



# GLOBAL MIGRATION ON THE GROUND

A CIVIS BIP-Course

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This BIP **“GLOBAL MIGRATION ON THE GROUND”** is a transdisciplinary collaborative program that will offer a broad perspective on migration as a global phenomenon, connecting research and practice. Connected to both mobility and displacement, incorporation and exclusion, global migration carries both benefits and challenges. This ambivalence has been overshadowed in the last years by negative interpretations, mainly connected to the “refugee crisis” and its consequences – hardship, trauma and loss of life, as well as fevered political debates. It has become clear that many European countries accept migrants only with reservation, especially refugees.

Meanwhile, many efforts have been made to improve the way migration is globally governed, involving the cooperation between states, civil society, and private sector organizations. This cooperative approach is warranted by the highly diverse causes of migration: conflict, extreme violence, severe economic and political instability, environmental and climate change, but also participation in student exchange and expatriate programmes as well as demands for qualified labor. New strategies have been developed to help migrants settle and assist them in reconstructing their lives. Still, much work remains to be done to find solutions that work for everyone.

In this course, students will be challenged to reflect on the way the topic is discussed in academia, the media, and politics. Fostering cooperation within the CIVIS alliance and with partners in civil society, the event aims to make students aware that global issues do not have simple solutions — they demand cooperation between different academic specializations and multiple stakeholders. Moreover, participants will be in contact with researchers, students, and organizations from different European countries where global migration stems from different causes, creates diverse effects and is dealt with in various ways. This will support the development of critical thinking and open new possibilities for international cooperation and European solutions.



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# SCHEDULE

Programme of the event

Here you will find the schedules of the whole course, including the virtual and presence part in Tübingen, and information about the locations.

## Schedule

Our course will start with five online sessions on Fridays between February 16 and March 15, 2024, from 12h-16h, and will continue over a whole week between April 8-12, 2024, in Tübingen Germany.

## Virtual part

During the virtual part of the course, we will offer lectures and workshops in the following schedule:

	16 Feb 2024	23 Feb 2024	01 Mar 2024	08 Mar 2024	15 Mar 2024
12h-14h	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
14h-16h	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Workshop	Presentation

Following an international and interdisciplinary approach to global migration, the lectures will be offered by professors from different areas and countries. You will learn how migration is understood and experienced in different parts of the world, gaining insights into historical developments and current debates. The lectures are:

16 Feb 24: "Africa-India Migrations and Urbanism in Delhi" with Jun.-Prof. Bani Gill (EKUT)

23 Feb 24: "Current perspectives in migration history" with Prof. Jan C. Jansen (EKUT)

01 Mar 24: "Migration and Development" with Prof. Raffaele Cadin (SUR)

08 Mar 24: "Cultural Consequences of Migration: Artistic Creation in Exile in Europe and the Mediterranean" with Dr. Adélie Chevée (AMU)

15 Mar 24: "In transit: Syrians in Beirut, Marseille, Le Havre, New York (1880-1914)" with Dr. Celine Regnard (AMU)

During the workshops, you will collaborate with civil society organizations that are active in the field of global migration in a transdisciplinary way. You will learn how to use the method of design thinking, know more about the daily work of these organizations, and work in groups to discuss alternatives to their challenges. You are expected to use the knowledge you acquired during the lectures and workshops to propose creative and well-grounded solutions. Participating organizations are:

Acta Vista (<https://actavista.fr/>), with Florian Zappa

SOS Mediterranee (<https://sosmediterranee.org/>), with Shawn Simpson

UNICEF (<https://www.unicef.org/>), with Enza Roberta Petriolo

The workshops will be organized by Dr. Iris-Niki Nikolopoulos, Nina Rösler, Franziska Müller and Charoula Fotiadou from the University of Tübingen.

## Presence part in Tübingen, Germany

After completing the virtual part, we will meet in Tübingen between April 8-12, 2024. You will then deepen your knowledge on global migration through diverse activities in class and around the city.

	08 Apr 2024	09 Apr 2024	10 Apr 2024	11 Apr 2024	12 Apr 2024
<b>9h-12h</b>	Registration	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures	Group work
<b>12h-13h</b>	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
<b>13h-16h</b>	Opening event	Method workshops	Visit to civil society organizations	In the footsteps of migrants in Tübingen	Exhibition 2, presentations
<b>16h-17h</b>	Welcome dinner	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Closing event
<b>17h-20h</b>		Method workshop, Exhibition 1	Film	Free	Departure

**Opening event:** international guests working with global migration in international organizations will open the event with keynotes. They will share their experiences and discuss with the participants. Afterwards, we will have a welcome dinner.

**Lectures:** an interdisciplinary dialog on global migration with different international lectures. Confirmed speakers are:

“International migration as a component of population change”, Prof. Elena Ambrosetti (SUR)

“The free movement of persons in the EU”, Prof. Francesco Battaglia (SUR)

“Climate change and migration (with a focus on SSA)”, Prof. Pierluigi Montalbano (SUR)

“The reflexive turn and the crisis of representation in migration studies”, Prof. Boris Nieswand (UT)

“Regulating the Poor through Internal Borders: The EU in Historical and International Perspectives”, Prof. Martin Seeleib-Kaiser (UT)

**Method workshops:** basic knowledge on ethnographic methods to learn how to observe and understand global migration in urban spaces. The workshops are:

“Principles of the ethnographic method in migration research”, Prof. Reinhard Johler (UT)

“A sound ethnography of migration: Methods, theories and concepts to do ethnography of/with sounds”, Jun.-Prof. Carola Lorea (UT)

“Learning with the eye: An introduction to photography as ethnographic research method”, Dr. Claire Bullen (UT)

**Exhibition 1:** “Boulevard National: Beyond the cliché” (to be confirmed), organized by Abed Abidat (photographer), Claire Bullen (anthropologist/sociologist), Amel Zerourou (architect/art historian)

**Film:** watch a movie related to global migration and engage in a discussion with the director (to be confirmed)

**Visit to civil society organizations:** meet local actors and visit organizations involved with global migration in the city of Tübingen. You will learn about their daily work and the practical challenges and opportunities they face. Participating organizations are:

Asylzentrum Tübingen e.V. ([www.asylzentrum-tuebingen.de](http://www.asylzentrum-tuebingen.de)), with Ruben Malina

Abteilung Soziales - Fachdienst für Geflüchtete (<https://www.kreis-tuebingen.de/Startseite/landratsamt/fachdienst+fuer+gefluechtete.html>) with Julie Hirtt

This activity will be organized by Dr. Iris-Niki Nikolopoulos, Nina Rösler, Franziska Müller and Charoula Fotiadou from the University of Tübingen.

**In the footsteps of migrants in Tübingen:** visit different neighborhoods, learning about migrant life in the city. Working in groups, students will choose one of four routes prepared by Manuel Dieterich (EKUT) and follow the instructions to find certain places, explore diverse streets and collect impressions related to the discussions during the lectures and with civil society organizations, using the methods learned in the workshops. The materials and impressions collected will be used in the Exhibition 2.

**Group work:** discuss with your peers about the knowledge gained during this course and prepare your presentation.

**Exhibition 2:** all materials and impressions collected during the activity “In the footsteps of migrants in Tübingen” will be displayed to be seen and prompt exchanges among the participants.

**Presentations:** present your answer to the challenge posed in the beginning of the course, referring to all knowledge gained in this course.

**Closing event:** a guest lecture will comment the Exhibition 2 and engage in a conversation with the participants to wrap up the knowledge gained in this course.

## Location

The main part of our course in Tübingen will take place in the **Hörsaal 7 in the Wilhelmstr. 9, 72074 Tübingen**. There, you will make your registration and attend the lectures.

The opening event and welcome dinner will take place in the **Alte Aula in the Münzgasse 30, 72070 Tübingen**.

**The venue for the exhibitions has yet to be confirmed.**

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# LECTURERS



## Lecturers

**Elena Ambrosetti** is a demographer with PhD at Sciences Po. She currently works as Associate Professor at the MEMOTEF Department at Sapienza University of Rome. She works on international migration in Italy, with special attention to migrants' integration, migration policies, sexual and reproductive health of migrant populations. Additionally, she studies demography of the Mediterranean countries, more specifically her research focuses on fertility transition in Egypt adopting a gender perspective. In her research she uses quantitative methods and yet she is opened to new research fields and to multidisciplinary research.

**Francesco Battaglia** is Associate professor in European Union Law at the Department of Political Science, University of Rome "La Sapienza," where he teaches European Union Law and Institutions. Author of several publications, including *Il Mediatore europeo* (Cacucci editore, 2020).

**Claire Bullen** is a researcher and lecturer at the Chair of Migration and Diversity at the Institute for Sociology at the University of Tübingen. Her research questions relate to understanding urban place-making and urban change, possibilities for urban comparison, and the potential of infrastructure to tease out multi-scalar relations around the globe. She has carried out fieldwork in the UK, France and Algeria and her current research project involves an ethnographic study of a street in Marseille, which is being examined as part of a wider project looking at urban transformations around the Mediterranean.

**Raffaele Cadin** is Associate Professor of International Law at the Department of Political Sciences of Sapienza where he teaches "International Law", "International Organization" and "International Law of Economy and Development". He directs the Master in "International protection of human rights Maria Rita Saulle" and the High Level Training Course "The role of women in peace processes and in the mediation of conflicts for human rights" of the Sapienza University of Rome. His research focuses on international law, in particular on collective security, human rights, international organization, international development law and international terrorism.

**Adélie Chevée** is a postdoctoral researcher at Aix-Marseille Université (SoMuM/Mesopolhis/Mucem). Her work, ethnographic and qualitative, is based on the two shores of the Mediterranean Sea and is focused on three broad issues: social movements, forced migrations, and the politics of knowledge and cultural representation.

**Manuel Dieterich** is a sociologist at the University of Tübingen. He is currently working on his PhD about the dynamics in and between two adjacent neighborhoods with diverse and unequal population groups in the west of Johannesburg. The research focus is on the nexus of how the perception of threats influences through moralizations the (re-)configuration of the local diversity. Using an ethnographic approach, his research perspective is relational, focusing on interactional practices. His research interests include the sociology of morality, neighborhood/urban studies, social inequality, migration and diversity and the sociology of knowledge.

**Charoula Maria Fotiadou**, M.Sc. in Archaeological Sciences, is a previous member of the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Team at the University of Tübingen, with experience in creating educational material, conceptualizing and conducting workshops on Service-Learning and Design Thinking. Currently, a freelance project manager, workshop conductor, lecturer and web designer/developer.

**Bani Gill** is a Junior Professor at the Institute for Sociology, University of Tübingen. She is a qualitative sociologist grounded in ethnographic sensibilities and a regional focus on South Asia and contemporary Africa-India encounters. Her research interests include urbanisms, migration, race and racialization, gender, and the sociology of law, bureaucracy and the state.

**Jan C. Jansen** is Professor of Modern History (19th–20th Centuries) at the University of Tübingen. Prior to joining the University of Tübingen, he was Assistant/Associate Professor of Global History of Mobility (18th–20th Centuries) at the University of Duisburg-Essen and a research fellow at the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC. In the past years, he also held research and lecturer positions at the George Washington University, Georgetown University, the University of Konstanz, the Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain (IRMC) in Tunis, and the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London.

**Reinhard Johler** is a professor of Empirische Kulturwissenschaft in Tübingen and current director of the Ludwig Uhland Institute. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Vienna, where he taught until coming to Tübingen in 2002. He was an Invited Visiting Professor at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris in 2004, President of the German Volkskunde Association from 2007 to 2011 and is currently director of the Institut für Donauschwäbische Geschichte und Landeskunde and President of the Johann-Gottfried-Herder Forschungsrat. His research interests include migration, diversity, and cultural processes in Europe, war experience, and cultures of catastrophe.

**Carola Lorea** is Assistant Professor of Rethinking Global Religion at the University of Tübingen. She was a Senior Researcher at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, and held research fellowships at the International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden), Gonda Foundation, and the South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg. She is interested in sound, performance, oral traditions, and popular religious movements in South Asia. Her first monograph is titled *Folklore, Religion, and the Songs of a Bengali Madman* (2016). Her current book project is *Communities of Sound: Religion, Displacement and Caste in the Bay of Bengal*.

**Pierluigi Montalbano** is Full Professor of International Economic Policy at Sapienza University of Rome (IT) and Associate Faculty at the University of Sussex (UK). He is also Director of MSc on "Migration and Development", Sapienza University of Rome (IT). His research interests lie at the crossover between International Economics and Development with a focus on migration, vulnerability, food insecurity, global value chains and impact evaluation for development programs.

**Franziska Müller**, M. A. in Intercultural Communication, Psychology and Political Science, is a staff member at the sub-section Service-Learning and Civic Engagement at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen. She is responsible for coordinating, designing and implementing courses for students within the CIVIS Micro-programme Civic Engagement as well as implementing training on Service-Learning for lecturers.

**Boris Nieswand** is Professor for Sociology of Migration and Diversity. He has obtained his PhD in social anthropology from the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg in 2008 and his diploma in sociology from the University of Bielefeld in 2000. Boris Nieswand was a visiting professor at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder, a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen and a PhD-candidate at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle. He has published on transnationalism, migration theory, charismatic Christianity, diaspora formation, diversity, migration regimes, threat and ethnography.

**Iris-Niki Nikolopoulos** holds a PhD in Political Science and heads the Transdisciplinary Course Programme, including the Service-Learning and Civic Engagement sub-section at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen. Since 2013, her focus has been on interdisciplinary teaching and the development of transdisciplinary teaching and learning formats in Higher Education in cooperation with community partners. Since 2020, she has been involved in the continuous development of the CIVIS Micro-Programme Civic Engagement as coordinator and lecturer.

**Glauca Peres da Silva** is a sociologist, specialized in globalization and cross-border processes. Her PhD in economic sociology focused on the formation of global markets, analyzing the case of the world music market. At the University of Tübingen, she is responsible for the development of Global Awareness Education with a focus on the Humanities and Social Sciences. The focus of her work is the inter- and transdisciplinary teaching on globalization, international networking and development of transfer projects.

**Céline Regnard** is a lecturer in modern history at the Aix-Marseille Université, and director of the Maison méditerranéenne des sciences de l'homme at l'UMR TELEMMe. She has written extensively on the history of migration, crime and labor in the modern period, with most recently a book on transnational history of Syrian transit migration, *En Transit. Les Syriens à Beyrouth, Marseilles, Le Havre, New York (1880-1914)* (Anamosa, 2022).

**Nina Rösler**, M. A. in Peace Research and International Politics, is a staff member at the sub-section Service-Learning and Civic Engagement at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen. She is responsible for designing transdisciplinary Service-Learning courses, training lecturers in the Service-Learning methodology, supporting civically active student initiatives as well as coordinating and networking with community partners.

**Martin Seeleib-Kaiser** is Professor of Comparative Public Policy at the University of Tübingen. He studied Political Science, American Studies and Public Law at Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich (Germany) (MA 1989; Dr phil 1992) and was awarded the *venia legendi* in political science (habilitation) by Bremen University (Germany) (2000). Prior to his appointment at the Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen in 2017, he held appointments at the University of Oxford (2004-2017), Duke University (North Carolina, USA) (1999-2002) and Bremen University (1993-1999; 2002-2004). His research focuses on the politics of social policy and comparative social policy analysis.