

# Migration in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Max Weber Programme Multidisciplinary Research Workshop

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**Organizers:** Doina Anca Cretu (MWF HEC) and Alina Vrânceanu (EUI MPC)

This one-day multidisciplinary workshop brings together contributions linked broadly to the topic of migration. Since 2015, narratives and imagery of people fleeing conflict in the Middle East and Africa and taking to boats to cross the Mediterranean or Aegean in order to find refuge in Europe have become recurrent news. In North America, the US-Mexico border has become a space of exclusion through the migrants' forced encampment. Furthermore, various international humanitarian organizations have signaled the urgency in addressing forced displacement. However, the incidence of migration is nothing new, as waves and related crises of displacement have been recurrent historical events in times of violence, natural disasters or economic insufficiency. Indeed, contemporary forms of migration and the debates that arise from them are often underscored by historical processes related to race, gender, labor, class, and/or the state. This workshop brings together researchers and academics from across the European University Institute and beyond, working from different disciplinary angles on topics concerning local, national and international governance of migration, the socio-economic integration of migrants, and public opinion about immigration.

**Location:** Zoom.us (the link will be disseminated by email).

## **Housekeeping:**

- Each individual contribution will be allocated 30 minutes, to be indicatively divided as follows: 15 minutes presentation, followed by discussants' intervention (5 min) and Q&A with the general audience (10 min).
- Q&A questions: please use the "raise hand" feature of Zoom (by clicking on "participants" in the bottom of your screen and then on "raise hand" in the bottom corner), and wait for the acknowledgement by the chair.
- For security reasons, do not circulate the zoom links without the chairs' authorization.



**Program:**

**9:50-10:00 - Welcome and Setting Up**

**First Session: Chair - Doina Anca Cretu (EUI)**

- 10:00 - 10:30 - James Fortuna (University of St. Andrews/EUI), "A New Deal for the American Immigrant: The Works Progress Administration's Rehabilitation of Ellis and Angel Islands, 1934-42"
  - *Discussant: Doina Anca Cretu (EUI)*
- 10:30- 11:00 - Gaia Lott (EUI), "Solidarity and Dublin I"
  - *Discussant: Eleonora Milazzo (EUI)*
- 11:00-11:30 - Emily Cunniffe (EUI), "Beyond Humanitarian Subjects: The Right to Work and Non-Discrimination for Asylum Applicants"
  - *Discussant: Gaia Lott (EUI)*
- 11:30-12:00 - Giulia Tura (EUI), "Matching Refugees: Economic and Socio-Cultural Integration Perspectives."
  - *Discussant: Judith Spirig (EUI)*

**Second Session: Chair - Doina Anca Cretu (EUI)**

- 14:00-14:30 - Alina Vrânceanu (EUI), "Drivers of public opinion polarization on immigration: evidence from European countries"
  - *Discussant: Eva Zschirnt (EUI)*
- 14:30 - 15:00 - Eva Zschirnt (EUI), "Why do employers sometimes prefer minority candidates? Theoretical Review and Empirical Test"
  - *Discussant: Alina Vrânceanu (EUI)*
- 15:00 - 15:30 - Lenka Dražanová (EUI), "Predictors of Attitudes toward Immigration: A meta-analysis of individual and contextual level determinants of attitudes toward immigration"
  - *Discussant: Alina Vrânceanu (EUI)*

**15:30- 15:45 - Final Conclusions**