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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/web/gritim

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1. GRITIM-UPF News

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1.1 GRITIM-UPF initiatives and research activities:

- The new GRITIM-UPF project **The International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study** was funded by the Erasmus+ programme. [More info.](#)
- GRITIM-UPF's **Gemma Pinyol** in dialogue about Cities and Diversity on 11 March. [More info.](#)
- Dr. Brema Ely Dicko from Mali gave a lecture at the GRITIM-UPF Master course in Postcolonial Studies and Mediterranean History. [More info.](#)
- The third round of applications for the 14th edition of the Master in Migration Studies Program was opened. [More info.](#)
- The GRITIM-UPF research seminar Migration and Climate Change – What do we know? What can we expect? that was held by **Etienne Piguet** on 27 January, 2022, is available in the GRITIM-UPF Audiovisual seminars series. [More info.](#)
- Ricard Zapata gave the lecture Urban Resilience and Urban Migration Governance: Some Conceptual, Methodological and Comparative Empirical Insights (organized by Central European University) on 15 January, 2022. [More info.](#)
- The seminar Trade unions, migration and diversity that was held by **Fundació ACSAR** and the Catalan trade unions **CCOO** and **UGT** on 13 January, 2022, is available in the GRITIM-UPF Audiovisual seminars series. [More info.](#)
- We welcomed **Eva Fortes** as our new PhD Candidate. [More info.](#)
- The book Qualitative Research in European Migration Studies, ed. by **Ricard Zapata-Barrero** and **Evren Yalaz** (GRITIM-UPF) reached a total of 232.967 chapter downloads! [More info.](#)
- GRITIM-UPF organized the EuroMedMig Roundtable for Aula Mediterrània: Mediterranean Cities and Migration Governance on 11 November, 2021. [More info.](#)
- **Mostafa Mohamed El Kordy**, former student of the Master in Migration studies received the best Master Thesis Award by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed). [More info.](#)
- **Sevda Tunaboylu** successfully defended her PhD thesis on 16 November, 2021. [More info.](#)
- **Begum Dereli** successfully defended her PhD thesis on 11 November, 2021. [More info.](#)



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1.2 GRITIM-UPF members in the media:

- UPF News published an article about **Zenia Hellgren's** book [Racialized Citizenship in Superdiverse Europe](#) (with Bálint Ábel Bereményi as co-editor), on 28 February, 2022. [More info](#).
- The [AGREP](#) project (led by **Zenia Hellgren**) launched a video against antigypsyism, which was distributed through the UPF institutional channel, in December, 2021. [More info](#).
- Iván Martín** was interviewed by Radio Buenos Aires about European migration policies and migrants in Tunisia, on 12 December, 2021. [More info](#).
- Lorenzo Gabrielli** was interviewed by RNE about the migrant victims in the Mediterranean and Canary Islands, on 12 november, 2021. [More info](#).

2. GRITIM-UPF Publications

Aubarell, Gemma and Carmen Geha. 2021. [Policy conversations across the Mediterranean: migratory governance. Europe and Lebanon in the spotlight](#). With Introduction by **Luisa Faustini**. EuroMedMig Policy Paper Series.

Gabrielli, Lorenzo. 2022. [El espectáculo fronterizo en las representaciones fotográficas contemporáneas de la frontera de Melilla: Un sesgo de género](#). In *Espectáculo de frontera y contranarrativas audiovisuales*, eds. Amarela Varela Huertas and Mar Binimelis Adell. Peter Lang.

Gabrielli, Lorenzo. 2021. [Les races no existeixen, però continuen fent estralls](#). La Directa.

Hellgren, Zenia and Bálint Ábel Bereményi, eds. 2022. [Racialized Citizenship in Superdiverse Europe](#). Special issue and book, *Social Sciences/MDPI*.

Hellgren, Zenia and Bálint Ábel Bereményi (2022). [Introduction: Far from Colorblind. Reflections on Racialization in Contemporary Europe](#). *Social Sciences*, 11(1): 21.

Zapata-Barrero, Ricard. 2022. [La naissance des villes regionales / El nacimiento de las ciudades regionales](#). Afkar/ideas (IEMed).

Zapata-Barrero, Ricard, Dirk Jacobs and Riva Kastoryano, eds. 2021. [Contested Concepts in Migration Studies](#). Routledge.

Zapata-Barrero, Ricard, Dirk Jacobs and Riva Kastoryano. 2021. [Introduction: Conceptual thinking in migration studies](#), in R. Zapata-Barrero, R; D. Jacobs and R. Kastoryano (eds.) *Contested Concepts in Migration Studies*, London: Routledge; pp. 1-27

Zapata-Barrero, Ricard. 2021. [Cohesion](#), in R. Zapata-Barrero, R; D. Jacobs and R. Kastoryano (eds.) *Contested Concepts in Migration Studies*, London: Routledge; pp. 45-60.

3. GRITIM-UPF Activities

See the [GRITIM-UPF Research Seminar Series](#) program for 2021-22.

4. EuroMedMig News

[EuroMedMig](#) is a three-year (2019-2022) Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Network Program (Project Reference: 611260-EPP-1- 2019-1-ES-EPPJMO-NETWORK) entitled “[Mapping European Mediterranean Migration Studies](#)” (Acronym: EUMedMi) and coordinated by GRITIM-UPF. Activities included in this project are the [Working Paper Series](#) and the [Policy Paper Series](#). To subscribe to the [Euro-Mediterranean Research Network on Migration](#) (EuroMedMig) distribution list please contact us at euromedmig@upf.edu, with the subject line “Subscription Request”.

- The next 2020-21 GRITIM-UPF Seminar Series is entitled: Intercultural relations in the Euro-Mediterranean region: Trends from the Anna Lindh Foundation research and civil society consultation. More [info](#).
- The Audiovisual Recording for the Seminar entitled: Intercultural relations in the Euro-Mediterranean region: Trends from the Anna Lindh Foundation research and civil society consultation by Eleonora Insalaco, is available. More [info](#).
- Luisa Faustini successfully completed her PhD Thesis Defence. More [info](#).
- EuroMedMi Ph.D. Summer School 2021 - Final Programme. More [info](#).
- End of the EuroMedMig Summer School. More [info](#).



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- Welcome new member at EuroMedMig! Carmen Geha from American University Beirut (AUB). More [info](#).
- Call for EuroMedMig Working Paper Series. More [info](#).
- Call for Subscription to the EuroMedMig Distributive List. More [info](#).
- Release of a new EuroMedMig Policy Paper (September 2021, no. 6) entitled: Migration Policies of North African Countries Towards Third Country Citizens. More [info](#).
- Fourth EUMedMi National Workshop (Morocco): “New patterns of migration in the Mediterranean: North-South: The Case of Morocco”. Held at Université Agdal-Mohammed V, Rabat (Morocco). More [info](#).
- EuroMedMig Roundtable for Aula Mediterrània: Mediterranean Cities and Migration Governance. More [info](#).
- Release of the recorded Open Lecture by Lucy Mayblin (University of Sussex, UK) for the Master’s in Migration Studies. More [info](#).
- New EuroMedMig Working Paper (November 2021, No. 6): Boutaina Ismaili Idrissi: “The impact of international remittances on poverty: evidence from the eastern and southern Mediterranean”. More [info](#).
- New EuroMedMig Policy Paper (December 2021, No. 7): Gemma Aubarell and Carmen Geha: “Policy conversations across the Mediterranean: migratory governance. Europe and Lebanon in the spotlight”. More [info](#).
- Vide release: Seminar session with Prof. Paul Tabar (Lebanese American University, Beirut, Lebanon). More [info](#).
- New EuroMedMig Policy Paper (December 2021, No. 8): Boutaina Ismaili Idrissi: “New patterns of migration in the Mediterranean: North-South: The case of Morocco”. More [info](#).
- New report prepared by a EuroMedMig member: Eda Gemi: “Migration in Greece: Recent Developments in 2021”. More [info](#).
- Announcement of the fifth EUMedMi National Workshop: France. More [info](#).
- New Steering Committee member: Carmen Geha (American University of Beirut, Lebanon). More [info](#).
- New Steering Committee member: Apostolos Papadopoulos (Harokopio University and EKKE, Athens, Greece). More [info](#).
- EuroMedMig Annual Report 2021: A leading network. More [info](#).

5. EuroMedMig Working Paper Series

Number 7 – December 2021

"Rafah Border: Between terrorism, exogenous and endogenous pressures"

Author: Mostafa El Kordy, former student at the Master in migration studies programme at UPF.

Abstract: This working paper tackles border control policies in Egypt, focusing on Rafah border, possibly one of the most complex in the region and also in the entire world. Furthermore, I analyze the possible relation between the control of this border and terrorism in Sinai during different ruling regimes in Egypt – Mubarak, Morsi and el-Sisi- filling a crucial gap in the literature. This has been based on qualitative methodology, using case selection to identify and select major terrorist attacks during the different ruling regimes, and analyzing primary and secondary documents, jointly with expert interviews, to analyze the decisions taken by the different actors and reveal the inter-subjective reasoning behind each reaction in terms of border control. The results show that, surprisingly, all the different regimes analyzed took very similar paths of the adversarial approach. Also, despite the supposed relevance of terrorist attacks for border control, exogenous and endogenous pressure play a major role in shaping border policies.

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