

## GRITIM-UPF Research in Progress Session

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Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Campus Ciutadella

Ramón Trias Fargas, 25-27 - Ed. Jaume I - Room 20.137

### Labour Market Integration of Refugees: What Do We Know (and How to Learn More)? A Presentation of the Study “From Refugees to Workers”



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#### **Abstract**

Integrating the more than one million refugees who have come to Europe since 2015 is a key challenge for the current social stability and future economic prosperity of the continent. Rapid labour market integration is crucial in making that integration succeed, as well as in turning the refugee crisis into an economic boost for Europe. However, the OECD has estimated that it takes 20 years for refugees to achieve similar employment rates than native workers. Now, what are EU Member States doing to facilitate and shorten the labour market assimilation of recent refugees? How to assess labour market integration support measures (REFMISMES) implemented, and to compare them across countries to draw common lessons from their individual experiences?

The presentation will build on the main findings of a recent study carried out by the Migration Policy Centre of the European University Institute with the support of the Bertelsmann Stiftung. The study, “From Refugees to Workers: Mapping Labour Market Integration Support Measures for Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in EU Member States”, is based on nine country case studies, including Spain. It explores how these measures work and the challenges they face, and what can be learnt from the experience so far.

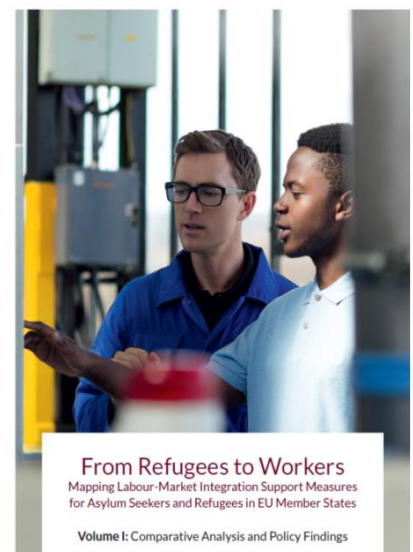
The presentation will focus on the methodological approach for such an exercise, the limitations of data and information available, the challenges of comparative international analysis of public policy interventions, and the difficulties of field work in this regard. Finally, it will discuss the pending research agenda.

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## Research project: Understanding SNRP discourses on immigration

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### **Abstract**

The present project aims at analysing the discourses of Stateless Nationalist and Regionalist Parties (SNRP) on immigration and explaining their variance. The main hypotheses propose SNRP's position in the centre-periphery axis as a factor explaining parties' stance towards immigration. The causal mechanism that leads to propose such relation links a blame-shifting strategy to power relations and hegemony within their territories. In short, depending on their position on the centre-periphery axis, SNRP may have incentives to develop a different stance to immigration than state-wide parties by means of blaming the political centre for any issue related to immigration, thus creating more grounds for their territorial claims.

The proposal is divided into four different phases that combine different methods. After elaborating a framework for qualitatively analysing SNRP discourses, the project will go on to applying it on SNRP with autonomist positions. In the third phase, a quantitative analysis on a plurality of cases in Europe will seek to test the proposed hypotheses. The final phase of the project aims at exploring the possible causal mechanism via process tracing.

In a context of growing decentralisation and a rescaling of territorial interest, the study of SNRP is socially and academically relevant. Moreover, this research will bring together three different research agendas that have developed in parallel: on political parties, on territorial politics and on migration

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