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## MIGLOBA NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2025

### UPDATES FROM THE FIELD OF MIGRATION RESEARCH

MIGLOBA is the Network on Migration and Global Mobility of the University of Antwerp.

The newsletter is our new tool to help you stay on top of what's happening in migration research, disseminate your research within the MIGLOBA network and learn about upcoming events.

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## >>> UPCOMING EVENTS

### 21st February, 2025 – International Mother Language Day

#### International Mother Language Day

Every year, International Mother Language Day is celebrated on 21 February. This UNESCO initiative highlights the world's linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. The Faculty of Arts celebrates along this year with an extensive programme on mother tongues and multilingualism, in poems and research stories.

 **When?** Friday, 21 February 2025, 12:30 PM – 6:30 PM

 **Where?** Room S.KS.104: Poetry Day FLW, Seminar, Conversation Yaron Matras and reception

Foyer Brantijser (S.SJ): Translation exhibition Chair Vive / Levend Vlees

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### MIGLOBA Feedback Sessions

#### A new initiative by the MIGLOBA team

MIGLOBA is launching a Feedback Session series, offering a space for members to share and refine work in progress. This can take various forms— an article draft, an interview guide, a blog post, or even a methodological or ethical dilemma. The aim is to foster open discussions beyond traditional presentation formats, encouraging creative approaches like sketches, mind maps, or posters.

These monthly sessions are informal and open to all, so as to create a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment for constructive feedback and exchange.

#### Program

##### Friday 21 February

- When? 11:00 – 12:00; Where? S.M.105
- Speaker: [Amalia Innocenti](#)
- Topic: Death in the Mediterranean (FWO proposal)

##### Wednesday 26 February

- When? 11:00 – 12:00; Where? S.M.104
- Speaker: [Irene Landini](#)
- Topic: Methodological issues during fieldwork: how to get in contact and manage relationships with different migrant communities

##### Thursday 20 March

- When? 11:00 – 12:00; Where? S.M.106
- Speaker: [Daniela Linkevicius De Andrade](#)
- Topic: The Population Census in Portugal: Mapping Controversies and Registering Ethnocultural Difference in the Portuguese Empire (Article)

##### Wednesday 23 April

- When? 11:00 – 12:00; Where? S.M.105
- Speaker: [Lena Richter](#)
- Topic: Nonreligious minority strategies (Book proposal)

**If you would like to attend one or more MIGLOBA Feedback Sessions, reach out to Lena Richter at [lena.richter@uantwerpen.be](mailto:lena.richter@uantwerpen.be) with [migloba@uantwerpen.be](mailto:migloba@uantwerpen.be) in cc.**



## >>> UPCOMING PANELS, CONFERENCES AND INITIATIVES

### Call for Ideas: Approaches to Refugee Research

The In Loco Consortium invites submissions for a participatory, refugee-led research initiative. This call welcomes ideas on research questions, interview frameworks, methodologies, and more. Selected contributions will be integrated into the research, with contributors collaborating with refugee researchers (RRs) and partners to refine questions, analyse findings, and co-create outputs like academic texts and reports.

Participation open to: individuals with a background in research or academia, as well as professionals working in the human rights and humanitarian fields.

Launched in October 2024, In Loco is a 3-year project funded by AMIF (Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund). It is led by Second Tree.

The In Loco project aims to reshape refugee integration practices across 11 European countries, involving 40 refugee researchers and addressing key areas such as Housing, Healthcare, Education, Employment, and Social Relationships.

#### **Submission details**

Deadline: February 23, 2025

Send to: [inloco\\_academic@secondtree.org](mailto:inloco_academic@secondtree.org)

Subject line: Approaches to Refugee Research – [Your Name]

Include:

1. Your proposed questions/topics/approaches. If you would like to contribute in any other form, such as providing some hours of training or other academic assistance, please add this to your proposal.
2. A rationale (max 500 words) explaining their significance.
3. A short CV or bio.

### Doctoral School – In Dialogue with the Living Past: theoretical and methodological reflections on the co-creation of historical knowledge

Co-organised by CESSMIR and TAPAS/Thinking About the PAST.

Are you a researcher navigating the challenges of oral history and ethnography? Join this workshop series, "In Dialogue with the Living Past," to tackle ethical, methodological, and theoretical questions in co-creating historical knowledge.

More info available [here](#).

#### **This hands-on course explores:**

- Who are the gatekeepers of historical knowledge production?

- How can historians use ethnographic methods ethically?
- How do we approach the roles of 'expert' and 'participant' in research?

Building on debates from our previous reading group (Sept–Dec 2024), this workshop will feature four interactive sessions encouraging shared experiences and collaborative problem-solving.



**When? February – June 2025**




**Where? University of Ghent**

## UPCOMING PANELS, CONFERENCES AND INITIATIVES

### ISA panel: More Than a Matter of Belief: Including Questions of Justice in the Study of Leaving Religion

Dr. Lena Richter (MIGLOBA), Prof. Karin Van Nieuwkerk (Radboud University, Nijmegen) and Dr. Abdelmajid Kettioui (University Moulay Ismail, Meknes) co-organise the panel "More Than a Matter of Belief: Including Questions of Justice in the Study of Leaving Religion", taking place at the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology, in Rabat, Morocco. The panel explores the intersections of justice, identity, mobility, and nonreligion, broadening the scope beyond belief alone. Lena Richter will present her paper "Intersecting Struggles? Nonreligious, Queer, and Feminist Activism in Morocco", examining how different forms of minority activism interact.

 **When? 6-11 July 2025**

 **Where? ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco**





## >>> ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

### IMISCOE PODCAST

MIGLOBA supports the coordination of the IMISCOE podcast. The podcast is a platform for migration scholars to talk about their projects, ideas and ongoing research with the aim to publicise and render their work more accessible.

The fifth season of the podcast will be released soon.

#### Latest episodes

- [REPOST: "Borders and Belonging: The rise of digital nomads", produced by the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Migration and Integration at Toronto Metropolitan University](#)



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### RESEARCH POSTERS

The research posters is a tool to get to know each others and learn more about projects and research being conducted within our network.

#### Latest Research Posters

["From activism to migration: Nonreligious strategies among former Muslims", by Lena Richter](#)



MIGLOBA RESEARCH  
POSTER TEMPLATE

## >>> ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

### MIGLOBA BLOG

#### Event reflection: Why is it important to talk about migration and health?

Author: Christiana Nöstlinger, Department of Public Health, Group HIV and Sexual Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine

Looking back at the 5th Seminar on Migration And Health held on November 14, 2024, at the University of Antwerp, co-organised by ITM's department of Public Health and MIGLOBA, author Christiana Nöstlinger breaks down into five key points why addressing migrant health is more important than ever.



### PAST EVENTS

#### MIGLOBA Networking and Research Day – 16 January, 2025"

We are thrilled to share the success of MIGLOBA Day 2025, which took place on Thursday, 16 January 2025, at the University of Antwerp. The event, organised by MIGLOBA, brought together a diverse group of researchers and experts to reflect on key themes in migration and global mobility. The day was an excellent opportunity to strengthen connections within the MIGLOBA network and explore the latest research and trends in the field. Participants engaged in thought-provoking discussions inspired by the four core MIGLOBA research themes: Diversity and Civil Society; Social Inclusion and Migrant Populations; Global Mobility and Governance; Media and Mobility.





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### PAST EVENTS

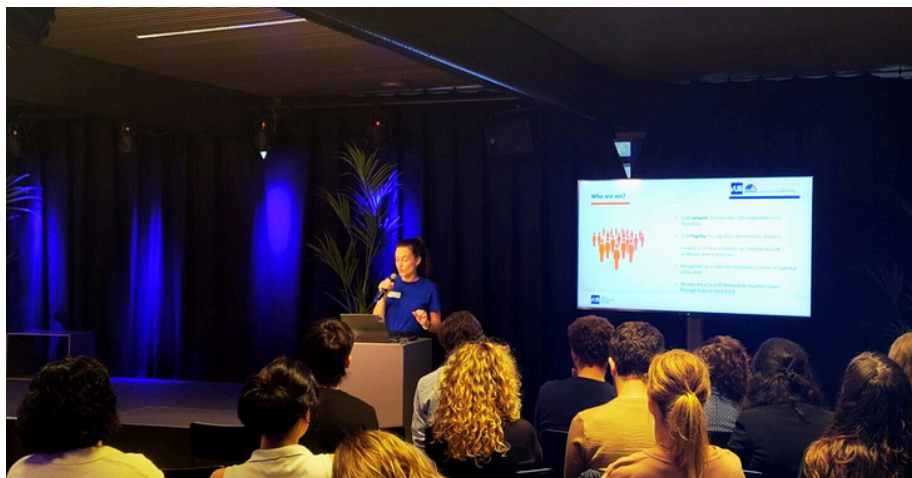
#### MIGLOBA - ITM Migration and Health Seminar – 5th edition – 14 November, 2024

MIGLOBA and the Institute of Tropical Medicine delivered a new event as part of their annual seminar series on migrant health. This 5th edition "Bridging the gap: Health care in a super-diverse society" was organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.



#### Joint Research Day by BIRMM (VUB) – CESSMIR (UGent) – MIGLOBA (University of Antwerp) – 4th edition – 18 October, 2024

A vibrant research day full of engaging discussions and insights on the categories in migration research and diversity. The keynote speakers alongside the afternoon workshop explored how policy, institutional, and scientific categories related to migration and ethnicity were used in different contexts (e.g., census, political discourses, legal and policy work). They also examined how these categories shape the social world and influence how people perceive migrants and ethnic minorities. The day brought together diverse perspectives from sociology, linguistics, law, and political sciences to explore these critical issues in depth.



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## >>> LATEST PUBLICATIONS

### DIVERSITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

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## >>> MEMBERS NEWS

### JOIN US IN GIVING A WARM WELCOME TO AMALIA INNOCENTI, THE NEWEST MEMBER OF MIGLOBA'S ORGANISATION AND COMMUNICATION TEAM!

Amalia Innocenti is a doctoral researcher at the University of Antwerp. She is part of the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Centre for Research on Environmental and Social Change (CRESC). Her research delves into the complex ways both civil society and authorities manage the corpses and grief practices related to migrants who lost their lives in the Mediterranean.

### LATEST INITIATIVES BY OUR MEMBERS

#### REFUFAM Consortium activities

REFUFAM is an interdisciplinary consortium examining the impact of Belgian migration-related policies on the social inclusion of refugees and their family members. The consortium is funded by Belspo Brain.be 2.0, and includes partners from Ghent University (coordinator), Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) and the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL).

[Final conference: Navigating the politics of \(dis\)integration: refugee families' pathways to inclusion](#)

When? 23 - 24 April 2025

Where? Brussels, Belgium

#### [Policy briefs](#)

REFUFAM released a series of policy briefs on the effects of government policies on the integration trajectories of refugee families and other newcomers, highlighting numerous innovative practices that are already addressing these gaps in policy and support.

[Article: Hoe moet integratie van nieuwkomers in België écht? Drie lessen uit de wetenschap \(De Standaard\)](#)

#### **New project: IMPULS. Urbanisation beyond gravitation. An interdisciplinary approach to rural-urban relations**

An interdisciplinary team led by Prof. Greet De Block, co-director of the USI institute, will work on a new project aiming to elaborate theoretical and empirical models to understand the relationship between urbanisation, mobility and migration in the Belgian case.

Prof. Hilde Greefs, Prof. Joris Beckers, Prof. Stijn Oosterlink and Prof. Milena Belloni will act as co-promoters. Stijn and Milena will lead one work package focusing on how feelings of home and place attachment influence decisions to commute or migrate.



## >>> MEMBERS NEWS

### LATEST INITIATIVES BY OUR MEMBERS

#### PhD thesis defence by [Jasper Segerink](#), "The lodging house and the city" – 14 February 2025

This dissertation studies the lodging house sector and its relation to changes in migration and urbanisation in Antwerp during the late nineteenth century (ca. 1850-1914). Although omnipresent in the historical cityscape, the lodging house features only scarcely in the works of historians. This dissertation aims to fill in this gap. It argues that the lodging house functioned as a crucial link between two of the period's most impactful transitions: the urban transition and the mobility transition. The processes and social mechanisms that connected these two together, have often remained implicit. In this dissertation, the lodging house is treated both as an expression of these transition – and thus a peculiar historical phenomenon meriting an understanding of its own internal mechanisms – and a lens on them, a key site to investigate how such transformations reverberated in the lives of ordinary people. With this goal in mind, this thesis adopts an approach that is fundamentally spatial and relational across scales. This method is applied through novel digital tools like GIS-mapping and building biographies, to a broad variety of sources ranging from police documents, legislative texts, population and lodging registers, newspapers, and historical novels and imagery.

### IN THE PAST

#### Het Europees Asiel- en Migratiepact en de betekenis voor het Belgische verblijfsrecht Vrijdag – 25 oktober 2024 – Antwerpen

[Mieke Verrelst](#) organised an event on the EU Asylum and Migration Pact and its implications for Belgium, in which she moderated a panel debate with academics, lawyers, and NGO staff.

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