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GRITIM-UPF Newsletter aims to disseminate information on GRITIM-UPF Publications, Projects, News and Activities, which mainly deal with Immigration issues that contribute to the European approach in the fields of Borders, Diversity and Methodological tools. For further information: www.upf.edu/gritim

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1. GRITIM-UPF News

- [The third round of the application](#) process for the [Master in Migration Studies](#) is now open until April 28, 2017.
- The 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference (July 2-4, 2018) will be hosted by GRITIM-UPF.
- [Luisa Faustini Torres](#) (GRITIM-UPF) has received the Pre-doctoral Scholarship, FI-AGAUR, granted by the Generalitat de Catalunya.
- [Mohammed Hicham El-Bachouti](#) successfully defended his doctoral thesis on March 30.
- GRITIM-UPF welcomes [Gemma Aubarell Solduga](#) as a new associate. Gemma will be responsible for coordination of the 15th IMISCOE Annual Conference (2018)
- GRITIM-UPF welcomes the new visiting scholar [Catrin Edwards](#) (Aberystwyth University)
- GRITIM-UPF welcomes [Jean-Thomas Arrighi](#) (University of Neuchâtel) as a new postdoctoral visiting researcher.
- In the framework of IEMed Seminar Series “Aula Mediterrània, GRITIM-UPF organizes the round table: [Moroccan Transnational Entrepreneurs: new social patterns, new narrative policies](#) on March 31.
- The project of '[Roma Inclusion in Education](#)' (Vakeripen) is now on Twitter. You can follow it at [VakeripenCAT](#).
- Alumni of Master in Immigration Management at UPF have launched a new blog on migration and cultural diversity: [MigraPapers](#)
- The [Intercultural Cities Programme](#) of the Council of Europe renovates its support for the [Master in Migration Studies](#) at UPF.
- Fundacio Comtal receives support from UPF for its project: Rewriting Future through Constructing Yourself. [More information](#).
- MhiC (Museu d'història de la immigració de Catalunya) opens the permanent exhibition module "[MIGRAR - ESPAI REFUGI](#)", whose scientific content has been curated by [Lorenzo Gabrielli](#).
- [Ricard Zapata-Barrero](#) delivered a lecture at Moulay Ismail University, School of Arts and Humanities (Meknes, Morocco) on January 31, 2017: "Le paradigme politique de l'interculturalisme: une defence" (The intercultural policy paradigm: a defence). [More information](#).

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GRITIM-UPF members in the media:

- [Iván Martín](#) was interviewed by Al Jazeera News: [Are Morocco and EU heading towards a political impasse?](#)
- [Gema Rubio-Carbonero](#) and [Ricard Zapata-Barrero](#)'s work on "Monitoring discriminatory political discourse on immigration" is on the news. [More information.](#)
- [Lorenzo Gabrielli](#) (GRITIM-UPF) was interviewed by the Televisió de Badalona at the launch of the permanent exhibition "MIGRAR - ESPAI REFUGI" at MhiC (Museu d'història de la immigració de Catalunya). [More information.](#)

3. GRITIM-UPF Working Paper Series

Number 31 - Spring, 2017: An opening process. How newcomers are involved in the cultural mainstream associations in Catalonia

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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. It is peer reviewed and published quarterly. [Submit your proposal](#) to be published and check and download the articles already published!

Upcoming activities during the Spring 2017:

See our [Research Seminar Series 2016-2017](#). The following seminars will be organized during the Spring trimester:

1. Maria Lucinda Fonseca (Professor of Human Geography and Migration Studies at the Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território (IGOT), Universidade de Lisboa)

Date: 5th of April, 2017

Place: at IEMed (Carrer Girona, 20, Barcelona)

Title: Understanding Brazilian, Moroccan and Ukrainian Migration to Portugal in times of austerity: the generation of negative feedback mechanisms?

Abstract: This conference discusses how feedback mechanisms allow us to understand migration dynamics over time, within and beyond networks. Drawing on data from the THEMIS 1 survey and interviews conducted in the Algarve to Moroccan migrants and in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area among Brazilian and Ukrainian migrants, we explore how feedback operates in migration between three different origin countries and Portugal, in the context of a severe economic crisis. While acknowledging the relevance of other forms of feedback, we focus on the content of informational feedback sent through migrants' personal networks to assess the propensity of settled migrants to discourage potential further migration. The results show how the development of feedback mechanisms in the context of economic downturn depends on a complex interplay between individual characteristics and structural circumstances in the country of origin and destination and influences, for the most part, individuals who already have aspirations to migrate.

Maria Lucinda Fonseca holds a PhD in Human Geography from the University of Lisbon. She is currently Full Professor of Human Geography and Migration Studies at the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning (IGOT), Universidade de Lisboa, Director of the PhD Program on Migration Studies and Coordinator of the Research Unit MIGRARE - Migration, Spaces and Societies at the Centre for Geographical Studies (CEG).

2. Eva Østergaard-Nielsen (Associate professor at the Department of Political Science, UAB).

Date: 19th of April, 2017

Place: at UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC).

Title: Codevelopment and Citizenship: policies and practices among local governments and migrants.

Abstract: This presentation will take its departure in two recent studies of migration and development policies among local governments in Spain. These policies, often termed co-development, include support for migrant-led projects in their countries of origin. Both papers explore the nexus between migrant transnationality and political incorporation within the field of co-development policies. However, they do so with different methodologies. The first paper presents a qualitative and exploratory analysis of local government policies on co-development in Catalonia based on interviews, analysis of codevelopment policy documents and participation in meetings between local governments and migrant associations. This study identifies and analyses how local co-development policies frame migrant transnationality as a resource in local processes of political incorporation. The second paper uses a database of a longitudinal survey on overseas development assistance (ODA) spending of local governments in order to explain broader patterns of variation in migrant access to development funds across municipalities and migrant nationalities. The statistical analysis shows that variation is related to both the size and diversity of municipalities and a range of institutional/political variables. Together these papers highlight both the strengths and limitations of qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

Eva Østergaard-Nielsen is Associate Professor of the Department of Political Science at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). She is the author of various works on migrant transnational politics, sending country migration policies, migration and development and more recently, the role of political parties in electoral relations between states and diasporas. She has been

coordinating and participating in a series of nationally and internationally funded projects. Among the more recent projects are *Emigration, citizenship and political parties* (EMICITPOL) and *Emigration and Political Incorporation* (EMINCOR) in part executed from the Weatherhead Center for International Studies at Harvard University. Her work has appeared in, among others, *International Migration Review*, *Global Networks*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Studies* and *Party Politics*. She is a member of the editorial boards of *Journal of Ethnic and Migration studies*, *Global Migration* and the *IMISCOE Research Series*.

3. Laura Oso (ESOMI, Universidade da Coruña)

Date: 24th of April, 2017

Place: at UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC).

Title: **Crossed Mobilities: a theoretical and methodological model for the study of geographical and social mobility**

Abstract:

The aim of the session is to propose a theoretical and methodological analyse model, based on a gender and inter-generational perspective, for the study of geographical and social mobility strategies of Latin American Migrants in Spain. We analyse the way households negotiate their transnational social mobility strategies in accordance with the position each individual holds within the family unit (fathers, mothers, elder children, younger children and grandparents) and in the migration process (migrating as pioneers, staying behind, etc), assessing the actions transnational households undertake, over time and space, in order to climb the social ladder. The methodology strategy is based on a qualitative study (family life histories), a multisituated ethnography (carried out in Spain and in Ecuador), and a longitudinal study. The article wants to highlight the role, not only of migrants but also of their families that stay behind, as agents of social mobility strategies within the transnational space.

Laura Oso is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Sociology of the University of A Coruña where she held the post of Vice-Dean from 2009 to 2013. Since 2011 she is the coordinator of ESOMI (The International Migration Sociology Team). ESOMI's main objective is to lead top quality research into international migration, thereby contributing to progress in the sociological study of this field that will be of use in the planning of public policies. In addition, ESOMI also has teaching interests, as it is responsible for the Official Master's Degree in International Migration as well as the International Migration Doctorate Programme (also coordinated by Laura Oso), at the University of A Coruña. She was awarded a PhD in Sociology by the Université de Paris I-Panthéon Sorbonne (2002) and by the Universidade da Coruña in 1997, being consultant in various international organisations (OECD, European Union, UN-INSTRAW). One of her main research lines is the study of Sex Worker's Migration to Spain, carrying out qualitative fieldwork. She also works on the gender, migration and development nexus.

4. Dirk Gebhardt (GRITIM-UPF)

Date: 3rd of May, 2017

Place: at UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC).

Title: **Understanding the gaps of immigration policy and research**

Abstract:

Scholars interested in immigration policies have to deal with a complex phenomenon, in particular when they compare policies of different entities such as states, regions or cities. Every piece of research on such policies transforms these very complex objects of study into abstractions which depend on the specific conceptual and methodological focus that we take. Such different conceptual spotlights can highlight, respectively, discourses promoting a specific view on immigration; broad paradigms of policy making, such as multi- or interculturalism; specific policies that are drafted; the implementation of these policies on the ground; or their effects on the target group. Although it might pretend it, research will hardly ever manage a 360-degree view of policies, which includes all those often contradictory dimensions.

Taking a critical look at comparative research on local immigrant integration policies, this course aims to raise awareness about the limitations of, and inconsistencies and gaps between different conceptual perspectives, and to stress that the results of our research on policies may vary a lot according to which "spotlight" we choose. This does not mean that anything goes in policy analysis, but rather that we need to make conscious and appropriate choices about the specific aspects of policies we are interested in and, possibly, combine different conceptual and methodological perspectives on policies to make sure that our research tells a coherent, credible and truthful story.

Dirk Gebhardt is an associated researcher of GRITIM-UPF and based in Barcelona. From 2013 to 2015 he conducted postdoctoral research at GRITIM on the role of cities as sources of citizenship for immigrants in a comparative perspective. At present, Dirk works as a consultant in the area of urban policies in the area of immigration, social policies and neighbourhood development.

Dirk holds a PhD in Geography from Humboldt-University Berlin. He worked as a policy advisor for EURO CITIES, the Brussels-based network of major European cities, where he developed mutual learning activities and projects for integration policy makers in European cities. He taught a variety of courses at bachelor and master level related to urban development and migration at Humboldt-University Berlin and has worked in a variety of research, consultancy and urban development projects in Berlin.

5. Mohammed El-Bachouti (GRITIM-UPF)

Date: 17th of May, 2017

Place: at UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC).

Title: **Individualization of Muslim Religious Practices: Contextual Creativity of Second-Generation Moroccans in Spain**

Abstract:

Given the limitations posed on some religious practices in secular contexts, a trend of individualization or self-fashioned approach to religious practices has surfaced in an emerging debate in the literature dealing with the study of Muslim minorities and their practices. While the term is used for critical arguments, it lacks empirical data, in which this research attempts to fill using in-depth semi-structured interviews. The study starts by mapping the basic elements of a “theory of individualization,” and analyzing the literature surrounding it. Aided by the interviews conducted in the field, the study contextualizes individualization in Europe, taking Spain’s second-generation Moroccans as a case study, to answer the research question: How do Muslims reconcile their religious duties with their everyday life in the contemporary Spanish society? The literature repeatedly points to that individualization is the result of liberties enjoyed by the second-generation in western countries. The research reveals to us that it is restrictions rather than liberties that drive actions of individualization, a process in which limited set of options lead to silent practices often misconstrued as secular because their practitioners are not visibly seen practicing. The empirical findings of this project help us argue that individualization is a product of a bounded creativity confined in a structural context, hence the term I coin: Contextual Creativity.

Mohammed El-Bachouti is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political and Social Sciences at Barcelona's Pompeu Fabra University, as well as a member of the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Immigration (GRITIM), a multi-departmental group at the university promoting theoretical and applied research related to political and social agendas. His thesis centers around Muslim religious practices in Europe.

Prior to that, Mohammed attained a Master's degree in International Relations from Harvard University working closely with professors from the Center of Middle Eastern Studies on issues related to contemporary Islamic societies. In addition to his interest in political and social sciences, Mohammed's undergraduate studies in Computer Sciences and Management gave him the opportunity to work for several years in the field of Computational Linguistics along other scientists designing algorithms to eliminate ambiguities in translation using artificial intelligence models.

5. Suggested readings

- Bauböck, Rainer, and Milena Tripkovic, eds. 2017. *The Integration of Migrants and Refugees: An EUI Forum on Migration, Citizenship and Demography*. Florence: European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.
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