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From the President:

by Gustavo Verduzco

After the Congress at Yokohama our RC-31 starts a new episode with a partially renewed board: we welcome all of them and wish that we can have not only an enjoyable but a fruitful collaboration beneficial to all our members.

On behalf of the board (past and present) I also want to express our gratitude to Marco Martiniello for the years he was President of our Research Committee. I am sure that he will continue close to us as has happened with other colleagues who have presided our group.

Although migration facts differ a lot in many parts of this world, there are places where this issue has become vital to most migrants: Mexico and Central America, Southern Europe, and at

present in the Middle East with thousands of people fleeing their territories. Among other challenges, a big one that we face is this one: how can we help in the construction of a better environment for the migrants in our own milieu? Migrants experience, if not

rejection, at least distrust from people in the receiving countries. What are the social roots of this distrust/rejection? Could we find ways to overcome this from a social perspective? As sociologists we know from Bourdieu and others that social milieu are

specific and that they change in time and space. Maybe this could be one line of research that has been little explored.

One other issue that seems important to me is the extent to which we could exchange experiences and contributions among ourselves as members of RC-31 since we are people from all continents in this world. It is clear that our meetings every 2 and 4 years are a nice opportunity for this, but maybe is not enough and maybe we could extend our

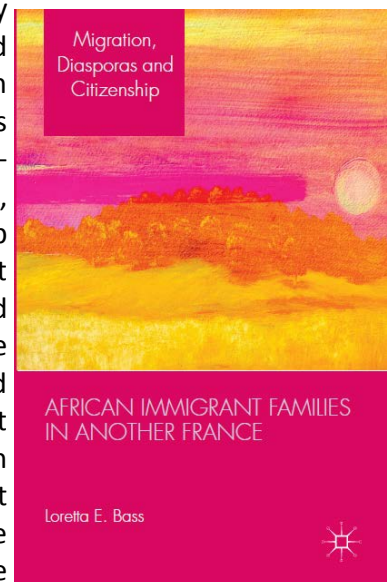
exchanges using the technologies that we have at hand in the internet. If there is interest in this initiative I invite you to propose to me and to the board new ideas as well as forms to increase communication among ourselves.

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MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

Loretta Bass, *African Immigrant Families in Another France*. Palgrave Macmillan ([link to publisher](#))

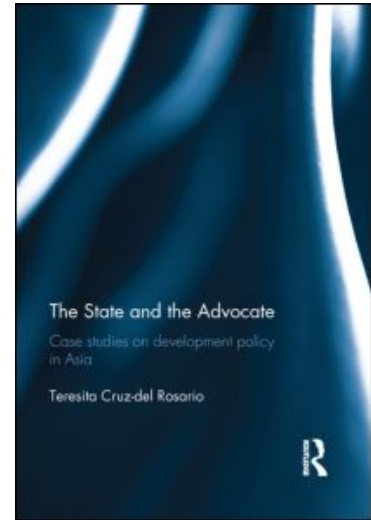
The incorporation of Sub-Saharan African immigrant families is a key issue for France and Europe at large. Using the voices of first and second-generation immigrants to describe their integration experiences, this book illustrates how racial and immigrant statuses are assigned simultaneously and inseparably for those of African-descent in France, and in turn limit employment and social cohesion, often irrespective of an individual's qualifications or citizenship documents. First- and second-generation African youth report being, "French on the inside, African on the out," because they hold a French mentality but are continually treated as outsiders. At the same time, this research connects individual-level cultural and religious factors that shape varied levels of resilience and immigrant outcomes. This book explains how the practices of French universalism and secularism together have become a straightjacket and ostrich policy for France, as the difficulties of incorporation are obfuscated by data regulations that limit the ability to measure social inequalities patterned by ethnic or immigrant descent.



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Teresita Cruz-del Rosario, *The State and the Advocate: Case Studies on Development Policy in Asia*. Routledge, 2014 ([link to publisher](#))

This book seeks to demonstrate the role of public policy in support of equitable and inclusive development. The achievement of this overarching goal rests on an assumption that development does not happen by chance or by accident, but, rather, through the deliberate application of analytical tools which public policy is able to provide. Set within an Asian context, the book emphasizes the role of public policy in reducing poverty, eliminating deprivation, promoting equity, and ensuring social justice.



The book likewise aims to provide an argument for the developmental role of the state - one which has been the subject of a long-standing debate among development scholars. In addition, the book accounts for the role of civil society organizations, particularly their involvement in multi-stakeholder participation. Through different case studies, this book explains the outcome of public policy decisions as combinations of efforts among government and civil society actors, to ensure the creation of the most optimal public good. Finally, the book takes a comparative perspective, i.e., there are cases that directly or indirectly implicate the regional character of public policies that result in the creation and distribution of regional public goods.

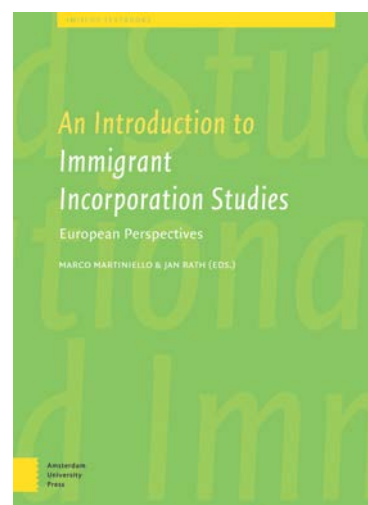
Christof Van Mol. *Intra-European Student Mobility in International Higher Education Circuits. Europe on the Move*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014 ([link to publisher](#))

Intra-European Student Mobility in International Higher Education Circuits focuses on the phenomenon of international student exchanges in Europe. Strongly interdisciplinary in its focus, this book empirically addresses four main research questions: who goes abroad, how students reconstruct their social network abroad, whether intra-European student mobility leads to an increased sense of European identity, and whether participating in a European exchange programme influences future migratory behaviour. The text systematically combines quantitative and qualitative data, and adopts a firm international comparative approach, focusing on the cases of Austria, Belgium, Italy, Norway, Poland and the United Kingdom. The empirical data originates from a large-scale online survey, as well as in-depth interviews and focus groups conducted with students in higher education.



Marco Martiniello and Jan Rath, eds. *An Introduction to Immigrant Incorporation Studies: European Perspectives*. Amsterdam University Press, 2014 ([link to publisher](#))

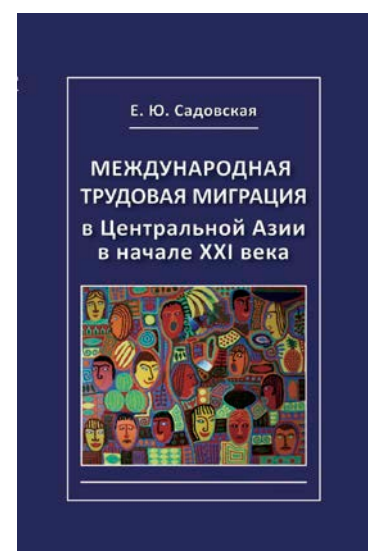
Migratory movements combined with new technologies and growing wealth have changed the face of Europe. One in ten Europeans today is foreign-born. Despite EU integration, policies and processes for incorporating these immigrants, and their children and grandchildren, have remained mainly in the national policy domain. They, moreover, vary widely from nation to nation, and often from city to city within nations. This third instalment of the IMISCOE Textbook series offers an authoritative overview of the state of scholarship on approaches to the study of immigrant incorporation, bringing current theory and practice together to analyse problems and debates in this growing field.



Chapters include: Introduction; Citizenship Theories and Migration; Assimilation; Multicultural Models; Race, Racism and Class; Integration and Gender; Challenges in the Education of Migrant Children; Understanding the Incorporation of Immigrants in European Labour Markets; Immigrant Entrepreneurship; Immigrants' Political Incorporation; Health; Religion; From Others to Artists? Immigrant and Ethnic Minority Art; Welfare States and Incorporation Strategies; Between National and Local Integration Policies; Epilogue.

Yelena Sadovskaya, *International Labour Migration in Central Asia (Mezhdunarodnaya trudovaya migratsiya v Tsentral'noy Azii v nachale XXI veka)*. Vostochnaya kniga, 2013 ([link to book/text](#)).

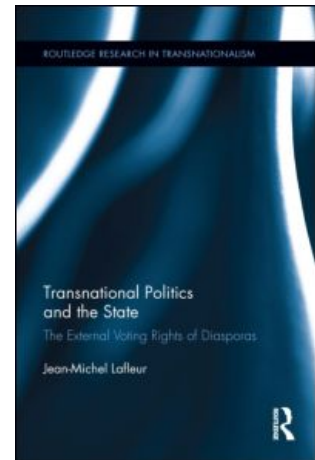
The book analyses contemporary labour migration and its changing role in the Central Asian Republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, with a focus on Kazakhstan, and covers the 20 years since their sovereignty in 1991. Based on a wide range of recent applied sociological studies conducted throughout the 2000s, some of them pioneering for the region, the book analyses new patterns of international labour migration that have emerged in the region. The book looks at the migration-development nexus, particularly the multiple effects of labour migration and remittances on migrants themselves, their households and national economies. The implications of labour mobility from national, regional, and global perspectives are also highlighted.



The book analyses national legislation and protection of migrant workers' rights in Kazakhstan, which is a major receiving country in the region. The comparative perspective is applied to migration and migration policies in Kazakhstan, the rest of Central Asia, as well as Russia. The book concludes by outlining the challenges of international labour migration and its management in the region. Alongside policy makers, the target audience includes academia, journalists, international organizations and companies, and general public.

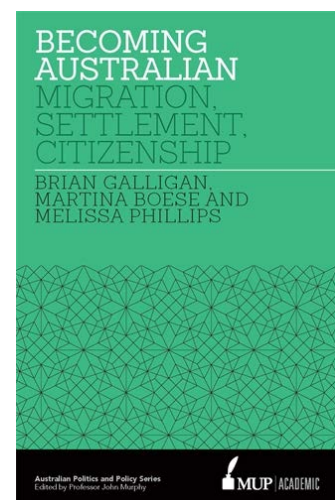
Jean-Michel Lafleur. *Transnational Politics and the State: The External Voting Rights of Diasporas.* Routledge, 2013 (new in paperback) ([link to publisher](#))

Why do an increasing number of states grant their emigrants the right to vote in home country elections from abroad? How does external voting affect emigrants' relations with sending and receiving societies? And, how do transnational electoral campaigns modify relations between states? These are the questions that this book aims to answer looking at different European and Latin American case studies. This book sheds light on the changing nature of political connections between emigrants and their home and host countries in the era of globalization. With a multi-disciplinary approach, it will appeal to scholars and students of political science, sociology, international relations, migration and transnationalism.



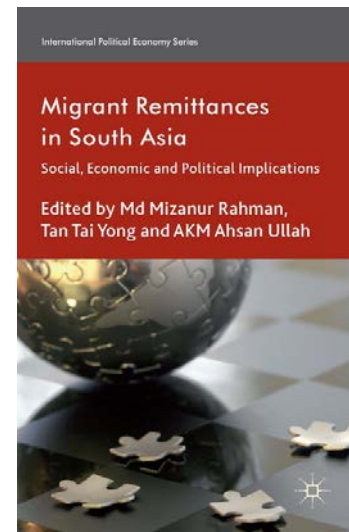
Brian Galligan, **Martina Boese** and Melissa Phillips, *Becoming Australian: Migration, Settlement, Citizenship.* Melbourne University Press, 2014 ([link to publisher](#))

Becoming Australian gives an account of Australia's modern migration and settlement policies, and reflects on the progress of its ongoing nation building project. Through its extraordinarily multicultural migrant intake Australia has become a more diverse and pluralistic nation where cultural and ethnic differences are tolerated within a liberal democracy. Government policy that promotes multiculturalism defines it in non-cultural, liberal democratic terms and Australian values. At the same time the integrative forces of Australian culture, society and day-to-day laid-back living undermine the individual maintenance of cultural differences across generations. In modern Australian migration policies, culture is of no consequence; skills are the new touchstone for selection with most selected for the economic contribution they can make to the nation. Based on the interdisciplinary analysis of policies and in-depth empirical research of migration and settlement experiences of recent arrivals the book changes the way we think about Australia and its people.



Md Mizanur Rahman, Tan Tai Yong, and AKM Ahsan Ullah (eds). *Migrant Remittances in South Asia: Social, Economic and Political Implications*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014 ([link to publisher](#))

Remittance is the most beneficial private transaction in the global economy. The South Asian region accounts for about one fourth of the global remittance flows destined for developing countries, contributing to over ten percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) of South Asia. This significant amount of remittance has enormous potential for development in the region. The volume, essentially a South Asian viewpoint, provides theoretical treatments of remittance and how its development potential is translated into reality. The authors meticulously delve into the diverse mechanisms through which migrant communities remit, investigating how recipients engage in the development process in South Asia.



CALLS FOR PAPERS

"The Sociology of External Voting" for the next conference of the French Political Science Association (AFSP). The conference will be held in Aix-en-Provence on 22-24 June 2015. Proposals in English and French can be submitted by **15 October 2014** to Jean-Michel Lafleur (JM.Lafleur@ulg.ac.be). Details here: <http://www.cedem.ulg.ac.be/?p=2248&lang=en>



Transnational Academic Spaces

International Conference at Bielefeld University, Germany 27 March 2015

Organizers: Başak Bilecen and Christof Van Mol

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Russell King, University of Sussex

Since several years, the nexus of education and migration has been on the research agenda, with a particular emphasis on international mobility of students and faculty members. In addition to the internationalization of higher education systems, we also talk about of their transnationalization today, referring to intensified and regular cross border ties of social actors as well as higher education institutions. With the rise of the so-called "knowledge economy" and the related global competition for talent, student and academic mobility has increasingly caught the attention of researchers, policy makers, higher education institutions and other stakeholders. The terrain of academia has been reshaped not only by student and staff exchanges but also through changes of knowledge practices and the repositioning of the higher education institutions within neoliberal economies. Nevertheless, further theoretical and empirical elaboration on these processes is much needed.

The ties and flows within academia situated across a variety of state borders can be investigated through the concept of “transnational social spaces” (Faist 2000), indicating dynamic cross-border social processes, in which various social actors, networks, institutional infrastructures and nation-states are interlinked. Within the context of transnationalization of higher education, labor markets and social life-worlds, academia represents a crucial case for understanding the ways in which inequalities are produced and reproduced. After all, not all institutions or nation-states might foster internationalization of their higher education systems to the same degree.

At this one-day conference in Bielefeld, we focus both on international student and academic mobility around the world. We particularly seek to explore how transnational academic spaces are organized, with a focus on processes leading to social inequalities at the macro-, meso- and micro- levels. Theoretical and empirical contributions adopting a transnational focus are welcomed, especially when they take into account opportunity structures of host, home and third countries and explore the relationships between them. Instead of focusing solely on mobile individuals, we also welcome contributions that situate non-mobile students and faculty members who are also an integral part of transnational academic spaces. And finally, we welcome contributions that explore the dynamics of transnational network construction of academic institutions as well as the impact of internationalization processes and the macro-context on transnational academic spaces, transgressing micro-level approaches.

Abstracts may include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- What constitutes transnational academic spaces and what are the conditions to form, function and sustain such formations?
- How do transnational practices of students and academics differ from other forms of mobilities?
- How do transnational academics and students fit within wider contemporary migration and mobility theories?
- How is academic mobility imagined and experienced by different institutions and actors?
- How is academic mobility constituted, produced, assembled, or governed?
- What kind of infrastructures underpin, determine, sustain or hinder international educational mobility?
- How do students and academics cope with inequalities at home and host institutions or countries?
- How do students and faculty categorize themselves in addressing inequality formations within and across nation-state borders?
- What are the processes enabling and restricting academic mobility?
- Can we talk about transnational student or alumni communities? Do such transnational communities create or perpetuate inequalities among different groups and across geographies?

We welcome abstracts of < 500 words including your name, title, email and institutional affiliation by Jan. 9, 2015. All files must be submitted in pdf format to Başak Bilecen basak.bilecen@uni-bielefeld.de and Christof Van Mol mol@nidi.nl with the subject line “Transnational Academic Spaces”. A selection of presented papers will be considered for inclusion for publication. The conference is free of charge. Travel and accommodation costs of presenters will be partly covered. Please indicate your interest for travel and accommodation grants when submitting your abstracts. More information: http://www.isa-sociology.org/call/cfp_tas_bielefeld.pdf

RECENT PHD COMPLETION

Caroline Zickgraf. "Family from afar: Moroccan migration, family practices and the transnational social space." University of Liège; supervisor: Hassan Bousetta

This dissertation is situated at the crossroads of migration, family and transnational studies. It explores Moroccan families that span multiple cities and countries due to the migration of one or more relatives and their subsequent construction and reconstruction of familyhood across spatial and temporal scales. Through a multi-sited qualitative study into various Moroccan family networks with residential nodes in Liège, Belgium and Oujda, Morocco, Caroline Zickgraf emphasizes the enmeshment of material and non-material functions of transnational family practices, specifically material exchange, transnational communication and visits, and analyzes how together they produce and inflate transnational social spaces after migration. Furthermore, she treats the social and physical geographies of these networks in order to understand how the circulation of people affects the circulation of care, before finally examining the tensions and asymmetries that characterize these multi-directional cross-border exchanges. Dr. Zickgraf's dissertation can be found at <http://orbi.ulg.ac.be/handle/2268/172162>.

Dr. Zickgraf is currently employed as a Post-doctoral Fellow in the EU FP7 "High-End cLimate Impacts and eXtremes" (HELIX) at CEDEM, where she is conducting case studies in Bangladesh and Senegal on (im)mobility and extreme climate change in coastal zones.

CONFERENCE REPORT

The **University of Liège** marked the closure of its research programme, "**Transnationalism, Identities' dynamics and Cultural Diversification in urban post-migratory situations**" (2010-2014) with an international conference from May 14 to May 16 in Liège, Belgium. TRICUD was a Concerted Research Action, led by Marco Martiniello, aimed at developing multidisciplinary migration research among three research centres based at the Institute of Human and Social Sciences: CEDEM (coordinator), CLEO and Pôle SUD. The principal objective of the programme was to better understand how migration transforms both sending societies in the South and receiving societies in the North through four strategic case studies in Belgium, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Morocco.

The conference kicked off on 14 May with a panel discussion led by Dr. Sonia Gsir (CEDEM), entitled "Research perspectives on transnationalism and cultural diversification in Europe and beyond". Furthermore, TRICUD's closing conference welcomed two of the leading scholars on transnationalism, Steve Vertovec and Nina Glick-Schiller, as keynote speakers. On 15 May, Steve Vertovec delivered the keynote address, "New directions in the study of super-diversity", while 16 May saw Nina Glick-Schiller discuss "Displacements, global constraints, and transnational futures."

The conference also hosted four thematic sessions, "Transnational Families and Caregiving Practices", "Trans-locality: Anchors, Mobilities and Belongings' Recomposition", "Cultural Diversity and Inter-ethnic Relations in European Societies", and, finally, "Artistic Expression and Identity Construction in Multicultural Cities". Each session gathered three speakers

coming from various career phases and research backgrounds, including TRICUD doctoral candidates, Caroline Zickgraf (CEDEM), Benedicte Meiers (Pôle SUD), and Petar Kovincic (CLEO).

The TRICUD Programme sincerely thanks the French-speaking Community of Belgium, the Wallonia-Brussels Foundation as well as the Wallonia-Europe Academy for their generous support. For an extended summary of the conference and more information on TRICUD, its achievements, outputs and completed dissertations, please visit tricud.ulg.ac.be or email Dr. Sonia Gsir at sonia.gsir@ulg.ac.be.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2014 International Symposium on Migration

10 – 11 November, 2014

Deakin University Burwood Corporate Centre

Hosted by the UNESCO Chair, Cultural Diversity and Social Justice, TASA, and the Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation. More information: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/centre-for-citizenship-and-globalisation/events/symposia/international-symposium>



Post-doc opportunity, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium)

[The Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Families and Sexualities](#) (Cirfase) launches a call for candidates within the scope of the « MOVE-IN Louvain » programme, which offers post-doctoral fellowships at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

These 12 to 24 months fellowships are open to researchers having stayed or worked in Belgium not more than 12 months over the past 3 years, and who submitted their PhD max 6 years ago. The call is also open to researchers with a minimum of 4 years research experience and who are going to submit their PhD in the coming months.

All relevant information relative to this call as well as application forms are available at : <http://www.uclouvain.be/369565.html>

The applications must be introduced with the support of the Research Centre where the candidate plans to conduct his/her research activities. Researchers interested in submitting a project in the disciplines of anthropology, sociology or history and who meet the eligibility criteria are invited to follow the following procedure :

- Friday 7 November 2014 : deadline for sending your CV (the first three pages of the application form available at <http://sites.uclouvain.be/outilsarec/pdf/movein-application-form.doc>), and a draft project (1 page) in relation with at least one of Cirfase's research themes and programmes. These documents must be sent by email to laura.merla@uclouvain.be.

- Wednesday 12 November 2014 : pre-selected candidates will be informed by the Research Centre.
- From 12 November to 19 December 2014 : preparation of the application form, with the support of the designated supervisor.
- 1 January 2015 : deadline for submitting final application forms to the Catholic University of Louvain.

Research proposals must be closely related at least to one of the central research themes and programmes of the Cirfase. More information on these research themes and programmes here:

[Stream 1: Ages, life cycles and life courses](#)

This stream includes 4 thematic lines : childhood and adolescence, ageing, mobilities and social ties, and work-family articulation.

[Stream 2: Family and sexual norms, morals and models](#)

This stream includes 6 thematic lines : the (re)composition of norms, the interrelationship between licit and transgressive practices, social reactions to sexual violence, interculturality, and sexualities and bodies.

[Research programme on Transnational families](#)

RECENT ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

David Bartram

2014. "Inverting the Logic of Economic Migration: Happiness Among Migrants Moving from Wealthier to Poorer Countries in Europe." *Journal of Happiness Studies*, doi:10.1007/s10902-014-9554-z ([link](#))

Sonia Gsir

2014. "Civic participation and integration: a country-of-origin perspective", INTERACT RR2014/03, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole (FI): European University Institute ([link](#)).

2014. "Social interactions between immigrants and host country populations: a country-of-origin perspective", INTERACT RR2014/02, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, San Domenico di Fiesole (FI): European University Institute ([link](#)).

Andreas Pollman

2014. 'Capital Intercultural: Hacia la Conceptualización, Operacionalización e Investigación Empírica de un Marcador de Distinción Sociocultural en Ascenso', *Cultura y Representaciones Sociales: Un Espacio para el Diálogo Transdisciplinario*, vol. 9, núm. 17: 54-73. (article available [here](#)).

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SUBMIT YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

(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