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# About GRITIM-UPF

**GRITIM-UPF (Interdisciplinary Research Group in Immigration)** is a multi-departmental group at Universitat Pompeu Fabra made up of researchers from different disciplines who are interested in aspects of innovation in research and management of change processes arising from human mobility and immigration. The group's main objectives are to promote theoretical and applied research related to political and social agendas.

Human mobility is a key factor in the globalization process. The arrival and stay of immigrants in European societies is a dynamic reality that raises issues related to governance processes of social and political change, and management of diversity and social cohesion. The group aims to explore the different dynamics of this historic and global process, from an interdisciplinary perspective, with adequate conceptual, political, legal, social and economic tools. One of its main objectives is to contribute to the definition of a European approach in the study and management of immigration.

Basic priorities of GRITIM-UPF

**Priority 1. Multidisciplinarity:** Promotion of research in social sciences from a multidisciplinary perspective (politics, sociology, international relations, literature, law, economics, languages), including their adjacent plurality of methods .

**Priority 2. Innovation:** Special interest in investigating on innovative aspects of the current academic debate, and linking the research agenda with the political and social agenda in Europe.

**Priority 3. Transfer of knowledge:** Promotion in professional and research training at the third cycle. Promotion and exchange of knowledge between academia, society and politics. Reception of prestigious researchers, young researchers with international projection, and doctoral students with quality references.

# Research Areas

From the expertise and interests of its researchers, GRITIM is focused on the following research areas:

**Immigration and Borders:** Diplomatic relations, new migration typologies (temporary, circular, etc.) external dimension of immigration policies, border as a category and as an approach, externalization of borders, transnationalism, co-development and cooperation.

**Immigration and Governance:** Administration and management of migration, inequality and social exclusion, intergovernmental relations and multilevel policies, distribution of powers, public policy and welfare states, public opinion.

**Immigration and Society:** Associativism, political participation, trade unions, networks of non-governmental and governmental actors, relations between immigrants and citizens.

**Immigration and Law:** Legal pluralism, discrimination, forced migration, immigration legislation, constitutional international and Community law, nationality and citizenship.

**Economics of Migration:** Labour market, macroeconomics of immigration, public sector economy.

**Immigration and Dynamics of Diversity:** Gender, youth, racism, religion, language, identity, national minorities, linguistic indigenous and religious minorities, interculturality.

**Immigration and Communication:** Media communication, public political and social discourses.

**Immigration and Humanities:** Literature, film, art and history, anthropology, geography, ethics and philosophy.

# Teaching and Activities

## Teaching

Courses in various undergraduate programmes at UPF.

**Master in Management of Immigration** at Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Recognised by the Education Ministry, and Excellence Group: CHE Excellence Ranking 2009

## Knowledge Transfer

Coordination of monthly research seminar  
Organisation and promotion of seminars, conferences and call for papers.

## Working Paper Series

The purpose of the *GRITIM-UPF Working Paper Series* is to disseminate academic research work-in-progress that contributes to the European approach on immigration and diversity.

## Distribution List

GRITIM-UPF distribution list is meant to be a tool for horizontal communication among all subscribers.

All those coming from public institutions, private associations or other groups, i.e. university departments, research groups and institutes, can subscribe the list.

The list serves as a mean to disseminate information that any of its members may deem interesting, from news to one's own publications.

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