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From the President:

RC31, a strong and healthy Research Committee

by Marco Martiniello

Time has almost come for me to step down as the President of RC 31 after serving two terms. While I am writing these words, we are in the process of electing the new board and officials of our Research Committee.

With more than 200 members, we are one of the largest research committee of ISA. More than 50 countries are represented, spread unequally over the 5 continents. We were very well represented in the ISA World Congress in Gothenburg in 2010 and in the Buenos Aires Forum in 2012. I am sure that many of us will travel to Yokohama in July. We again have a newsletter and we have started to modernize the statutes, which really needed updating. I have tried to chair this board in total transparency by informing and consulting the board whenever a decision had to be taken.

I am very pleased with our achievements over the past four years. Our RC committee is livelier and stronger than ever in the past. But we really need that strength in order to deal with the numerous intellectual challenges raised by the globalisation and diversification of migration patterns and patterns of immigrant

incorporation. I trust that we will continue to grow and to diversify our membership under the new board and President.

I would like to thank you all for your support. A special 'thank you' goes to David Bartram. Not only has he been the newsletter editor, he has

also been the Programme Coordinator for the Buenos Aires forum and for the upcoming Yokohama ISA World Congress, and he has prepared the revision of the statutes. I would also like to thank all the other members who have always responded when I was calling on them for one reason or another.

I am now asking good-bye as the President of RC 31, but I will remain active in our research committee and I really look forward to see you again soon.

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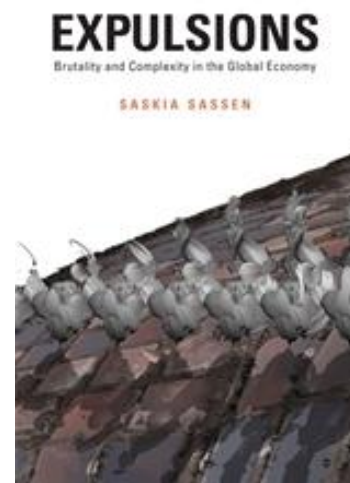
MEMBERS' NEW BOOKS

Saskia Sassen, *Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy*. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press ([link to publisher](#))

Soaring income inequality and unemployment, expanding populations of the displaced and imprisoned, accelerating destruction of land and water bodies: today's socioeconomic and environmental dislocations cannot be fully understood in the usual terms of poverty and injustice, according to Saskia Sassen. They are more accurately understood as a type of expulsion—from professional livelihood, from living space, even from the very biosphere that makes life possible.

This hard-headed critique updates our understanding of economics for the twenty-first century, exposing a system with devastating consequences even for those who think they are not vulnerable. From finance to mining, the complex types of knowledge and technology we have come to admire are used too often in ways that produce elementary brutalities. These have evolved into predatory formations—assemblages of knowledge, interests, and outcomes that go beyond a firm's or an individual's or a government's project.

Sassen draws surprising connections to illuminate the systemic logic of these expulsions. The sophisticated knowledge that created today's financial "instruments" is paralleled by the engineering expertise that enables exploitation of the environment, and by the legal expertise that allows the world's have-nations to acquire vast stretches of territory from the have-nots. *Expulsions* lays bare the extent to which the sheer complexity of the global economy makes it hard to trace lines of responsibility for the displacements, evictions, and eradications it produces—and equally hard for those who benefit from the system to feel responsible for its depredations.

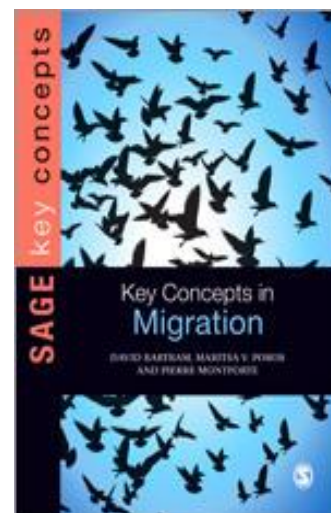


David Bartram, Maritsa V. Poros, and Pierre Monforte, *Key Concepts in Migration*. Sage, 2014
([link to publisher](#))

This book provides lucid and intuitive explanations of the most important migration concepts as used in classrooms, among policymakers, and in popular and academic discourse. Arguing that there is a clear need for a better public understanding of migration, it sets out to clarify the field by exploring relevant concepts in a direct and engaging way. Each concept/chapter:

- . Includes an easy to understand definition
- . Provides real-world examples
- . Gives suggestions for further reading
- . Is carefully cross-referenced to other related concepts

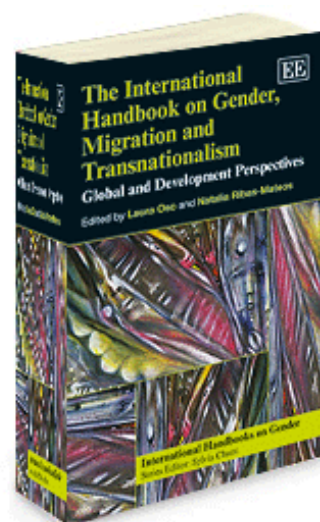
It is an ideal resource for undergraduate and post-graduate students studying migration in sociology, politics, development and throughout the social sciences, as well as scholars in the field and practitioners in governmental and non-governmental organizations.



Laura Oso and Natalia Ribas-Mateos, eds. *The International Handbook On Gender, Migration And Transnationalism*. Edward Elgar, 2013 ([link to publisher](#))

The International Handbook on Gender, Migration and Transnationalism represents a state-of-the-art review of the critical importance of the links between gender and migration in a globalizing world. It draws on original, largely field-based contributions by authors across a range of disciplinary provenances worldwide.

This unprecedented and ambitious Handbook addresses core debates on issues of gender, migration, transnationalism and development from a migration–development nexus. The volume explores the influence of global changes – and more specifically transnational migration flows – from the perspective of the articulation of production and reproduction chains. Particular attention is paid to so-called ‘global care chains’ with new analytical models developed around the emerging trends played out by women in contemporary mobility dynamics.



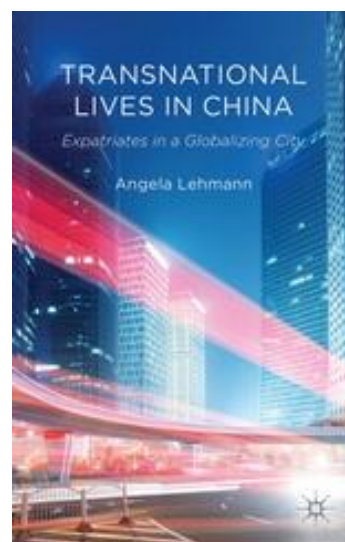
This Handbook will provide a thought-provoking resource for a multidisciplinary audience of academics, researchers and students of social science disciplines encompassing: economics, sociology, geography, demography, political science and political sociology, migration studies, family and gender studies, and labour markets. The Handbook will also be of major interest and importance to local and national governments, international agencies and their policymakers and administrators.

Angela Lehman, *Transnational Lives in China: Expatriates in a Globalizing City*. Palgrave, 2014 ([link to publisher](#))

Increasing numbers of people from the developed West are deciding to live and work in the rapidly developing economies of Asia. *Transnational Lives in China: Expatriates in a Globalizing City* is one of the first book length studies of a contemporary community of expatriates living in China.

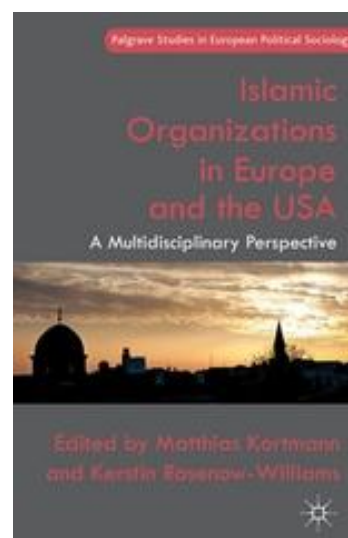
The author weaves thick ethnographic data with classical and contemporary sociological theory to explore what is happening to notions of identity and belonging for skilled transnational workers as they move through urban environments perceived as very different from their homes. This book follows the journeys of people from Western nations living in a second-tier Chinese city and examines how status, gender, race and nationality are constructed around moral discourses of 'home'.

Transnational Lives engages with the sociology of emotions and provides an innovative approach to globalization studies. This book will appeal to students and academics within sociology, social anthropology, and human geography.



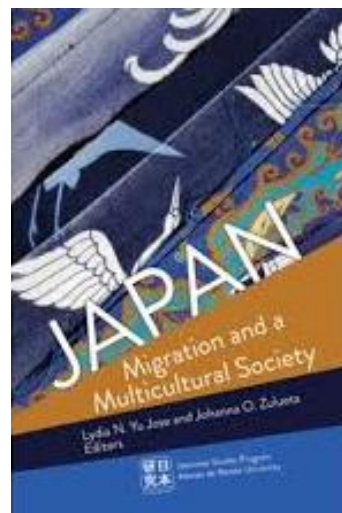
Matthias Kortmann and Kerstin Rosenow-Williams (eds), *Islamic Organizations in Europe and the USA: A Multidisciplinary Perspective*. Palgrave, 2013 ([link to publisher](#)).

This volume explores the extraordinary variety of Islamic organizations in Europe and the United States. It focuses on the question of how local, national and transnational environments and changing public discourses on Muslims and Islam affect Islamic organizations and their members. The contributions all employ a bottom-up research approach and uncover diverse reactions of Islamic organizations in their forms of organization, strategies and practices. Compiling twelve studies from researchers of a variety of disciplines, this volume provides theoretical and empirical findings on Islamic organizations from the Baltic States, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, the UK and the US.



Lydia N. Yu Jose and **Johanna O. Zulueta**, eds. *Japan: Migration and a Multicultural Society*.
Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2014

This book is a compilation of selected papers presented at the International Conference on Japanese Studies entitled, "Migration and the Creation of a Multi-cultural Society of Japan: Workers, Women, and the Next Generation", held on 27-28 January 2012 at the Ateneo de Manila University. Each paper underwent a rigorous peer-review process before being considered for inclusion in this volume. The book addresses crucial issues about migration and multiculturalism in Japan, which brings to the fore questions regarding Japanese identity amid increasing influx of diverse groups of foreigners into the country. This book is recommended to those interested in knowing more about the historical and socio-cultural aspects of Japanese society within the context of migration processes.



CALLS FOR PAPERS

11th IMISCOE annual conference: “Immigration, Social Cohesion and Social Innovation”

**27-28-29th August 2014, Instituto Universitario de Estudios sobre Migraciones
(IUEM), Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid**

The 11th IMISCOE Conference welcomes contributions from scholars of various disciplines, on all aspects of migration, integration and ethnic studies. Submissions directly related to the conference theme are welcome as well as those on other topics in the broad field of migration studies. The conference is open to IMISCOE network members and non-members alike. Individual papers as well as specific types of panels (all 90 minutes) can be submitted:

- **Papers.** Submissions of papers should include a 250 word abstract and either a 3-4 page summary or a full paper. The IMISCOE conference committee will propose thematic panels based on the individual paper submissions that are accepted for presentation.
- **Research panels.** Proposals for a research panel should consist of 4 or 5 coherent and related papers. Submissions should include a 250 word abstract of the theme of the panel, the author names, title and a max. 250 word abstract per paper. All research panels are recommended to also appoint a discussant.
- **Workshops.** This can involve book workshops or policy workshops. The aim of such workshops can be to discuss research or rather to shape a future research agenda. Book workshops should involve a broader panel of participants to discuss and reflect on a book. Policy workshops should explicitly engage people beyond academia, such as policymakers, politicians or NGO representatives. Submissions for workshops should include a max. 400 word overview of the rationale of the workshop and the persons (academic as well as non-academic) taking part in the workshops.

The deadline for submission of proposals is **April 1st (24:00 CET)**. All submissions should be made on the online webportal at www.imiscoeconferences.org. Applicants will be informed about acceptance of their submission by mid-May 2014. Full papers will have to be uploaded to the conference online system no later than 1 August 2014. Conference registration will open on June 1st. The conference fee is €200. Conference fees include all conference materials, lunches, coffee breaks and dinners, as well as social events.

Program: The conference will start on the 27th with a welcome event, a keynote by Jürgen Howald (Technische Universität Dortmund) and a roundtable on Immigration, Social Cohesion and Social Innovation (including Mary Hickman, Ceren Ogzen and Jeremy Millard). Panels and workshops are to take place on the 28th and the 29th. The conference will conclude on the 29th with a plenary with keynotes by Demetrios Papademetriou (MPI) and Alessandra Venturini (University of Turin). The conference program will also include various social events.

IMISCOE Research Initiatives. All IMISCOE research initiatives will be allocated at least one slot to have a network meeting to discuss research agenda, project proposals, joint publications and all sorts of other activities. The chairs of the research initiatives will be requested to upload a max. 400 word overview of the program for their meetings. Mind that the deadline for these proposals is May 15th and NOT April 1st.

Research projects. Research consortia that wish to organize a side-meeting adjacent to the conference program, are encouraged to contact the conference committee (imiscoe.2014.conference@upcomillas.es). The committee can facilitate such side-events on the day before or after the conference.

For more information on the conference, the program, the submission of proposals, and other practicalities: see www.imiscoeconferences.org.



Mixed methods in migration research: epistemological foundations, methodological challenges, practical applications

Journal of Mixed Methods Research – Special Issue

Guest editors: Rossalina Latcheva, Kenneth Horvath, Manfred Max Bergman

Although mixed methods play an important role in the field of migration research, there has been very little discussion on the epistemological and methodological foundations, benefits, challenges, and implications of mixed methods research in migration research. This special issue aims to fill this gap. It discusses which special challenges arise for mixed methods in migration-related research fields, problems that need to be considered when applying existing epistemological and methodological approaches, and what general lessons for social science emerge from particular examples of migration research. In doing so, it partly draws on on-going methodological debates of both quantitative and qualitative migration research, but

the primary aim is to identify and develop issues that are characteristic for mixed methods: how mixed methods help to understand the complexities of contemporary migration patterns, the respective function and value of quantitative and qualitative design components (which may partly differ from other research fields), challenges of integrating these components (e.g. in multi-national/multi-lingual research settings), and how to present complex findings (in a field marked by political interests and heated public/media debates).

The special issue is organised around three main themes – proposals may focus on any of the listed or similar issues:

- . *Discussion of epistemological and ontological foundations and their implications for researching migration-related phenomena:* What implications do different meta-theories (critical realism, pragmatism etc.) have for mixed methods approaches in migration research? Which are the crucial ontological aspects of migration-related phenomena and processes that lead to the need for mixing methods? What challenges and potentials does the field of migration research hold for meta-theoretical discussions?
- . *Evaluation of existing (even if implicit) mixed methods approaches in migration research and their theoretical underpinnings:* How are current research practices anchored in meta-theory? Are applications of mixed methods designs justified with regard to the investigated phenomenon? Which components – qualitative and quantitative – are used for what purpose? How is integration achieved, at which levels of analysis, in which phases of research? Can applicability of the chosen mixed-methods design be assured beyond the context of development and application? Are there any region-specific aspects to be considered?
- . *Identification of research interests that ask for mixed methods strategies:* Which current debates and research interests require mixed methods designs? In particular, what implications does the recent "transnational turn" in migration research have? What are the advantages we may expect of mixed methods and what challenges arise? There are countless substantial starting points for this kind of discussion in the field of migration research, such as changing migration dynamics in various geographical areas, the interrelations between migration and social inequalities, political discourse and public opinion and their relevance for migration patterns, biographies and societal transformations, and problems related to researching groups that are hard to reach.

We explicitly encourage submissions with an interdisciplinary outlook. Proposals that substantiate their methodological argument with examples from concrete research projects are particularly welcome. However, the focus should be on methodological and epistemological reflection.

If you are interested in contributing to this special issue, please send an extended abstract of around 500 words to horvath@ph-karlsruhe.de by 30 April 2014.

Decisions will be communicated by 31 May 2014. Accepted authors will be asked to submit their full paper by 30 November 2014. All papers will undergo rigorous double-blind review by at least two experts. Please visit the [JMMR homepage](#) for manuscript guidelines and details of the reviewing process. All full papers must follow the criteria mentioned there.



The Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM) of the University of Liège is pleased to announce the second scientific thematic workshop organized by the working group Citizenship and Political Participation in the framework of the ITN [INTEGRIM](#). This workshop is entitled “Multicultural Policies in Federated Entities”. The one-day seminar will address the links between citizenship and multiculturalism from a particular perspective but looking at the policy dimension. It will give the opportunity to INTEGRIM Early Stage Researchers to present their dissertation project. It will also examine and compare policies designed and implemented in order to manage immigration related cultural diversity in a sample of federated entities of several European and non-European federal countries. The contributions will focus on three main issues: Language diversity, religious diversity and artistic diversity. In each of the countries under examination (Belgium, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Canada, US, Australia) we will contrast 2 federated entities characterised by different approaches of diversity.

This workshop will take place on Wednesday 11 June at the University of Liège and is open to professors, researchers, MA students, PhD students. The attendance is free but registration is requested before 1st June 2014. Please send an email to Sonia.Gsir@ulg.ac.be and consult <http://www.integrim.eu/integrim-scientific-thematic-workshops/>.

PHD STUDENTSHIPS

The Department of Sociology, **University of Leicester**, is pleased to offer three funded Graduate Teaching Assistantships for October 2014 entry to its PhD programme. Research on migration is emerging as a central strength of this department, and it is very likely that migration will be a prioritized area such that at least one of these studentships will be awarded to an applicant who proposes to do research on migration.

These Graduate Teaching Assistantships are available for full-time registration and are payable as a full UK/EU tuition fee waiver for four years subject to annual progress review. The successful applicants will also receive an annual stipend and salary (worth £13,726 each year) as well as an annual Training Grant (worth £750 each year) to support appropriate research and development expenses. The application deadline is 31 March 2014; for further details see the [department web page](#).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



The TRICUD Final International Conference on **Transnationalism, Identities' Dynamics and Cultural Diversification in Urban Post-migratory Situations** will take place at the University of Liège on **14, 15 and 16 May 2014**.

It aims at presenting the main findings of the multidisciplinary research programme TRICUD (2010-2014) involving the following research centres: [CEDEM](#), [CLEO](#) and [Pôle SuD](#). TRICUD aims to better understand how migration transforms both sending societies in the South and receiving societies in the North. The conference will include keynote speakers Nina GLICK-SCHILLER (University of Manchester) and Steve VERTOVEC (University of Oxford and Max Planck Institute).

Please see [the programme](#). For further information and registration, contact: Sonia Gsir at Sonia.Gsir@ulg.ac.be or Marco Martiniello at M.Martiniello@ulg.ac.be.



Vers un plan d'action de lutte contre le racisme et la discrimination subis par les peuples autochtones : principaux défis et enjeux

Débat public dans le cadre de la Semaine d'actions contre le racisme 2014

Conférenciers :

- **Viviane Michel**, présidente, Femmes Autochtones du Québec
- **Mélissa M. Dupuis**, militante, Mouvement Idle No More
- **Pierre Lepage**, anthropologue
- **Daniel Salée**, professeur, Université Concordia

Vendredi 28 mars 2014, 18h00 à 20h30. Salle DS-R510, Pavillon J.-A. DeSève, UQAM
Inscription obligatoire (sans frais) : criec2@uqam.ca

Dans le cadre de l'édition 2014 de la Semaine d'actions contre le racisme, l'Observatoire international sur le racisme, volet de la Chaire de recherche en immigration, ethnicité et citoyenneté (CRIEC) de l'UQAM, tient un débat public s'intitulant *Vers un plan d'action de lutte contre le racisme et la discrimination subis par les peuples autochtones : principaux défis et enjeux*.

Des acteurs importants de la lutte contre le racisme et la discrimination apporteront leurs analyses et leurs réflexions sur les grands enjeux sociaux, politiques, économiques et culturels liés au racisme et la discrimination subis par les peuples autochtones.

Comité organisateur:

- Paul Eid, professeur, Département de sociologie et coordonnateur de l'Observatoire international sur le racisme et les discriminations de la Chaire de recherche en immigration, ethnicité et citoyenneté, UQAM
- Micheline Labelle, professeure titulaire, Département de sociologie et titulaire de la Chaire de recherche en immigration, ethnicité et citoyenneté, UQAM

RECENT ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

Elżbieta Budakowska

Imigranci afrykańscy w Polsce. Przegląd problematyki, (African immigrants in Poland. The review of the issue) in: *Afryka między tradycją a współczesnością*. T. I *Wybrane przykłady kontynuacji i zmian w historii, polityce, gospodarce i społeczeństwie*, Rafał Wiśniewski, Arkadiusz Żukowski (red.), Polskie Towarzystwo Afrykanistyczne, Warszawa 2013, s. 205-217, Wyd. I

Sonia Gsir

2013. "Los nuevos trabajadores migrantes en Europa. El surgimiento de una política común de inmigración laboral", *Revista Latina de Sociología*, 3, pp.94-113 (article available [here](#)).

2013. "EU Labour Immigration Policy: Discourses and Mobility", *Refugee Survey Quarterly*, 32 (4), pp.90-111 (article available [here](#))

Namita N. Manohar

2013. "'Yes You're Tamil, But Are You Tamil Enough?' An Indian Researcher Interrogates 'Shared Social Location' in Feminist Immigration Research", *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches* 7(2): 189-203 (article available [here](#)).

2013. "Support Networks, Ethnic Spaces, And Fictive Kin: Indian Immigrant Women Constructing Community in the United States." *AAPI Nexus Journal: Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders, Policy, Practice & Community*, 11(1&2).

Arnfinn H. Midtbøen

2013. "The Invisible Second Generation? Statistical Discrimination and Immigrant Stereotypes in Employment Processes in Norway." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2013.847784 (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