

RC-31 Newsletter, Autumn 2017

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From the President: Power, Violence, and Justice

by Gustavo Verduzco

Globalization versus a national orientation seem to be in confrontation at different levels almost everywhere in our present world. Brexit and Catalonia are only two expressions of this. Although a pathetic figure, Trump is also one of the principal actors of this worldwide collision. This is what we are living through today. No doubt that this tension is affecting peoples' decisions in several ways, producing a variety of mobilizations around the globe. Some move to cities within their own countries; many others go to a different country – but all of them are seeking either physical or economic security.

As human persons sharing the same planet we are confronted by these events in the particular contexts of our own countries. We may be receiving foreign migrants or refugees or we may be sending them; what's our role in this while we teach or while we research? This is a challenge we all have.

Our next congress at Toronto will be oriented under the shade of justice as a tool to minimize the effects of power and violence

produced in part by the collision between the global versus the regional/national. Many abstracts sent to our Research Committee deal in part with the effects of this, therefore we expect useful as well as interesting exchanges among us for the sake of justice.

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RC31 AWARDS COMPETITION FOR 2018

Following from a successful implementation in connection with the Vienna conference, nominations are now open for the next round of RC31 awards, to be offered for “best book” and “best article”. Please note the following points:

- Submission deadline: 31st December 2017
- At least one author must be a member of RC31.
- Time-frame: articles/books must have been published in calendar years 2016 or 2017. We will not consider “accepted” or “on-line first” papers. (This stipulation is intended solely to maximize clarity of terms; if a paper has not yet been published, it can be submitted to the next award round, for the 2020 ISA conference).
- Providing a copy of the article/book is the author’s (or nominator’s) responsibility; please send PDFs/reprints. For books, an electronic copy of the final proofs is required; if this is not possible, please consult with the panel chair.
- Selection will be made on the basis of scholarly merit – in particular, the insight offered in the work and the potential of the article to influence other migration scholars’ future work on related topics.

To nominate your own (or someone else’s) book/article, please also provide a paragraph (max 300 words) indicating how the article meets the criterion specified immediately above (scholarly merit).

Please submit to one of the following panel chairs as appropriate (the panels will make recommendations to the RC31 board, where the final decision is made):

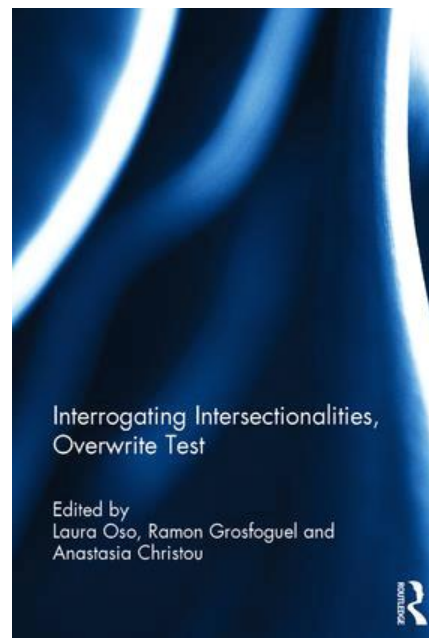
- “Best book”: send to David Bartram, at d.bartram@le.ac.uk.
- “Best article”: send to Loretta Baldassar, at loretta.baldassar@uwa.edu.au

MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

Laura Oso, Ramon Grosfoguel, Anastasia Christou (Eds) (2017). *Interrogating Intersectionalities, Gendering Mobilities, Racializing Transnationalism*. Routledge ([link to publisher](#))

Encouraging a conversation among scholars working with questions of transnationalism from the perspective of gender and race, this book explores the intersectionality between these two forms of oppression and their relation to transnational migration. How do sexism and racism articulate the experience of transnational migrants? What is the complex relationship between minorities and migrants in terms of gender and racial discrimination? What are the empirical and theoretical insights gained by an analysis that emphasizes the 'intersectionality' between gender and race? What empirical agenda can be developed out of these questions?

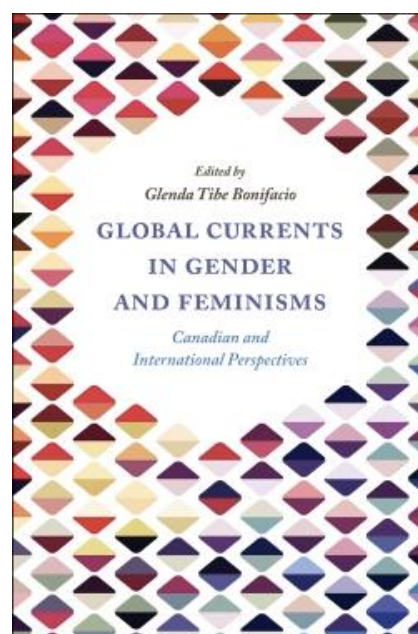
Bringing a transnational lens to studies of migration from an intersectional perspective, the contributors focus on how power geometries, articulated through sexism and racism, are experienced in relation to a migration and/or minority context. They also challenge the rather fixed notions of what constitutes an intersectional approach to the study of oppressions in social interactions. Finally, the book's inter- and multi-disciplinary range exhibits a variety of methodological 'takes' on the issue of transnational intersectionalities in migration and minority context. Taken together, the volume adds theoretical, empirical and historical insight to ethnic, racial, gender and migration studies. This book was originally published as a special issue of *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*.



Glenda Tibe Bonifacio (ed) (2017): *Global Currents in Gender and Feminisms: Canadian and International Perspectives*, Emerald Publishing ([link to publisher](#))

This collection examines the ongoing shared struggles of diverse groups of women in Canada and beyond focusing on a diverse range of themes including movements, spaces & rights; inclusion, equity and policies; reproductive labour, work and economy; health, culture and violence; and sports and bodies. Situating Canada as a western society with avowed egalitarian ideals, and based on a 'shared but different' approach, this book highlights the intersectional dimensions of gendered lives and feminist actions for change in both western and non-western contexts.

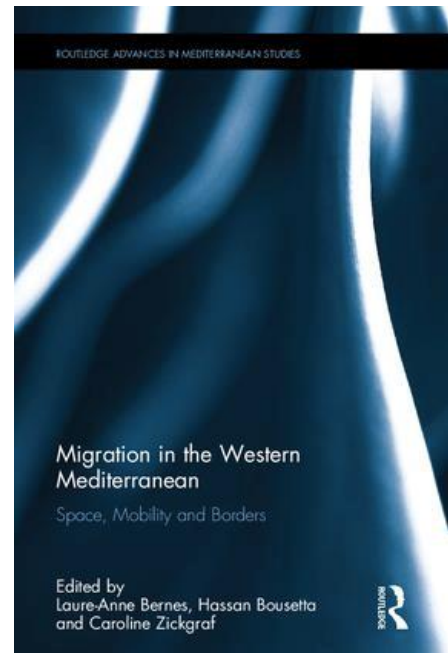
Gender issues and feminist struggles are interconnected internationally and this book examines the Canadian case alongside other countries across Latin America, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Europe to explore the global currents of gender and feminism and its practice. The centrality of gender and the need for feminist praxis remain highly relevant in the 21st Century, whether in western or non-western societies, and this collection provides a comprehensive overview of the international currents for gender equality, empowerment and social justice.



Laure-Anne Bernes, Hassan Bousetta, Caroline Zickgraf (eds) (2017) *Migration in the Western Mediterranean: Space, Mobility and Borders*. Routledge ([link to publisher](#))

The upheavals of the Arab Spring grabbed the world's immediate attention, and concern quickly grew over their potential aftermath, with the fear that a 'tidal wave' of immigrants and refugees would 'flood' European territory. The Arab Spring has highlighted the Mediterranean as a migration region, and new research is now required to bring to light too often neglected mobility patterns and border practices that predate and outlast the tumultuous spring of 2011.

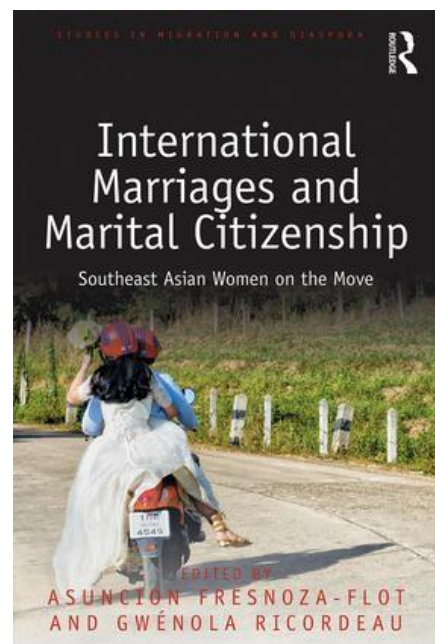
This volume tackles these contemporary issues related to migration in the Mediterranean region. It brings together high-quality, original academic contributions from both empirical and theoretical points of view by scholars from diverse disciplines, who draw upon Anglophone, Francophone, Spanish and Italian research. It reexamines borders in the light of a now full-blown body of literature that seeks to capture the complexity of their contemporary features beyond their most direct visual enactments, in particular the sweeping deployment of policing devices and operations along the North/South fault line. Another distinctive binding thread in this book is that it emphasizes migrants as active subjects interacting with local events, national policies and the bordering process.



Asuncion Fresnosa-Flot & Gwenola Ricordeau (eds) (2017): *International Marriages and Marital Citizenship: Southeast Asian Women on the Move*, Routledge ([link](#))

While marriage has lost its popularity in many developed countries and is no longer an obligatory path to family formation, it has gained momentum among binational couples as states reinforce their control over human migration. Focusing on the case of Southeast Asian women who have been epitomized on the global marriage market as 'ideal' brides and wives, this volume examines these women's experiences of international marriage, migration, and states' governmentality.

Drawing from ethnographic research and policy analyses, this book sheds light on the way many countries in Southeast Asia and beyond have redefined marriage and national belonging through their regime of 'marital citizenship' (that is, a legal status granted by a state to a migrant by virtue of his/her marriage to one of its citizens). These regimes influence the familial and social incorporation of Southeast Asian migrant women, notably their access to socio-political and civic rights in their receiving countries. The case studies analysed in this volume highlight these women's subjectivity and agency as they embrace, resist, and navigate the intricate legal and socio-cultural frameworks of citizenship.



CALLS FOR PAPERS & PARTICIPATION

Postdoctoral positions for the HOMInG ERC research team

Three new postdoctoral fellows will be recruited as members of the HOMInG ERC research team (deadline: November 2). These post-doctoral positions are full-time and fixed-term – one year, renewable up to three years overall. Application online:

www.unitn.it/en/ateneo/bando/47143/department-of-sociology-and-social-research-notice-of-selection-for-the-assignment-of-no-3-research

The new postdoctoral fellows will actively contribute to a multi-sited and multi-method study of homing practices within migration flows from Latin America (Ecuador and Peru), Horn of Africa (Eritrea and Somalia), India and Romania. Their fieldwork will start from engaging in everyday majority-minority relations in selected urban neighbourhoods in Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, the UK and Sweden.

More info: homing.soc.unitn.it; paolo.boccagni@unitn.it



CHANGING DEMOGRAPHY <==> CHANGING FAMILIES

MAY 17-19, 2018

An ISA conference for RC06 (Family) and RC41 (Population)

Singapore, 17-19 May 2018

Deadline for Submission Of Abstract: November 1, 2017 (will likely be extended)

Link for further information: [here](#)



Ageing and New Media Symposium

The University of Western Australia, Friday 1 and Saturday 2 December 2017.

The symposium will be hosted by Prof Loretta Baldassar (UWA) and A/Prof Raelene Wilding (La Trobe University), with support from the UWA Worldwide Universities Network Research Collaboration Awards. The symposium brings together researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and care givers to showcase their innovative work in the field of ageing - especially caring across distance using new media, and among culturally and linguistically diverse

peoples. Keynotes delivered by international collaborators will complement discussion between scholars, industry and community members to develop joint and complementary research opportunities.

Keynotes include:

Prof Gonzalo Bacigalupe (University of Massachusetts-Boston); A/Prof Christa Lykke Christensen (University of Copenhagen); Dr Mireia Fernández-Ardèvol (Open University of Catalonia); A/Prof Elaine Ho (National University of Singapore); Prof Jyotsna Kalavar (Pennsylvania State University); A/Prof Leng Leng Thang, National University of Singapore; Prof Helen Manchester (Public Health, University of Bristol); Dr Ivaylo Vassilev (Health Sciences, University of Southampton)

Registrations are now open: [link](#)



Recent PhD Completions

At the Center on Migration, Citizenship and Development (COMCAD) at Bielefeld University (with thanks to Thomas Faist):

- **Sienkiewicz, Joanna Jadwiga**, *Informal Social Protection of Resettlers from Kazakhstan in Germany: Transnationality, Reciprocity, and Symbolic Protection*
- **Ulbricht, Christian**: *Liberal Inclusion and Exclusion in Germany: The Social Construction of Wanted and Unwanted Migration*
- **Ette, Andreas**: *New Limits of Control? The Europeanisation of Refugee and Migration Policies in Germany*
- **Nitz, Alexandra**: *Why Study in Latin America? International Student Mobility to Colombia and Brazil*
- **Barglowski, Karolina**: *Social Expectations in Transnational Social Spaces: Linking Migration and Inequality*

At the University of Western Australia (with thanks to Loretta Baldassar):

- Emanuela Sala, (2017) *The Italian-ness is in the family: A critical evaluation of the role of family in the constructions of ethnicity and connections to homeland among two cohorts of second generation Italian-Australians*, University of Western Australia.

Publications from the thesis include:

- Sala, E. & Baldassar, L (2017) *Leaving Family to Return to Family: Roots Migration Among Second Generation Italian-Australians*, *Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*.
- Sala, E., & Baldassar, L. (in press, forthcoming, 2018). "I don't do much in the community as an Italian, but in my family I do": A critique of symbolic ethnicity through a longitudinal study of second generation Italian-Australians. *Journal of Anthropological Research*



The 5th Ruppin International Conference:

Migration in a changing global world

Ruppin Academic Centre, Israel, 14-16 May 2018

Over recent decades a growing number of countries across the globe have encountered major challenges related to migration, emigration and integration of immigrants. The 2018 Ruppin International Conference will focus on causes and consequences of migration in a changing global world. Issues related to the rising flows of various types of immigrants, including labor migrants, asylum seekers and refugees will be addressed and discussed by researchers, policy makers, practitioners and social scientists from a variety of disciplines across the world. Similar to other countries, the State of Israel, which marks its 70th anniversary this year, faces significant challenges as related to integration of the various types of immigrants in society. The Israeli immigration experience will be discussed and evaluated within a comparative framework and in relations to the immigration experience of other countries whether immigrant societies or nation-states. The Ruppin International Conference on Immigration and Social Integration will focus on migration issues both at the global and local levels.

Topics to include:

- Immigration and globalization
- Immigrants integration in nation states
- Immigration and social policy
- Immigrants in the labor market of the host society
- Immigrants in the economic arena
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Immigrants and Remittances
- Life stories of immigrants
- Social and educational aspects of immigration and integration
- Cultural aspects of immigration and integration (language, identity)
- Social-psychological aspects of immigration
- Attitudes and public views toward immigrants
- Immigrants in the city
- Immigration and the third sector/NGO
- Health and well-being of immigrants
- Immigrant communities
- Service development for migrants
- Criminalization of migration

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words long, for a paper of 20 minutes duration, and include the paper title, author name and title, institutional affiliation, and abstract. Abstracts should be sent to the organizers to the following e-mail address:
migration.ruppinconference@gmail.com

Deadline: November 10, 2017; answers by December 10.



New Research Project:

Ageing and New Media Research Project, led by Professor Loretta Baldassar (University of Western Australia) and Assoc Prof Raelene Wilding (La Trobe), funded by the Australian Research Council. This project explores how support networks for older people are affected by their mobility and the dispersal of their family, friends and care services. It aims to highlight the current and potential role that new media can play in fostering local, distant and virtual support networks of older people.

Dr Rosa Brandhorst will support the project via a postdoctoral Visiting Fellowship at UWA, funded by the German Research Foundation.

RECENT ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

Daniel Auer

2017. "Language Roulette: The Effect of Random Placement on Refugees' Labour Market Integration." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* ([link](#))

Paolo Boccagni

2017. "Addressing transnational needs through migration? An inquiry into the reach and consequences of migrants' social protection across borders." *Global Social Policy*, 17(2): 168-87 ([link](#))

Guillermina Jasso

2017. "Inequality in the Distribution of a Good Is a Bad, and Inequality in the Distribution of a Bad Is a Good." *European Sociological Review* 33(4):604-614 ([link](#))

2017. "How Donald Trump's New Immigration Plan Could Harm the American Workforce." Op-Ed at Ideas section of Time.com, with Mark R. Rosenzweig ([link](#))

2016. "Mathematical Sociology." In Janeen Baxter (ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press. ([link](#))

Wayne Palmer

2017. "Back pay for trafficked migrant workers: An Indonesian case study" *International Migration* ([link](#))

2017. "Trafficking within migrant smuggling operations: Are underage transporters 'victims' or 'perpetrators'". *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, with Antje Missbach ([link](#))

Leona Adriana Mendoza-Rosales

2016. "'Toda la creencia está allá". Linderos interculturales, espacios y derechos en migrantes agrícolas temporales de la península de Yucatán en Quebec." *Estudios de Cultura Maya*, 48 ([link](#))

(English title: "All belief is beyond". Intercultural boundaries, spaces and rights in temporal agricultural migrants from the Yucatán peninsula in Quebec)

Rebeca Raijman

2017. "Host or hostile? Attitudes towards asylum seekers in Israel and in Denmark". *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 58(5), with Adi Hercowitz-Amir and Eldad Davidov ([link](#))
2017. "Sense of Belonging and Life Satisfaction among Post-1990 Immigrants in Israel." *International Migration*, with Rona Geffen ([link](#))
2017. The Making and Unmaking of a Community of Latino Labor Migrants in Israel. In Sepúlveda, Enrique and Mark Overmyer-Velázquez (Eds.) *Global Latinos: Latin American Diasporas and Regional Migrations*, Oxford University Press: 183-209, with Adriana Kemp.
2016. "We and the Others: Majority Attitudes towards Non-Jews in Israel". In *Handbook of Israel: The Major Debates, vol.1*, Eliezer Ben-Rafael (Coordinator), Julius H. Schoeps, Yitzhak Sternberg and Olaf Glöckner, Berlin: Walter de Gruyter: 324-344.

Manashi Ray

2016. "Crossing borders: family migration strategies and routes from Burma to the US". *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* ([link](#))

Elena Sadovskaya

2017. Ethnically Diverse Diasporas and Migrations from China to Central Asia in the 21st Century: Origin and Contemporary Challenges with Special Reference to Kazakhstan. / *China's Rise and the Chinese Overseas*. Eds. Chee Ben Tan, Bernard P. Wong, Routledge ([link](#)).
2016. "China's Rise in Kazakhstan and Its Impact on Migration." Research Paper. MIRPAL, Regional Migration Program by the World Bank, IOM, UN Women, DFID. Almaty-Moscow.
2016. Mezhdunarodnaya migratsiya v Kazakhstane v period suvereniteta [International migration in Kazakhstan in the sovereign period]. *Kazakhstan-Spectr*. N 1. P. 7-42. (in Russian: Садовская Е.Ю. Международные миграции в Казахстане в период суверенитета // *Казахстан-Спектр*. 2016. № 1. С. 7-42 ([link](#)))
2016. Mnogomernoe prisutstvie Kitaya v Kazakhstane cherez prizmu migratsii [Multidimensional Presence of China in Kazakhstan through the Prism of Migration]. MIRPAL Research report in Russian, Regional program of the World Bank report, IOM, UN Women and DFID. Almaty-Moscow, 2016. 128 p. (in Russian: Садовская Е.Ю. Многомерное присутствие Китая в Казахстане через призму миграции. Исследовательский отчет. МИРПАЛ, Региональная программа по миграции Всемирного банка, МОМ, ООН-Женщины и DFID. Алматы - Москва. ([link](#)))

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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