

International Conference on Migration

People on the move. Citizenship, identity and development

Mother Teresa University, Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

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Call for papers

Regarding migrant status, inclusion in labor markets, and the conditions offered by host societies, there is already an increase in the treatments made in the literature and a continuously expressed academic and political interest. The most obvious way of highlighting the political arena through which the negotiation, governance, and determination of the migrant's position are done is through the labor market and its institutions. In the host society and its labor market, a person's position depends on and is directly influenced by nationality and/or ethnicity, legal status, gender, and age. It should be noted that little research has been done on the status, attitudes, and strategies of migrants who are not members of the European Union (EU), detained and employed across different EU countries, to integrate and succeed in the labor market of these countries. There has been a diversification—in recent years—of labor mobility from non-EU countries to EU countries—which has led to new trends of return and circular migration, meanwhile. New forms of mobility have influenced different notions to be challenged, such as: belonging, integration, identity, and (several forms of) citizenship. From all these developments—new complex forms and levels of migration—challenges have emerged in the established field of migration studies, such as re-evaluating the links between migration for employment, citizenship, identity, and integration.

In relation to this ongoing debate, this panel aims to contribute to this issue and proposes to join the studies that deal with: the transformation of the politics of labor migration; the concept of 'migrant'; and their position in the labor market in the host companies—changing of their position in this labor market. The aim is to explore and analyze the formation of the citizenship of migrant workers—at the time of the austerity measures—which belong to countries outside the EU—highlighting the concerns of these migrants—often—unprotected. Then, the employment of labor migrants—in some EU countries—in order to be accepted and flourish in the host societies—focuses on the strategies and attitudes of labor migrants.

The discussions—which the panel intends to carry out—relate to migration flows (permanent, temporary, circular, and return)—at different levels—carried out with the motive of being employed. For example:

- the negotiation and expression of the industrial citizenship of migrant workers how do they do it—e.g., in implicit and explicit, actions, attitudes, or behaviors?
- The global economic crisis and the EU labor markets: how has this crisis affected these markets? What strategies do migrants use to adapt to this situation?
- Trade unions and migrants: what are their strategies for organizing and representing migrants?
- Migrants and competitive labor market norms: what is the response of migrants to them?



- Migrants and the normative dimension of the host country: how does this
 dimension affect the inclusion of migrants in the host country's society and the
 labor market? What are the migrant strategies of adaption?
- Migrants and governments: in order to encourage the migrant issue, what kind of measures and policies do governments take, etc?

The whole organization will be done in various workshops panels. Particular importance and attention from the panel will be given to reconfiguration and multi-dimensional analysis of the migration policy framework. This will be done by making the connection between policy-making and research—or by "putting into action words". All this will influence the conference to become a multi-stakeholder and multi-scholars migration event.

At this Conference will be held presentations of papers in front of panels. Various scholars in the field of migration—with different disciplinary backgrounds—will be attracted by this Conference. This Conference aims to exchange and share research experiences and results—on all aspects of migration—of leading academic scientists, researchers, policy-makers, students, practitioners, and research scholars by bringing them all together. All of the above questions, we aim and plan to answer through a combination of empirical and theoretical work—but, papers in which there is the use of empirical approach (in disciplines where such research is done), are slightly more favored.

Topics of interest

- Labor migration
- Labor market segmentation
- Migrant strategies of adoption and integration
- Social networks and migration
- Citizenship, identity and migration
- Return migration and reintegration strategies
- Diasporas, social and financial remittances
- Diaspora, migration and media
- Brain drain, brain waste and brain circulation
- Feminization of labor migration
- Gender, family and migration
- Migration and social policy responses

Paper Submission guidelines

If you wish to present a paper at the Conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 150-300 words to the organizing committee migration@unt.edu.mk Please subject the heading "ICMName_Surname" and attach abstracts. Submissions of full papers are expected by 30 September 2022.

Important dates

25.04.2022 Abstract submission
05.05.2022 Notification of selection for abstracts
20.05. 2022 Conference date
30.09.2022 Full paper deliverance



Publication in Journal

A selection of papers from the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of journal <u>SEEJSD</u> (South East European Journal of Sustainable Development) .

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Venue of the conference

Conference will take place at the campus of the <u>Mother Teresa University</u> in Skopje, The Republic of North Macedonia. The City is located in str. Mirçe Acev no. 4, 1000 Skopje, The republic of North Macedonia. Information on how to reach the MTU can be found <u>HERE</u>.

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We look forward to welcoming you at the MTU during the conference and to receiving your papers

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