck | **Journal of archaeological Science: reports**

Ethno-racial (in)equality: A typology of employment policy frames in Belgium
Laura Westerveen | **Journal of Ethnic and Migration studies**

Refugee and Mediated Lives
Kevin Smets, Giacomo Toffano, Silvia Almenara Niebla | **Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Communication**

The substantive representation of social groups: towards a new comparative research agenda
Silvia Erzeel, Ekaterina Rashkova | **European Journal of Politics and Gender**

Introducing a vignette experiment to study mechanisms of ethnic discrimination on the housing market
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Searching for migration: Estimating Japanese migration to Europe with Google Trends data

Bert Leysen & Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe | **Quality & Quantity**

[Signaling ethnic-national origin through names? The perception of names from an intersectional perspective.](#)
Billie Martiniello, Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe | **PLoS ONE**

[Ethnic prejudices and public support for anti-discrimination policies on the housing market.](#)
Pieter-Paul Verhaeghe, Billie Martiniello, Dounia Bourabain | **Ethnicities**

[Addressing methodological assumptions of correspondence tests when measuring discrimination.](#)
Abel Ghekiere, Billie, Martiniello, Pieter-Paul Verhgaeghe | **International Journal of Social Research Methodology**

['The road less travelled': towards a typology of alternative education in China](#)
Wanru Xu, Bram Spruyt | **Comparative Education**

Research Reports

[WP3 Whole-COMM country report. Immigrant integration in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas: local policies and policymaking relations in Belgium](#)
Louise Hantson, Laura Westerveen, Ilke Adam | **Whole-COMM**

[WP4 Whole-COMM country report. Post-2014 migrants' access to housing and employment and other crucial resources in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas in Belgium](#)
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Book chapters

[Defining terrorism down. Stratégies d'adaptation de la police local dans a lutte contre le terrorisme](#)
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New Members

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We are happy to welcome 5 new BIRMM members this month across different disciplines.

Elieze Termote

Elieze Termote (criminology/law) conducts research in the two new Belgian prisons, Haren and Dendermonde, as project coordinator. This research departs from the diverse needs of incarcerated people, to set up experiments and better align practice in prison with these needs.

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Elias Woodbridge

Elias is a PhD researcher at both the Department of Political Science and the Department of Criminology at the VUB. Building up to this doctorate study, Elias researched the racialisation of Muslim men living in Flanders which was conducted during his master Gender and Diversity.

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Christophe Snoeck

Christophe Snoeck is a Research Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, and the head of the Brussels Bioarchaeology Lab (www.BB-LAB.be). In his research, he combines multi-disciplinary expertise in archaeology and isotope geochemistry to answer key archaeological questions, amongst others on the migration of populations. He is also the PI of the ERC starting grant LUMIERE (www.erclumiere.be) looking at mobility and landscape use across Europe from the Neolithic to the Middle Ages.

Valériane Mistiaen

Valériane Mistiaen is a ULB-VUB PhD candidate in communication sciences. At VUB she is affiliated to the ECHO research centre. She was a researcher involved in the IM2MEDIATE project (funded by Belspo) studying the representation of migrants in Belgian and Swedish media. She is also a member of the Center for Research in Information and Communication Sciences (ReSIC). Her PhD research focuses on the denomination of people on the move in Belgian French-speaking and Dutch-speaking media since the beginning of the so-called refugee crisis in April 2015.

Koen Kerremans

Koen Kerremans is a professor of terminology and translation technology within the Department of Linguistics and Literary Studies (LIST) of the Faculty of Languages and Humanities. His primary research interests lie in the study of terminology and specialised language, on the one hand, and the use of digital

translation resources and tools in professional and educational settings, on the other hand. His research also focuses on different types of language assistance for third-country nationals and newcomers.

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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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