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STUDIES



## Mission

The Migration Policy Centre (MPC) conducts advanced policy-oriented research on global migration, asylum and mobility to serve governance needs at European and global levels, from developing, implementing and monitoring migration-related policies to assessing their impact on the wider economy and society.

## RESEARCH

- **Observatories** are at the heart of the Centre's identity: CARIM-South (Migration in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean), CARIM-East (Migration in the post-Soviet space), CARIM-India (India to EU Migration) and GLMM (Migration in Gulf Cooperation Council States).

Standardisation is a built-in property of the regional observatories, which lend themselves to space and time comparison and ultimately to the construction of a unique observation system spanning all relevant countries.

- **Core programmes:**

- *Migration in Europe in a period of economic crisis*

Europe faces two challenges: overcoming a deep economic crisis and addressing an unprecedented form of demographic decline. Policymakers must respond at once to short-term concerns that see migration as part of the problem, and to long-term concerns that see it as part of the solution.

- *Migration in the Arab world in a period of dramatic political developments*

Together with specific studies of the Syrian refugees crisis, its impact on the first countries of asylum at the border of Syria and the response of Europe, several studies are dedicated to rising flows of people smuggled through the Mediterranean.

- **Projects** (see overleaf)

## EVENTS AND TRAININGS

Every year, the MPC organises and participates in a variety of policy and academic events locally as well as at the EU and global level.

The MPC also offers **advanced and specialised training** in migration studies from a multidisciplinary perspective, targeting professionals, officials, researchers and PhD students:

- The Migration Summer School has taken place every year in June-July in Florence since 2005;
- Specialised and executive trainings are organised in Italy and abroad within the framework of MPC projects.

60%



40%



60%



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### Key figures (since 2004)

Staff **25** at present > **60** since 2004

More than **250** network correspondents in around **100** countries

More than **1,000** publications

Thousands of tables and documents on ca. **30** non-EU countries

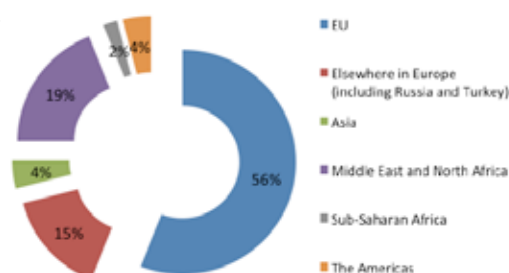
**20** externally funded projects

### Key figures - Migration Summer School participants (since 2005)

Total number of applicants: **1700**

Total number of selected participants: **300**

### National origin of participants(%)



## Time-line

"A better understanding of migration is a necessity for building a world of security, democracy and prosperity"



Philippe Fargues,  
Founding Director of the  
Migration Policy Centre

"Migrants are a key component of EU growth and competitiveness"



Alessandra Venturini,  
Deputy Director of the  
Migration Policy Centre

**2004**

**FEBRUARY**

*CARIM-South  
Observatory*

**2005**

**JUNE**

*First Migration  
Summer School*

**2007**

**FEBRUARY**

*Extension of  
CARIM-South to  
Sub-Saharan Africa*

# CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

## CARIM-South

*Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration*

**Objective:** observe, analyse and forecast migration in the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean.

**Research focus:** Labour Migration, Family Reunion, Migration and Development, Student Migration, Gender and Migration, Highly-Skilled Migration, Transit Migration, Irregular Migration, Circular Migration and Border Management.

**Director:** Philippe Fargues | EUI

## CARIM-East

*Creating an Observatory of Migration East of Europe*

**Objective:** observe and analyse migration in the post-Soviet space.

**Research focus:** Circular Migration, Labour Migration, Diaspora Policy, Development, Return and Readmission, Integration and Reintegration, Asylum Seekers, Trafficking, Refugees and IDPs.

**Director:** Agnieszka Weinara | EUI and Carleton University

**Research Consortium:** EUI (leader), Centre of Migration Research University of Warsaw | CMR

## CARIM-India and DEMO-India

*Developing a Knowledge Base for Policymaking India-EU Migration and Developing Evidence-based Management and Operations in India-EU Migration and Partnership*

**Objective:** consolidate a constructive dialogue between the EU and India on migration covering a wide range of migration topics.

**Research focus:** Highly-Skilled Migration, Indian Students in the EU, Low-Skilled Migration in the EU, Irregular Migration, Patterns of Cooperation on India-EU Migration, Indian Diaspora Policies, Indian Migration in the Gulf, Trade and Entrepreneurship and Media Treatment of the Indian Community in the Press Across the EU.

**Director:** Philippe Fargues | EUI

**Scientific Coordinator:** Kathryn Lum | EUI

**Funding:** EU

**Research Consortium:** EUI (leader for CARIM-India), Indian Centre for Migration | ICM (leader for Demo-India).

**Partner for CARIM-India:**

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore | IIMB

## GLMM - Gulf Labour Markets and Migration

**Objective:** provide data, analyses and recommendations contributing to the improvement of the understanding and management of Gulf labour markets and migration, engaging with and respecting the viewpoints of all stakeholders.

**Research focus:** Labour Market, Nationalisation Policies, Visas, Citizenship, Working Conditions, Laws and Regulations, Irregular Migration, Trafficking, Sponsorship Systems, Remittances, Demography, Amnesty Programmes and Statistics.

**Scientific Directors:** Philippe Fargues | EUI,

Nasra Shah | Kuwait University

**Funding:** Open Society Foundations | OSF

**Research Consortium:** Gulf Research Centre | GRC (leader), EUI

## CONTENTION AND REDIAL

*CONtrol of DeTENTION and ReTurnDIALogue*

**Objective of CONTENTION:** inform, analyse and compare the EU Return Directive based judicial control of pre-removal detention of third-country nationals in EU Member States with a view to improving it, in particular regarding control over detention length.

**Objective of REDIAL:** Fostering judicial cooperation on the interpretation of the EU Return Directive by bringing together national judges hearing return cases and corresponding legal academics and by analysing national and CJEU landmark judgments in a broader doctrinal context.

**Research focus:** Horizontal and Vertical Judicial Dialogue on the EU Return Directive, Extent of Judicial Control of Pre-Removal Detention in the EU.

**Director:** Philippe De Bruycker | EUI and

Université Libre de Bruxelles

**Funding:** EU

**Research Consortium:** EUI (leader), Odysseus Network

## INTERACT - Researching Third Country Nationals' Integration as a Three-Way Process - Immigrants, Countries of Emigration and Countries of Immigration as Actors of Integration

**Objective:** looking into the ways governments and non-governmental institutions in 54 origin countries make transnational bonds a reality, therefore impacting the integration of migrants in destination countries (28 EU member states).

**Research focus:** Labour Market Outcomes, Access to Nationality, Political and Civil Participation, Education, Language, Religion, Residential Integration and Social Interaction.

**Director:** Philippe Fargues | EUI

**Scientific Coordinator:** Agnieszka Weinara | EUI and

Carleton University

**Funding:** EU

**Research Consortium:** EUI (leader), CEDEM - Université de Liège, GRITIM - Universitat Pompeu Fabra | UPF and

Migration Policy Institute Europe | MPI

## MISMES

*Migrant support measures from an employment and skills perspective*

**Objective:** Provide evidence-based, policy-oriented inputs to guide EU cooperation with third countries regarding migrant support measures from an employment and skills perspective for more efficient international job and skills-matching.

**Research focus:** Migrant-Support Measures, Pre-Departure Measures, International Skills Matching, Migration Policy, Mobility Partnerships.

**Director:** Iván Martín | EUI

**Funding:** European Training Foundation | ETF

## ETEM V - External Thematic Expertise on Migration for the European Commission

**Objective:** supporting the work of the European Commission (DG DEVCO) in enhancing EU staff operational capacities and producing internal support documents, with the aim of ensuring that EC cooperation on migration is as effective as possible.

**Research focus:** Migration and Development, Labour Migration, Refugees and Development.

**Team leader:** Philippe Fargues | EUI

**Coordinator:** Ivan Martin | EUI

**Funding:** EU

**Research Consortium:** International Organization for Migration | IOM (leader), EUI

## Syrian Refugees:

*A Snapshot of the Crisis - in the Middle East and Europe*

**Objective:** following the Syrian refugee crisis and its repercussions on both Syria's neighbours and the European Union through a website.

**Research focus:** Syria, Syrian Refugees, Regional Response, European Union, Humanitarian Aid, Asylum Policies, Refugee Experiences.

## The Anti-Politics of Anti-Trafficking: A Comparative Study of Anti-Trafficking Policy and Practice in Benin and Italy

**Objective:** investigate how anti-trafficking discourses and policies de-politicise the structures that frame human migration and labour exploitation, and how, too, they fail to reflect or respond to empirics, and how they reinforce institutional, discursive and political-economic status quos.

**Research focus:** Labour Migration, Anti-Trafficking Policy, Political/Institutional Anthropology.

**Marie-Curie Fellow:** Neil Howard | EUI

**Funding:** Marie Curie Fellowship, EU

## TRAnshumanities in the MEDiterranean

*Patterns of pastoral migrations in the Mediterranean region*

**Objective:** investigate the increasingly relevant role of immigrant shepherds in the sustainability of pastoral systems in Mediterranean EU member states.

**Research focus:** Migrants Contributions to Farming and Rural Development in Europe, Living and Working Conditions of Migrant Shepherds, Changes in Natural Resource Management and Pastoral Systems in the Mediterranean

**Marie-Curie Fellow:** Michele Nori | EUI

**Funding:** Marie Curie Fellowship, EU

2011

MARCH

CARIM-India  
Observatory

2011

APRIL

CARIM-East  
Observatory

2012

JUNE

Launch of the  
Migration Policy  
Centre in the  
presence of EU  
Commissioner  
for Home Affairs  
Cecilia Malmström  
and the Italian  
Labour Minister  
Elsa Fornero



2013

FEBRUARY

GLMM Observatory

2013

MAY

Participation in the  
EUI State of the  
Union



2014

JULY

Joint press confer-  
ence on migration  
stereotypes with EU  
Commissioner for  
Home Affairs  
Cecilia Malmström