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An informed choice in 2024: a conversation with scientists and policymakers on migration and diversity

2024 will be a year of important elections in Belgium, and migration and diversity will undoubtedly be part of the election campaigns. With 5 panel discussions, BIRMM will provide evidence-based input on these topics for everyone to make an informed choice.

Discover the 2 remaining [panel conversations](#) here:

- **May 21:** [What difference does it make? Effects and challenges of anti-discrimination policies in 2024 \(in Dutch\)](#).
- **May 28:** [Bracing for a Storm? The 2024 EU Elections' Implications for EU Anti-racist Policy-making](#).

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Event throwback - Migration

and the European elections: how to go beyond polarising campaigns? - 01.02.2024

On February 1st we held a panel conversation about migration narratives and European elections as a part of the panel series 'An informed choice in 2024: a conversation with scientists and policymakers on migration and diversity'. Were you unable to join but would like to know more about this event? Then click on the link below to find a resume of the event.

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New Migration Talks Podcast Episode!

What kind of migration narratives are dominant in the EU? And how do they actually influence EU policymaking processes? [Florian Trauner](#) and Omar Ba discuss this topic in view of the 2024 EU elections together with VUB researcher [Gaia Romero](#) in our new podcast episode.

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Upcoming events



Workshop on (public) space in migration research 03.06.2024

Join us for a workshop on (Public) Space in Migration Research, organized in collaboration with CRiS, COSM, Brussels Centre for Urban Studies, and Subjective Atlas.

This workshop focuses on exploring the role of (public) space as a site of social



research and a source of conceptual perspectives within the broader 'spatial turn' in the social sciences.

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Vacancy PhD researcher

The Brussels School of Governance is currently looking for a PhD student with a doctoral grant to complete a PhD drawing on law and migration studies. The deadline for applications is May 15th



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In the media



Interview with Ilke Adam on the EU partnership agreement with Egypt

BIRMM co-director [Ilke Adam](#) was recently interviewed by RTBF together with Martin Deleixhe (ULB) on the **EU-Egypt migration deal**. Read the full article by clicking on the link below.

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Interview with Florian Trauner on the EU partnership agreement with Egypt

BIRMM co-director [Florian Trauner](#) recently commented in an article by De Tijd on the EU migration deals that have been closed with African countries in the past months. Read the

full article by clicking on the link below.

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(In Dutch) Ilke Adam and Florian Trauner were interviewed by the VUB on the upcoming elections.

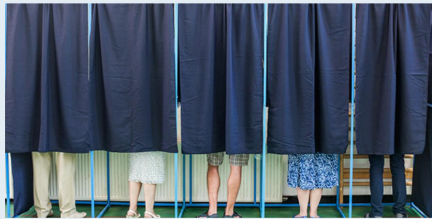
"2024 will be a big election year. VUB research group BIRMM is therefore organizing panel discussions that provide scientifically based input on the themes of asylum and migration. This is no superfluous luxury now that just about all political parties are making these themes a point of contention".

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INTERVIEW

Is migratie voor jou ook hét verkiezingsthema van 2024?



met Ilke Adam en Florian Trauner

Recent publications



[‘It’s not about the information, it’s about the situation’: understanding the misalignment between EU deterrence messaging and migrants’ narratives](#)

Trauner, F., Brekke, J., Adam, I., Cham, O.N., Thorbjørnsrud, K. | **Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies.**



[Book review: Fieldnotes on a study of young people's perceptions of crime and justice](#)

Van Buggenhout M., & Jaspers, Y. | **Crime, Media, Culture: An International**

Journal



[Bordering cinematic experiences: Emotional narratives in the Irish borderland](#)

Almenara-Niebla, S. & Smets, K. | **Emotion, Space and Society**



[Calling it quits: a longitudinal study of factors associated with dropout among doctoral students](#)

Glorieux A., Spruyt B., Minnen J. & Van Tienoven P. | **Studies in Continuing Education**



[Counter-documentation tactics: participatory, visual, and walking research with undocumented migrants](#)

Smets, K., & Ahenkona, L. | **Communication, Culture and Critique**



[De decentralisatie van integratiebeleid: coördinatie en samenwerkingsverbanden voor een geslaagde lokale aanpak](#)

Hantson L., & Westerveen, L. | **Politeia**



[Intersectional \(Feminist\) Activisms: Global Practices and Experiences](#)

D'Agostino S., & Brown, N. | **Routledge**



[Intersectional discrimination and the europeanisation of Romani Women's \(reproductive\) rights: Pushing the equity boundaries](#)

D'Agostino, S., & Magazzini, T. | **Routledge**



[Parental education and neighbourhood-effect heterogeneity in educational attainments of native and minority youth in Belgian metropolitan cities](#)

Imeraj, L., De Valk, H. & Gadeyne, S. | **Population, Space and Place**



[Refugees and Migrants](#)

Toffano, G., & Smets, K. | **Encyclopedia of Visual Culture**



[Sexual and gender-based violence \(SGBV\) among protracted refugees in Nakivale refugee settlement, Uganda. Addressing gaps in knowledge and responses](#)

Karooma C., Neema Murembe C., Serwajja E., Nakijobe V., Withaekx S. & Coene G. | **Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford**



[The accommodation and support of unaccompanied refugee minors in Belgium: factors that complicate interprofessional collaboration](#)

De Backer L., Derluyn I., Schuermans N. | **European Journal of Social Work**



[Trapped in Place? Ethnic and Educational Heterogeneity in Residential Mobility and Integration of Young Adults in Brussels](#)

Imeraj, L. & Gadeyne, S. | **European Journal of Population**



[Waarover we spreken als we spreken over migratie](#)

Bircan, T. | **De gids op Maatschappelijk Gebied**



[Worlds apart? An empirical assessment of education as a social boundary among young people in Flanders](#)

Spruyt, S., & Van Droogenbroeck, F. | **International Studies in Sociology of Education**

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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