

Demographic

Migrants, tourists, students,
asylum-seekers

Legal-political

Visa waiver policies, migration
policies, border protection

Sociological

Communication via phone, mail,
social media; knowledge and
attachment to other countries

Economic

Transportation costs, transportation
infrastructure, administrative costs
of travelling

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The Global Mobilities Project will set up a Global Mobilities Database (GMD), collecting information on a large palette of spatial mobilities, as well as their demographic, economic, sociological and legal-political aspects. Drawing on a range of sources from international organisations to private companies, from digital-trace to administrative data, the GMD will cover connections between countries from around the world in a longitudinal perspective.

Mobility across state borders is a key feature of our age. The number of transnational asylum-seekers, migrants, tourists, students, and refugees, not to mention the number of cross-border phone calls and online interactions, has grown rapidly—and often exponentially—over the last decades. This wide array of mobilities has also begun to attract the interest of social scientists. To date, no project has aimed at collecting a comprehensive, up-to-date global database of the many different forms of human mobility, from long-term resettlement to everyday commuting, and, then, analysed them simultaneously in an integrated way.

The Global Mobilities Database will help in:

1

Describe the world we live in and the trends that shape its transformation

2

Explore the correspondence, and possibly interaction, between different forms of mobility

3

Unravel the association between mobility trends and other social, economic and cultural trends

4

Elicit and test hypotheses about the causes and consequences of human mobility