



Travelling Policies

Convergence of Dutch and Flemish immigration and integration policies and practices put into a European comparative perspective 1945-2005

International workshop organized by the Centre for the History of Migrants (CGM) in cooperation with Amsab-ISG (Ghent), KADOC-KU Leuven, Museum aan de Stroom (Antwerp), Ghent University and Leiden University Institute for History, with financial support from the Flemish Research Foundation (FWO)

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Time: 08:45 am – 18:00 pm

Venue: Museum aan de Stroom, Room 9 Beaufort (Hanzestedenplaats 1, Antwerp)

Cost: €30,- (including coffee, lunch and drinks). To be paid (in cash) at the beginning of the workshop.

Registration by sending an e-mail to r.c.de.jong@hum.leidenuniv.nl (before the 1st of June)

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Outline

Categorisation

Migrants, per definition, travel between countries, but they also travel between categories of migrants: colonial, labour, family, or refugee migrants. Authoritative institutions, states above all, use formalised categorisations. States have the authority to decide who is who, and differentiate rights accordingly. Policy makers, as a rule, seek to interpret categories of migrants narrowly, and to exclude people who do not fit their definitions, while support groups tend to stretch categories and create sympathy for those who seemed to be inhumanly harmed by the government's rigour. Categorisation is not static but is frequently presented as such because that increases governmentability.

Shift of discourses

Migrants travel between categories, and policies and practices are transferred between countries, and between (support) organisations. Concepts, discourses, strategies, theories and debates travel across time, between categories of migrants, across gender boundaries and between countries. Discourses are reproduced and copied between categories of migrants, and between countries. Discourses shift from anti-colonial and Civil Rights movements, to family rights, refugee rights, and gay rights movements. Lawmakers, policymakers, politicians, journalists, and lobbyists are influenced by what occurs in other countries, and different settings. Since policy makers, as a rule, look at neighbouring countries in order to synchronise politics and prevent migrants from 'shopping' for rights, they also study the arguments and strategies used elsewhere. They adapt and adopt these when useful or possible, while immigrant support organisations do the same.

Groupism

In this workshop we want to move away from groupism and a narrow national focus. We analyse how policies and practices travel, especially between The Netherlands and Belgium, as neighbouring countries with more or less similar immigration histories. We focus on the period since 1945. At our workshop we also look at transferrals at a more theoretical level, and between other countries.

Sources

The last session of our workshop is about the wealth of sources that has been generated by authorities, organisations and individual migrants. Part of this material has found its way into archives, but there are also still important lacunae. In this session we address the question how archives and heritage institutions can attract more material, and create a balanced collection, and how archives and heritage institutions can be partners in projects on migration.



Program

- From 8.45** **Welcome: coffee/tea**
- 9.30-9.45 Introduction by Marlou Schrover, Leiden University (chair)
- 9.45-10.15 Helena Wray, Middlesex University London
'What do states regulate when they regulate spousal migration?'
- 10.15-10.45 Christof Roos, University of Bremen
'EU Sorting. How immigrant categories are established in EU immigration politics'
- 10.45-11.00** **Break: coffee/tea**
- 11.00-11.30 Marco Martiniello, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM), Liège
'The development of European theoretical perspectives on immigration and incorporation'
- 11.30-12.00 Laura Block, European University Institute, Florence
'Regulating membership – Explaining restriction and stratification of family migration in Europe'
- 12.00-12.30 Tesseltje De Lange, University of Amsterdam
'Migrant workers or working migrants? Cross border policy influences on categorization, territoriality and rights'
- 12.30-13.30** **Lunch**
- 13.30-14.00 Chris Timmerman, Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies (CeMIS) University of Antwerp
'Imagining Europe from the Outside'
- 14.00-14.30 Bambi Ceuppens, Koninklijk Museum voor Midden-Afrika, Tervuren
'Matonge on the Move: Congolese Finding a Home in Belgium'
- 14.30-15.00 Idesbald Goddeeris, KU Leuven
'Migration debates in Flanders: a longue durée perspective on repatriation and regularisation'
- 15:00-15:30 Marjolein Schepers
'Policies crossing borders: The implementation of immigrant integration in Flanders, Belgium, 1970-2004'
- 15.30-15.45** **Break: coffee/tea**
- 15.45-16.15 Karim Ettourki, KADOC-KU Leuven, Piet Creve, Amsab-ISG, Ghent
'Looking for traces on migration in the past and the present'
- 16.15-16.45 Erhan Tuskan, IISH, Amsterdam
'Collections of migrants and their organizations in the making'
- 16.45-18.00** **Drinks**