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## From the President

### Europe: the return of Emigration?

by Marco Martiniello

As in other parts of the world, the public debates on immigration and integration of new migrants in European are often fierce, emotional and irrational. In the current financial, economic and social crisis, the old strategy of scapegoating the immigrants functions quite well. Anti-immigrant parties don't hesitate using it to try to mobilise electoral support. As a result, attitudes towards immigration and migrants tend to become more and more negative across Europe.

But one question is seldom raised in the European migration debates: what is the impact of the global crisis and of its local manifestations on European *emigrations*? Is Europe not becoming again a continent of emigration as a consequence of the lack of perceived opportunities in hard times? Let me just take a few examples to start answering that question. During a recent trip in Dublin, Ireland, my attention was drawn by a demonstration in front

of the seat of the Irish Parliament: to my surprise, the slogans were: "Stop Emigration" and "Keep our kids home!". As a matter of fact, the decline of the Celtic Tiger has led many young Irish people, often very well educated and qualified, to leave the country in search for better prospects in Canada or Australia. The same goes for Greece. It is indeed tempting for many young Greeks to leave a sinking state and

society to enlarge the Greek diaspora in Australia or to start newer migration routes, for example to Lebanon. In Italy, the sad farce of Berlusconi has pushed away thousands of young Italians, sometimes towards other European countries but increasingly towards emergent countries such as Brazil, India and even China. Young Portuguese rediscover Angola or Cape-Verde, not as new colonialists or 21<sup>st</sup> century

“Herois do mar”, but simply to escape the Portuguese economic and social mess.

This situation is very interesting. While Europe has not yet learned to view itself as a continent of immigration, it is also becoming reluctantly again a continent of emigration! While Europe is trying to build a EU immigration and integration policy, the issue of emigration policy is not at all addressed either in public debates or in policy making. This shows that more than ever we need

a global approach to human migration including immigration, emigration, transit, integration, etc. related to global imbalances (economic, environmental, etc.). Maybe our RC is an appropriate place to try and develop it!

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## ISA FORUM in Buenos Aires, August 2012: Call for Papers

The slate of RC31 sessions for the ISA Forum of Sociology is now complete (listed below; list with session descriptions is available [here](#)) and abstract submissions are now open. Abstracts MUST be submitted via the [ISA website](#); contact information for organizers is included below, but submission cannot be accomplished by sending an email message to session organizers – if your paper is not submitted via the website, it will not be included in the program.

Deadline for abstract submission is **15<sup>th</sup> December**. We look forward to your participation.

A very small number of **grants** are available to support participation mainly by ISA members in countries of category B and C (members from category A countries can apply for assistance with the registration fee only, not for travel support). Please find details of grants [here](#).

### Session A

**Migration and development** (Joint with RC09, Social Transformations and Sociology of Development)

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### Session B

**Migration in (post-) socialist societies** (Joint with RC09, Social Transformations and Sociology of Development)

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## Session C

### **Out of place emotions? Managing affection from afar in transnational migration**

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## Session D

### **Migration of labour and human rights issues: Reflections on global context**

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## Session E

### **Diasporas, nation-states and regional integration**

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## Session F

### **Migrant “illegality” and non-citizen precarious status in the Americas**

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## Session G

### **In and out of place: Participation of transnational migrants in civil society**

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## Session H

### **Undocumented immigrants and social justice**

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## Session I

### **Food, family and migration**

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## Session J

### **Latin American migration, development and transnational citizenship: A South-North academic dialogue**

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## Session K

### **Migration, migrants and the development of inclusive urban cultures and identities** (Joint with RC21, Regional and Urban Development)

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## Session L

### **Ground-level multiculturalism: Contributing conditions and different displays**

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## Session M

### **Repeat migration and social inequalities and equalities**

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## Session N

### **Migrating out of the home and into the gendered and racialized globalized market of household labor**

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## Session O

### **Disasters and social justice for migrants**

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## Session P

### **Sexualities and migration**

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## Session Q

### **Temporary labour migrations: The resurgence of guestworker programs**

#### Organiser

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## Session R

### **New migration profiles in a globalised world and changing paradigms of migration**

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## Session S

### **Migration and quality of life** (Joint with RC55, Social Indicators)

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Session T

## RC31 Business Meeting

Another session of interest is sponsored by RC51 (Sociocybernetics)

### Diaspora and complexity of migration

Organizer:

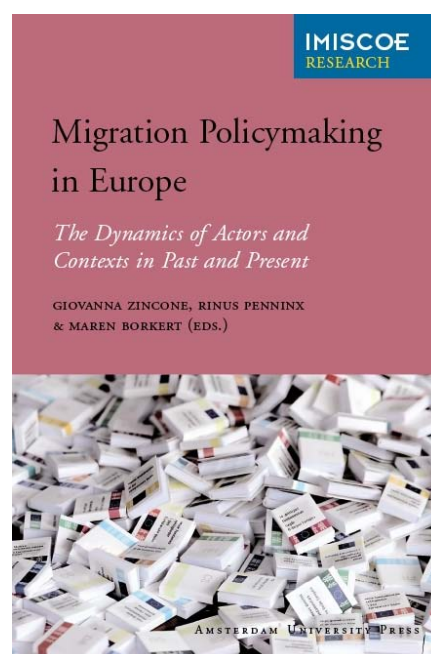
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See description in list [here](#)

## MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

**Giovanna Zincone, Rinus Penninx and Maren Borkert (eds):** *Migration Policymaking in Europe: The Dynamics of Actors and Contexts in Past and Present*, Amsterdam University Press 2011 ([link to publisher](#))

Up until this book, policymaking studies focused on the content of national policies. Yet, how did the policies come into existence? Who were the main actors? Did national legacies matter? Were supranational agencies involved? *Migration Policymaking in Europe* begins to answer such questions. The editors set out a common grid in which expert authors describe and analyse the policymaking process in ten countries. They survey six countries with a long tradition of immigration and integration policies (Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK), two former emigration countries turned high-rate receivers of immigrants (Italy and Spain) and two EU 2004 accession states (the Czech Republic and Poland). The concluding chapter analyses changes and convergences across the cases, proposing an interpretative model employable in further research.



## CALLS FOR PAPERS/SESSIONS

International conference, “**Migration and Well-Being: Research Frontiers**”, sponsored/organized by **Tel Aviv University and RC31**, to be held at Tel Aviv University, Israel, January 8-10, 2013. Israeli Organizing Committee: Adriana Kemp, Tel Aviv University; Noah Lewin-Epstein, Tel Aviv University; Moshe Semyonov, Tel Aviv University; Sergio DellaPergola, Hebrew University; Rebeca Raijman, University of Haifa. International Advisory Committee: David Bartram, University of Leicester, UK; Peter Kivisto, Augustana College, USA; Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College, USA; Marco Martiniello, University de Liege, Belgium, FRS-FNRS; Ewa Morawska, University of Essex, UK.

We invite members to propose sessions that they would like to organize. The members of the Committees will evaluate the proposals, giving priority to sessions connected to the conference’s main theme. The deadline for submitting proposals is **November 30, 2011**.

Decisions about the conference sessions will be sent by January 15, 2012. Please send your proposals for session topics to: migration.conference@gmail.com.

**16<sup>th</sup> Nordic Migration Research Conference & 9<sup>th</sup> ETMU Days**, 13-15 August 2012, University of Turku, Finland; theme is “**Immigrants and Civil Society**”. Confirmed keynote speakers include Jeffrey Alexander, Leo Lucassen and Marja Tiilikainen. The conference organizers are particularly interested in presentations that address issues related to the incorporation of newcomers into receiving societies in the developed world, with special emphasis on the Nordic countries, and on issues related to fair means of inclusion. These topics are broad and can be approached from a variety of thematic and methodological perspectives. The application system will be available in October at <http://www.etmu.fi/etmudays/nmrc2012/>; deadline for workshop proposals is **15 December 2011**, and acceptances of workshop proposals will be announced on 15 January 2012. Contact Johanna Leinonen at johlei[at]utu.fi if you have any questions about proposals.

Special issue in *Journal of Sociocybernetics*: **Complexity of Migration**. Details of the call [here](#); the journal website is [here](#). Deadline **10 December 2011**; send papers to Michael Paetau at Michael.paetau@sociocybernetics.eu.

## NEW MA IN MIGRATION STUDIES

A new international MA program in Migration Studies will be opening at **Tel Aviv University** in October 2012. This program was created in response to the growing importance of the issues of migration around the world. This distinguished graduate program in a leading Israeli university gives students an opportunity to study migration within the unique context of Israel.

This **three semester, full time program** helps students understand the complexities of international migration through an **interdisciplinary lens and from a comparative perspective**. The curriculum and structure seek to provide students with the **theories, tools and first-hand experience** to pursue careers around the world in various fields including public policy, international affairs, politics, research, academia, and non-profit organizations.

Students who wish to pursue an academic career have the opportunity to participate in a **thesis track**.

Applications will open in **November 2011**. For more details, please visit the website <http://socsci.tau.ac.il/migration/> or contact [migrate@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:migrate@post.tau.ac.il).

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dr Laura Merla** (Université catholique de Louvain) was granted a 3 years Marie Curie Career Integration Grant for the research project "Transnational family networks: an analysis of care-giving arrangements within migrant families". This project investigates the specific role that intra-familial dynamics play in the exchange of care between adult migrants, their siblings and their parents. This will be done by analyzing the experiences of Dominican migrants in Belgium and their geographically distant kin. The study will focus on three types of care-giving arrangements: long distance care-giving (provision of support from a distance) ; aged migration (permanent or temporary migration of dependent elderly parents in order to be cared for by their child(ren) in the host country) ; and migrants repatriation (migrants moving back home to care for their parents). Particular attention will be paid to gendered dynamics and power relations within the families, as well as other structural factors that influence decisions regarding each type of care-giving arrangement. Fieldwork will include semi-structured interviews and participant observation with Dominican migrants residing in Belgium, their parents (father and/or mother) and key siblings.

## RECENT ARTICLES

### David Bartram

2011. "Migration, Ethno-nationalist Destinations, and Social Divisions: Non-Jewish Immigrants in Israel." *Ethnopolitics*, 10:2, 235-252 (article available [here](#))

### Guillermina Jasso

2010. "How Many Highly Skilled Foreign-Born Are Waiting in Line for U.S. Legal Permanent Residence?" *International Migration Review* 44: 477-498 (with Vivek Wadhwa, Ben Rissing, Gary Gereffi, and Richard Freeman; article available [here](#))

2010. "What Do We Expect from Our Government Representatives on Immigration? Three Things: Information, Integrity, Inventiveness." Pp. 107-133 in Beryl A. Radin and Joshua M. Chanin (eds.), *What Do We Expect from Our Government?* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. (publisher page [here](#))

2011. "Migration and Stratification." *Social Science Research* 40: 1292-1336 (article available [here](#))

### Laura Merle

2011. Familles salvadoriennes à l'épreuve de la distance: solidarités familiales et soin intergénérationnel. *Autrepart* Vol. 57/58: 145-162 (article available [here](#))



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(Not only announcements – there is also scope for longer pieces in the form of op-eds, etc.)

Send submissions for the next issue to David Bartram, [d.bartram@le.ac.uk](mailto:d.bartram@le.ac.uk)

### **Giuseppe Sciortino**

Guest Editor (with Martina Cvajner) of a special issue of *Migration Letters*, issue on “Survival Strategies of Irregular Immigrants”, Vol. 8, April 2011 (issue available [here](#))

2010. "A tale of networks and policies: prolegomena to an analysis of irregular migration careers and their developmental paths", *Population, Space and Place*, 16:3, 213–225 (with Martina Cvajner; article available [here](#))

2009. "Fortunes and Miseries of Italian Labor Migration Policy" – working paper, available [here](#)