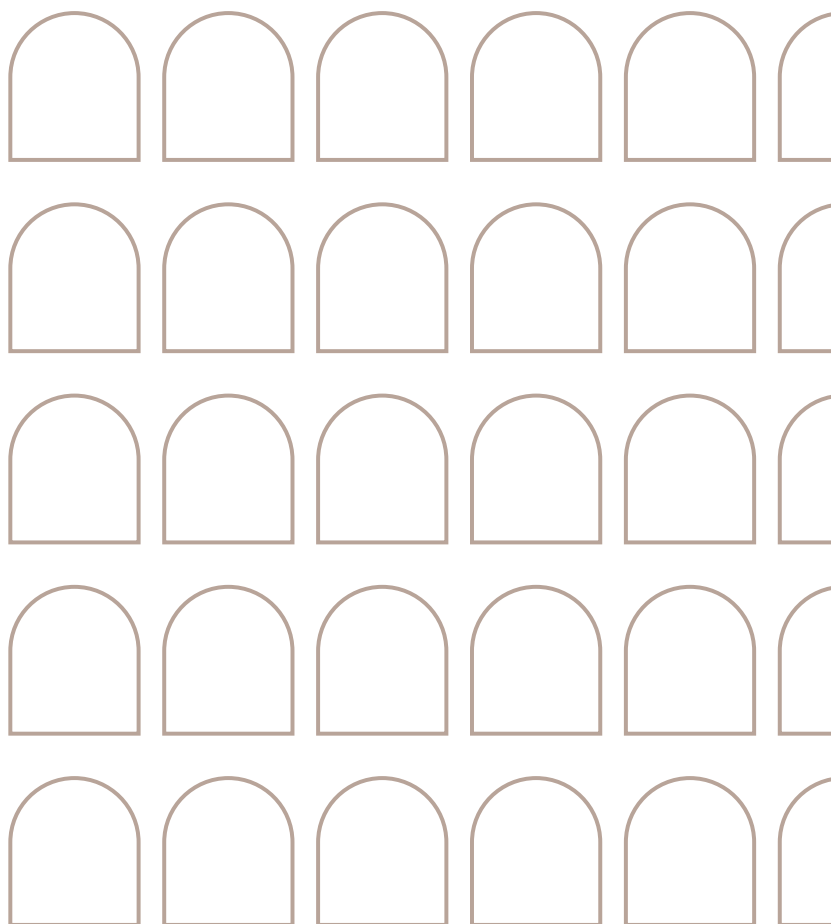


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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW



The mission of the Migration Policy Centre (MPC) at the European University Institute (EUI) is to conduct advanced research and training on the transnational governance of international migration, asylum and mobility. It provides new ideas, rigorous evidence and critical thinking to inform major European and global policy debates.

The MPC engages and collaborates with colleagues at EUI - including the School of Transnational Governance (STG), and the EUI's Departments of Political and Social Sciences, Economics, Law and History – as well as an extensive network of partners at other academic institutions and organisations with an interest in international migration and related public policy issues.

The MPC's three core aims are:

- **Advancement of academic research and knowledge:** The MPC conducts theoretical and empirical research that draws on a range of disciplines and methods. An explicit aim of our research is to make linkages across different types of migration (e.g. asylum and labour migration), geographies (e.g. linking migration processes and policies across countries and places), levels of policy-making and governance (e.g. global, supra-national, national, regional and local), and policy issues (e.g. linking migration to labour markets, welfare states, education, development, etc.). We believe that migration cannot be analysed comprehensively and regulated effectively without studying and understanding these important interconnections.
- **Policy engagement and dialogue:** The MPC aims to bridge academic research, public debates and policy-making related to the transnational governance of migration, asylum and mobility. We proactively engage with users of migration research to foster policy dialogues between researchers, policy-makers, migrants and a wide range of civil society organisations (including NGOs and the private business sector) in Europe and globally. In line with our aim to conduct research and analysis that connects different issues areas and levels of governance, the MPC seeks to contribute to major debates about migration policy and governance while building links with other key global challenges.
- **Training and teaching:** The MPC provides advanced training for researchers, policy officials, civil society organisations and others dealing with migration issues in the form of executive training courses and our highly successful annual Migration Summer School. These activities are based on the research conducted at the MPC. We coordinate the provision of training to the teaching and other activities of the EUI's School of Transnational Governance.



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am very happy to welcome you to the Migration Policy Centre's 2022 Annual Activity Report. In this report we document the work we do across all of our main areas of activity: research; training; and, policy dialogue.

As you will see from the report, we work on a wide range of issues with a genuinely global focus and engage with users of our work all over the world. While we were very busy throughout the year, a particular highlight in 2022 was our 18th Migration Summer School, which was held in person for the first time since the pre-pandemic days of 2019 and brought 27 participants from 23 different countries for two weeks of discussion and interaction about global migration.

The purpose of this report is not only to show the scope of our activities but also to demonstrate that we are a Centre that has partnership and collaboration at the centre of all of its activities. We hope that you find this activity report useful and please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you want further information about our activities.

Best wishes,

Andrew Geddes

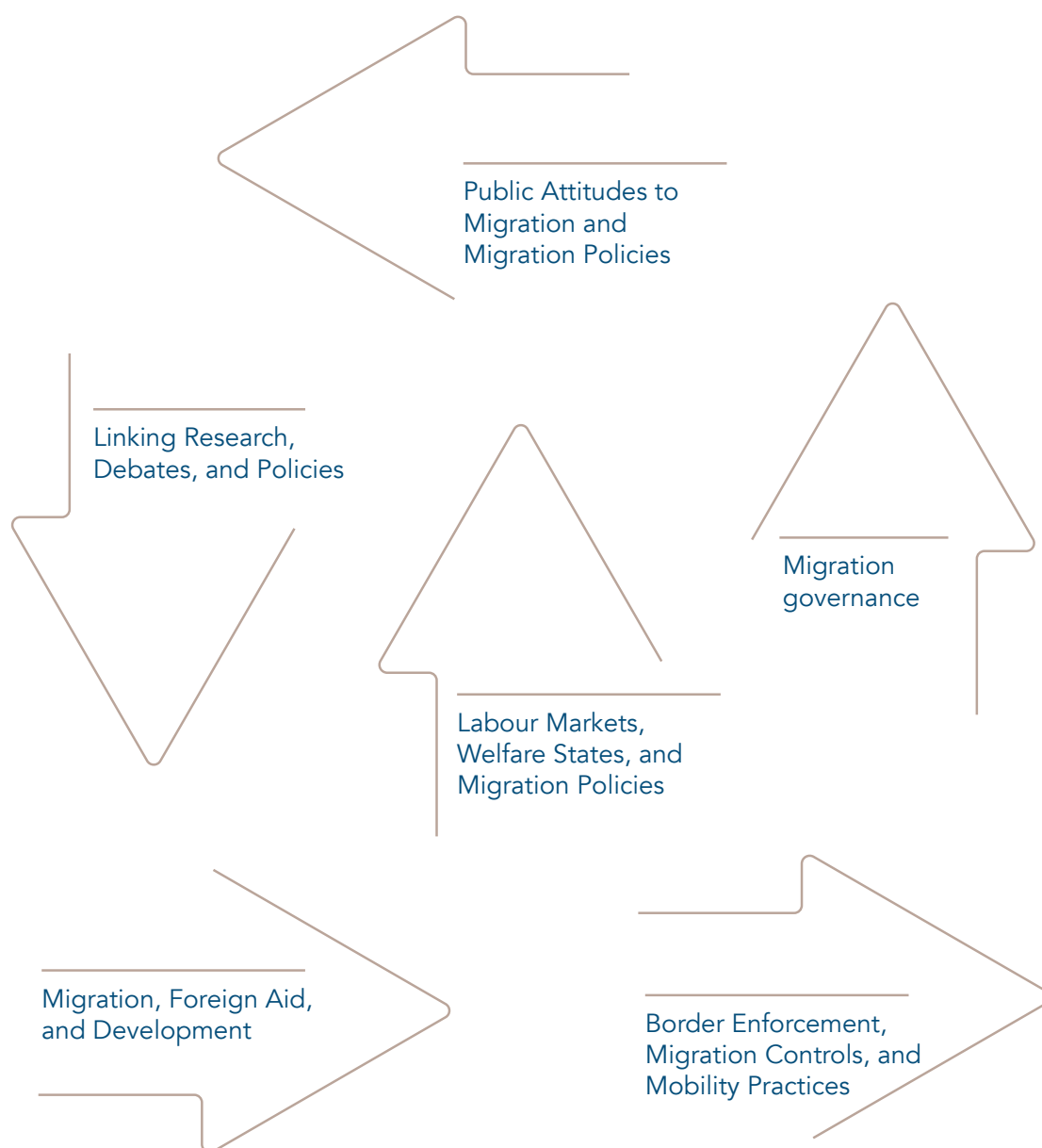
Professor of Migration Studies and Director of the Migration Policy Centre



SECTION 2

THE MPC SCIENTIFIC PROFILE

ACADEMIC RESEARCH THEMES



ACADEMIC PROJECTS



17 The MPC's activities were organised around 17 projects



Mig.Res.Hub.

Migrants and Systemic Resilience: A Global COVID-19 Research and Policy Hub (MigResHub)

Funding: RSCAS, EUI

The primary aim of MigResHub is to facilitate research and policy debates on how migrant labour shapes the resilience of the provision of essential goods and services to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and to similar shocks in the future. The Hub concentrates on three essential goods and services around the world: food and agriculture; health services; and social care.



Free Movement of Workers and European Welfare States (FreeEUmove)

Funding: MPC

The right to free movement of workers is one of the fundamental pillars of the European Union (EU), yet the conditions under which it occurs have been subject to considerable political debates between EU Member States. Therefore, it is important to ask and analyse whether and why cross-country differences in national welfare institutions generate tensions with the free movement of workers, and how they can be reduced to help ensure the political sustainability of unrestricted intra-EU labour mobility in the future.



IT Tools and Methods for Managing Migration FLOWS (ITFLOWS)

Funding: H2020 DG Research & Innovation

ITFLOWS will propose tailor-made solutions for practitioners and policy makers for managing migration. The purpose of ITFLOWS is to provide accurate predictions and adequate management solutions of migration flows in the EU in the phases of reception, relocation, settlement, and integration of migration, according to a wide range of human factors and using multiple sources of information.



Global Asylum Governance and the European Union's Role (ASILE)

Funding: H2020 DG Research & Innovation

ASILE studies the interactions between emerging international protection systems and the United Nations Global Compact for Refugees, with a particular focus on the EU's role. Adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, it examines the characteristics of international and country-specific asylum governance instruments and arrangements, and their compatibility with international and regional human rights and refugee laws.



Observatory of Public Attitudes to Migration (OPAM)

Funding: MPC and International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

OPAM gathers and analyses data on public attitudes to migration from across the world. It produces cutting-edge scientific research explaining how attitudes to migration are formed and how they affect political outcomes at both the individual and country level. It provides expertise to national and international organisations across Europe and beyond.



Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration (MEDAM)

Funding: Stiftung Mercator

The MEDAM project conducts new research to inform EU debates about asylum and migration policies, and to understand better the relationship between migration and development. Funded by the Mercator Foundation, MEDAM comprises of the Institute for the World Economy; the European Policy Centre; and the MPC of the EUI.



Global Mobilities Project (GMP)

Funding: MPC

The GMP creates and analyses a comprehensive database covering the demographic, economic, sociological, and legal-political dimensions of human mobility. The database will be a valuable, open source for researchers, the informed public and for policymakers, providing fact-based responses to questions about the causes and the consequences of human mobilities.



Un-Owned Personal Data

Funding: EUI Research Council

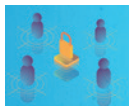
The project investigates whether advanced technologies, inherent in interoperable information systems in the Area of Freedom Security and Justice (AFSJ), undermine the fundamental rights of third-country nationals, including asylum seekers.



DoMiCoP – Diffusion of Migration Control Practice

Funding: H2020 DG Research & Innovation, Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement

The migrant influx has increased the implementation of EU control actions. At the core of these actions stand communities of practice (organised groups of professionals who share a common concern) that elaborate knowledge and implement policy actions. However, the nexus between everyday acquired knowledge, communities of practice and policymaking has not yet been systematically studied. The EU-funded DoMiCoP project will provide answers on how and why communities of practice in the EU develop and diffuse the knowledge needed to activate migration control. The project will identify fields in which communities of practice are formed, analyse them by focusing on the configuration of actors and institutions involved, and reveal the role non-state institutions play in increasing knowledge about less-studied fields of policymaking and policy diffusion.



Citizenship, Migration and Mobility in a Pandemic (CMMP)

Funding: EUI Research Council, National Center of Competence in Research for migration and mobility studies (NCCR – on the move)

Public health measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 affect human mobility. Some states apply these measures only to those with citizenship, while others include foreign residents and settled migrants. The CMMP team examines how these choices challenge understandings of citizenship, migration and mobility; specifically, by addressing

three sub-questions: (1) who is guaranteed the right to cross the country's borders?; (2) who qualifies for evacuation and consular assistance?; and (3) who is entitled to public healthcare and social protection? The empirical analysis draws on an original longitudinal dataset of restrictions on human movement with global coverage (CMMP dataset).

DILEMMAS **The ethics of migration policy dilemmas (DILEMMAS)**

Funding: MPC

'Dilemmas' analyses fundamental ethical dilemmas in policy-making on migration and refugee protection. 'Dilemmas' aims to expand the focus of existing normative research by adopting a 'bottom-up' approach that identifies specific policy challenges and dilemmas that migration policy-makers and civil society actors in the migration field face but that have not yet been considered by mainstream normative political theorizing.

E-MINDFUL **Enhancing Migration Narrative to Develop Further Union's Long-term actions (E-MINDFUL)**

Funding: European Commission DG Home via the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE)

The E-MINDFUL project offers the opportunity to leverage the role and respective mandates of the ILO as custodian of the key international convention on labour migrations, and of the OSCE, a regional security organization with a multi-dimensional mandate on migration, in the framework of the EU Agenda on Migration. The E-MINDFUL project wishes to pool collective knowledge and experiences about communicating migration to explore effective messaging that can resonate beyond audiences who are already supportive, and to learn from impactful as well as counterproductive communication strategies.

AFAR **Algorithmic Fairness for Asylum-Seekers and Refugees (AFAR)**

Funding: Volkswagen Foundation "Challenges for Europe" programme.

AFAR ('Algorithmic Fairness for Asylum Seekers and Refugees') investigates the usages of new technologies in migration and asylum governance, in particular the automation or part-automation of decisions normally taken by humans. The project includes work packages to map the use of new technologies in migration and asylum in Europe; explore the evolving overlapping legal standards in this domain; analyse public attitudes and perceptions of fairness in the use of new technologies in migration and asylum governance; and develop proposals to reform practices for fairness. The MPC's contributions to AFAR include (i) analysis of public perceptions of the use of new technologies in migration and asylum governance, and (ii) the development of an executive training programme.



Migrant Integration in Small Communities (Whole-COMM)

Funding: H2020 DG Research & Innovation

Whole-COMM proposes an innovative whole-of-community (WoC) approach to the analysis of the integration of post-2014 migrants in small and medium-sized towns and rural areas (SMsTRA).

Measuring Irregular Migration and related Policies (MirreM)

Funding: Horizon Europe DG Research & Innovation

MirreM addresses the challenge of insufficient knowledge about irregular migration and regularisation in Europe by actively involving relevant stakeholders in every stage of this project – as co-creators of its results and as stakeholders to its mission. In a rigorous comparative and multi-level study, we will assess the policies, data needs and estimates that define migrant irregularity in 11 EU member states, the UK, Canada, the USA and five transit countries. Using several coordinated pilots we will develop new and innovative methods for measuring irregular migration and ‘regularisation scenarios’, we explore if and how these instruments can be transferred or scaled up to other socio-economic or institutional conditions.

War and Fun: Reconceptualizing Warfare and Its Experience (WARFUN)

Funding: H2020 ERC DG Research & Innovation

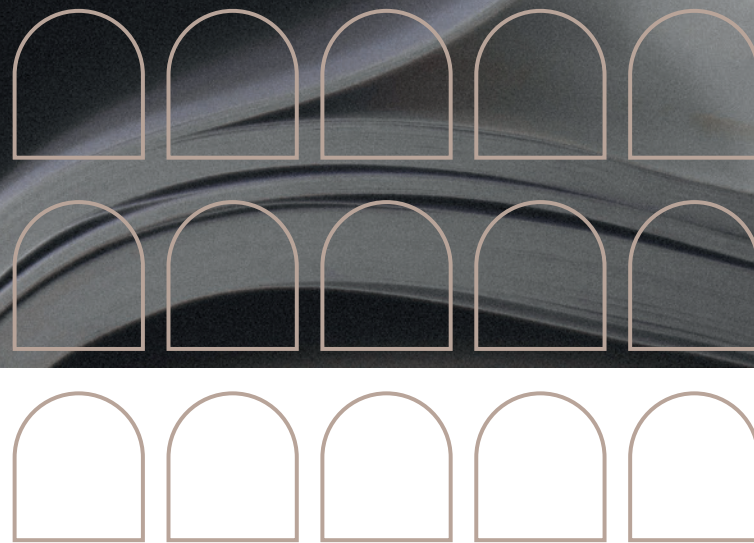
Fun as a key component of war. By studying the role and implications of fun for soldiers and veterans, the EU-funded WARFUN project aims to reframe the way we understand how war unfolds, what it means to be at war, and what the long-term effects of war are on soldiers and veterans. War produces enormous suffering. By examining the connection between war and fun, the MPC contributes to this project with a research focus on the intricate relationship between fun and war-displaced communities, such as Syrian refugees. This strand of research explores the role of fun in migrants’ lives, aiming to offer a more positive view of their experiences. Despite the daunting challenges migrants face, their resilience through fun and humor is remarkable. The research has two primary objectives: 1) to contest the prevailing narrative of migration as characterized by death, loneliness, and violence by emphasizing moments of joy, and 2) to investigate how fun shapes contemporary human migration by facilitating journeys, settlements, and the development of friendships and solidarity networks.

Gaza case study

Funding: DfID/UK Research and Innovation funded study: Collaborative Humanitarian Protection Research Programme via Proteknon

MPC contribution was to:

1. Plan the research, which includes meetings and coordinating with partners and other researchers on the team.
2. Conduct desk review of relevant literature.
3. Capacity building: a. Participate in training on Social Network Analysis and b. Train local research team
4. Supervise researchers and oversee data collection and data analysis.
5. Analysis and writing, including publications and research dissemination.

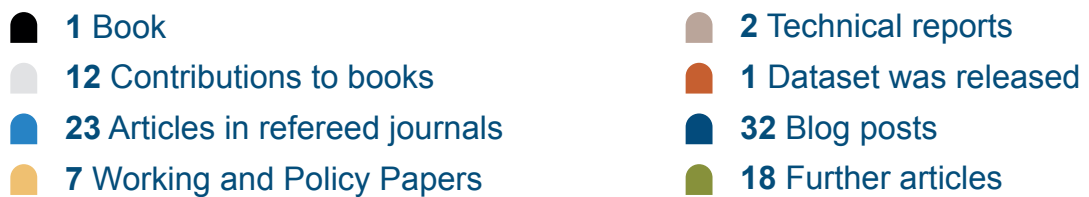
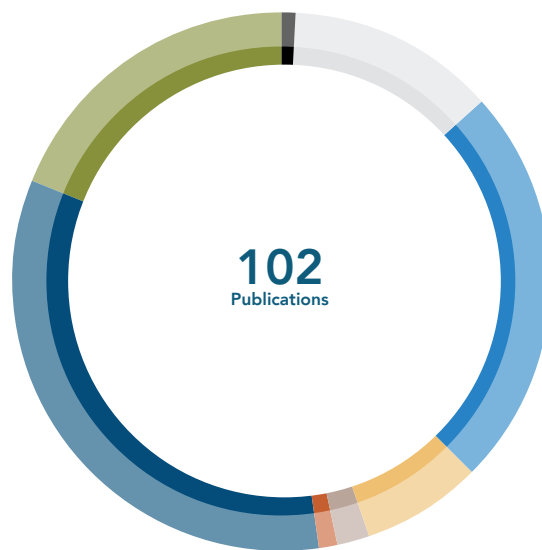


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SCIENTIFIC OUTPUTS

OUTPUTS AND IMPACT

During 2022, MPC staff published 1 book, 12 contributions to books and 23 articles in refereed journals. 7 Working and Policy Papers, as well as Policy Briefs, 2 technical reports and 1 dataset were released. 32 blog posts were issued, and 18 further articles in various other media outlets.



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SECTION 4

TRAINING AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES



PHILOSOPHY

Our training and teaching activities are based on the research that we conduct. They work as a form of exchange with policy makers, diplomats, members of civil society organisations, media, and the private sector. When preparing our trainings and developing them, we rely heavily on the expertise of participants. Our goal is to work together with participants on their portfolios to develop a stimulating learning experience that connects academic research with policy experience.

IMPACT

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

MPC training activities support and enhance professional development by bridging advanced research and the practical experiences of a wide variety of stakeholders including academics, diplomats, policy officials, civil society organisations, international organisations, and journalists.

MPC trainings provide an opportunity to step back from individual or organisational perspectives and to build connections in a learning environment that is interactive, inclusive, and immersive.

- In 2022, MPC organised five training activities: three short events lasting three to four days in Florence ([Migration Communication Strategies, Effective Migration Management, Critical Perspectives on Global Asylum Governance in light of the United Nations Global Compact on Refugees and the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum](#)); one three-day training in Kampala, Uganda ([The transnational governance of migration and mobility](#)); and the two-week [Migration Summer School](#) in Florence.
- Around 120 participants took part in these training activities in 2022 from 52 different nationalities and 95 organisations from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania. This diversity of origin, professional background and career experience has been essential to the success of our activities as we were able to effectively combine expert inputs with practical case-study sessions and skills sharing based on participants' own expertise.
- Participants actively engaged in discussions of recent research on migration policy drivers and policy impacts, at times also offering a critical perspective on policy options. A recurrent praise for our training activities is that they effectively balance scientific expertise and hands-on learning. Participants integrated data and information discussed during the training activities into their work; for example, [Ruchi Singh](#) used research on labour migration discussed during the training on Effective Migration Management for a report she was commissioned to write. Vice versa, discussions with participants of the Migration Summer School 2022 were used to expand the scope of the book [Encounters in an archive: Objects of Migration / Photo-Objects of Art history](#).
- Our training activities facilitated professional development and exchange beyond the classroom. Many of our participants remained in contact after our events through our online tools, such as [Linkedin groups for alumni](#). We also involved some of our participants in other activities, including teaching to masters' students (e.g. [Upasana Khadka](#), Migration Summer School of 2019 and expert at Human Rights Watch; [Giulia Cragnolini](#), Effective Migration Management training of 2022 and Refugee Status Determination Associate at UNHCR) and collaborative project proposals (e.g. [Bridget Healy](#), Senior Analyst at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada).

PARTICIPANTS

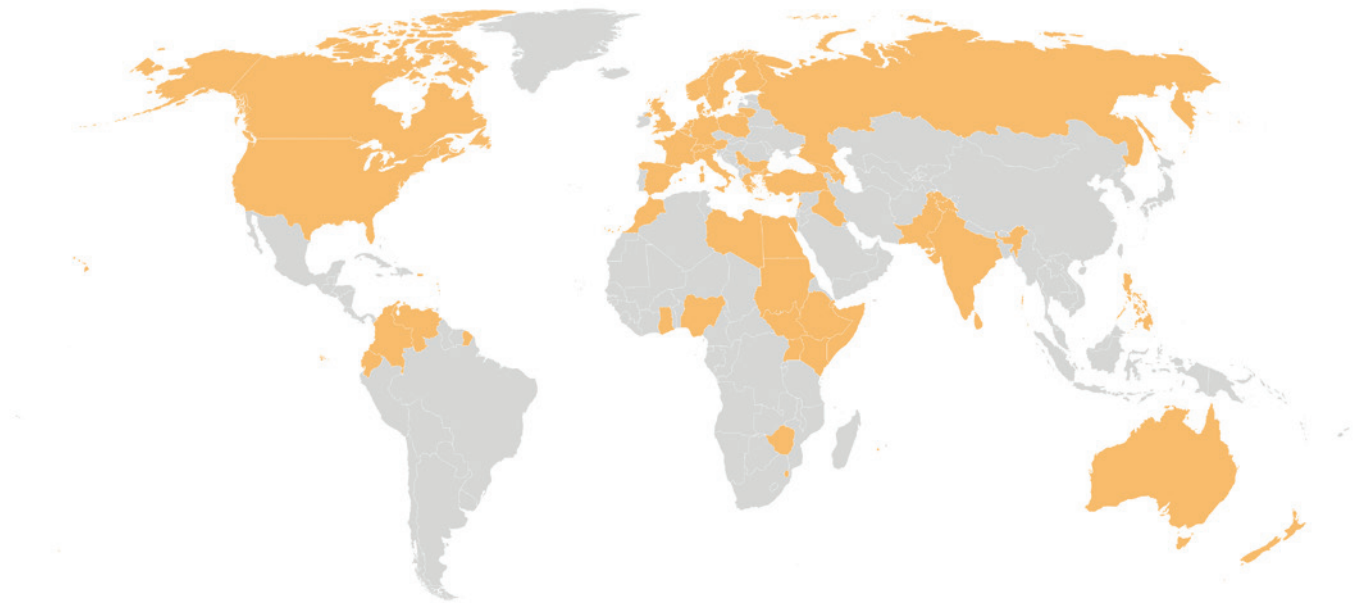
Total number of
nationality countries

115

Training & teaching
participants

113

Countries

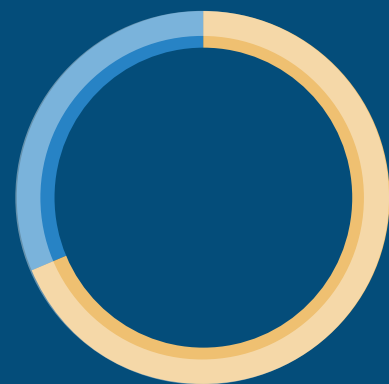


115 Total number of training &
teaching participants



- 8 Civil society
- 36 International organisation
- 34 Public administration
- 37 Research

Participant's gender



- 79 Female
- 36 Male

EXECUTIVE TRAININGS

Migration communication strategies: effective approaches to depolarise the debate

Dates: 18-20 May 2022

Format: hybrid

Coordinators: Andrew Geddes, Lorenzo Piccoli

Location: Florence, Italy

Description:

Migration is a controversial topic. It is increasingly difficult to discuss it without being accused of spreading fake news or provoking heated debates. As a result, there is growing uncertainty about what type of communication strategies on migration are most effective in changing attitudes. This Executive Training developed and strengthened the participants' communication skills around migration. The training combined academic research with the experience of professionals working in the field both in the public and the private sector. During eight interactive sessions, participants worked together to identify and understand some of the key challenges and good practices of migration communication. The first part of the training was dedicated to apprehending the factors that shape how people perceive and react to migration and what effects those have on society. The second part of the training applied these factors to migration communication campaigns, explaining what strategies are most effective to engage the audience and depolarise the debate.

24 Participants



18 Female

6 Male

Affiliation

3 Civil society

10 International organisation

6 Public administration

5 Research

Feedback from participants:

I thought this was the perfect mix of academic and practical since it conveyed lots of interesting insights about how to incorporate research on public attitudes toward migration into communication campaigns that actually work. I was really impressed by how well the hybrid format worked, too. I know it's not easy to make it feel like online participants are also in the room, but of course Marina Vlachodimitropoulou and Lorenzo Piccoli (and the technical team) pulled it off.

Still feeling the energy of three intense and thought-provoking days at the training "Migration Communication Strategies"! Thanks a lot to the School of Transnational Governance and European University Institute for organising it, and to the other participants for the many insights and thoughtful discussions!

The transnational governance of migration and mobility in Africa

Dates: 20-22 July 2022

Format: on premise

Coordinators: Andrew Geddes, Lorenzo Piccoli, Mehari Taddele Maru

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Description:

What are the normative, institutional, and financial frameworks required for effective transnational governance of migration and mobility in Africa? This Executive Training enabled participants to develop a deeper ability to identify both the opportunities for and obstacles to effective and sustainable policy-making on human mobility. Working together in an interactive setting, participants examined the key bilateral, multilateral, and interregional frames of cooperation, with a focus on transnational decision-making processes and implementation in the African continent. The Training also provided an opportunity to examine recent regional and continental mega initiatives such as the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and facilitated discussion around transnational governance of mobility through the regulation of different political domains (border governance, protocols for free movement of persons, development aid, education, human rights, humanitarian disasters, public security, public health, tourism, trade).

24 Participants



13 Female

11 Male

Affiliation

2 Civil society

6 International organisation

12 Public administration

4 Research



Feedback from participants:

Such tailored trainings are really very helpful and useful. Having attended this training, I will now consider the implications of other governance issues on migration.

My experience was really memorable. I feel I have now developed an ever bigger interest in migration. I did not have experience of the role of IGAD in managing mobility in the continent. I will now pay greater attention to the role of RECs in bettering migration conditions as a whole.

Throughout the training, we discussed various solutions to migration challenges the nexus between governance, migration, and diplomacy. I will now approach my work on diaspora with more knowledge.

Effective migration management: putting policy into action

Dates: 5-7 October 2022

Format: on premises

Coordinators: Giulio Di Blasio, Leila Hadj-Abdou, Lorenzo Piccoli

Location: Florence, Italy

Description:

This executive training course developed and strengthened migration management skills and it provided a unique opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of migration both in its theoretical subtleties and as a very practical subject. This course provided officers and practitioners working in the field of migration with a holistic approach, looking at the issue of migration management from different perspectives and across different key themes in order to share knowledge and upgrade key expertise. Throughout the training, the different stages of migration management were explored including managing evidence, examining decision making processes, and implementation. The training combined insights from migration theory and empirical research, with knowledge about challenges and opportunities arising from political processes, and practical perspectives that occur at the operational level. Furthermore, it taught participants how to develop and apply migration management approaches from the level of policy design to implementation, considering operational constraints and opportunities.

25 Participants



Feedback from participants:

I really recommend this training to anyone interested migration policy making and implementation. It was a perfect mix of theory and practice that makes you appreciate the challenges that policy makers face.

What an insightful journey. Three days of enriching discussions and engagement on migration policies, drivers as well as managing migration crises. A perfect mix between theory and practice. I was lucky to be in an extremely diverse set-up with participants from 16 countries sharing their own perspectives and wealth of information on migration management. Big thanks goes to all of you for bringing us together and organizing a very rich training programme like this one.

18 Female

7 Male

Affiliation

1 Civil society

13 International organisation

7 Public administration

4 Research

ASILE training school containing refugees and migrants: allocating and attributing responsibility for human rights violations

Dates: 18-20 October 2022

Format: hybrid (on premises and live-streaming)

Coordinators: Sergio Carrera, Andrew Geddes

Location: Florence, Italy

Description:

This ASILE H2020 Project Training School focused on the state of the art on responsibility allocation, attribution and accountability when it comes to responsibility allocation, attribution and accountability for violations of migrant and refugee rights in the context of migration control policies. A specific focus was put on contained mobility policies implemented by states and other actors within the framework of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular migration (GCM). The Training School examined key forms, sources, and implications of variation in adaptation to global norms and standards, including the GCR. It studied the key actors and their cooperation arrangements with third countries. This included an assessment of the key issues and ways in which countries and world regions are dealing with similar or distinct issues of responsibility allocation, attribution, and jurisdiction in the context of human rights violations in the scope of migration and asylum management policies.

15 Participants



10 Female

5 Male

Affiliation

1 Civil society

1 International organisation

13 Research

Nationalities



SUMMER SCHOOL

18th Migration Summer School 2022

Dates: 27 June 2022 – 08 July 2022

Format: on premises

Coordinators: Andrew Geddes, Martin Ruhs, Lorenzo Piccoli

Location: Florence, Italy

Description:

The 18th Migration Summer School provided an opportunity for participants to be able to evaluate continuities and change in global migration, including, but not only, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To achieve its objectives, high-level scientific expertise were blended with extensive scope for participants to discuss their own ideas and to develop an enhanced perspective on their own professional and career development. The Summer School brought together an enriching mix of postgraduate students, civil servants, officials at international organizations, representatives from NGOs and other civil society organizations, journalists, policy analysts, and teachers from around the world. During two weeks, participants attended lectures, interactive workshops and debates held by members of the MPC as well as other academics and policy professionals, in addition to time for independent study and research. The aim was to contribute to a deeper understanding of the study of migration by combining insights from political, economic, sociological, legal and anthropological approaches to the topic. The Migration Summer School is also a unique opportunity to network with other participants from throughout the world and have access to some outstanding scholars in the field.

27 Participants



Feedback from participants:

The Migration Summer School did meet my expectations. The learning topics during the two weeks were relevant to my daily activities in the workplace and this has opened up a different approach for my department development

The group discussions during the Summer School were particularly valuable when they were targeted to achieve a concrete outcome (e.g. the citizens convention); very positive were also the interactive teaching methods and room for discussions / inputs from the participants.

The best aspects of the Migration Summer School were the exchange with the participants and lecturers; the broad range of topics discussed in the different sessions; the flawless organisation.

20 Female

7 Male

Affiliation

- 1 Civil society
- 6 International organisation
- 9 Public administration
- 11 Research

MASTERS' SEMINARS

Regulating Migration and Citizenship: Key Policy Challenges

Dates: January - April 2022

Format: Hybrid (on premises and online)

Coordinators: Lorenzo Piccoli, Martin Ruhs

Location: Florence, Italy

Description:

How should governments regulate the migration of workers, students, family members and asylum seekers? What rights and access to the labour market, welfare state and citizenship status should non-citizens be granted after admission? What can and should sending countries do to influence the dynamics and effects of international migration? Finding answers to these questions constitutes one of the main challenges of public policy in the 21st century. This seminar analysed research and policy perspectives on the regulation of international migration, including asylum and refugee protection. Using case-study methods, it critically examined competing policy objectives and trade-offs. As part of their assessment, students had to produce presentations, participate in case-study activities with policy-makers, and write an academic essay.



Feedback from participants:

I like the structure, the debates and the topics. I like that we have activities every-other week and that we have relevant guest speakers. I also like that we go in depth in the discussions and that Lorenzo brings up interesting questions that we can discuss and frames and guides the debate. I feel that when I leave this seminar, I have learned something and I become more engaged in the topic of migration , which doesn't always happen in other modules. I can more easily read news articles about migration topics and I am able to differentiate more between the different forms of migration too. I like that I have had the opportunity to do so in these seminars and I appreciate the attention to detail in the structure of the seminar.

Given that migration politics is an enormous field of study and policy area, I learned a lot about different aspects that have benefitted me particularly when I read the news, analyse articles and participate in discussions. While I won't pursue a career in this field, I have definitely benefitted from this course overall in my critical thinking. I was able to compare and contrast different issues, actors and policies within the area which I am grateful for. I think that everyone can benefit from learning more about migration because it is linked to everything in society which is my main takeaway from the course.

The Architecture of Migration Governance

Dates: September - December 2022

Format: Hybrid (on premises and online)

Coordinators: Lorenzo Piccoli

Location: Florence, Italy

Description:

The movement of people from one sovereign state to another has become a major field of political contestation in national societies, as well as in the international arena, as shown by the proliferation in the number of intergovernmental organisations, partnerships, and agreements. Against this background, the seminar laid out a series of heuristic frameworks for understanding the interests, interactions, and institutions that underlie global migration governance. We studied international migration as a transnational issue that is shaped by a range of actors within and beyond the state. We adopted a global outlook, comprehensively connecting different actors, geographies and types of migration. Our objective was to understand and explain how institutional actors behave, interact, and produce rules to regulate international migration. As part of their assessment, students had to deliver in-class presentations, write a short essay, and produce a seven-episode podcast entitled 'Across Borders. How Global Migration Politics Works'.



Feedback from participants:

I very much enjoyed this course. Because I have taken several migration course previously, I was initially concerned that some of the content might be repetitive, but I was glad to find out that I learned a great deal throughout the class. This was primarily due to the active class discussions which allowed me to learn from my peers' diverse experience and knowledge in relation to migration while lectures were kept to a minimum and rather functioned to streamline everyone's understanding on key topics. I liked the presentation assignment where students were asked to present and critically assess an academic paper of their choice.

The debates that were organized during some lectures were profoundly enriching, and the level of the course was overall excellent in most tasks it intended to pursue.

I loved the types of assignments we had. The podcast was a great experience and interviewing an expert helped me learn a lot about my topic of interest.



SECTION 5

POLICY DIALOGUE

MPC EVENTS



10

Webinars



7

Seminars



5

Conferences,
workshops,
book launches,
and other Events



7

Migration Working
Groups



27

External Events

29

MPC events

2778

Registrations

17

MPC webinars and seminars

6350

Youtube livestream views

MPC WEBINARS (ONLINE ONLY)

[Immigrants' Political Attitudes. Assimilation or Divergence?](#), 26 January 2022

[Migration policy-making in Africa: determinants and implications for cooperation with Europe](#), 9 February 2022

[The role of information provision in migration governance: Informing to dissuade?](#) 23 February 2022

[Alternative pathways for refugee protection in the global South](#), 2 March 2022

[Refugees from Ukraine in Poland: the situation on the ground and future prospects](#), 9 March 2022

[Rethinking Knowledge Production in Migration Research](#), 16 March 2022

[Critical approaches to the food-climate-migration nexus: a roundtable discussion - How today's global human displacement has been exacerbated](#), 4 May 2022

[Externalisation through privatisation: the role of non-state actors in border enforcement and asylum exclusion](#), 15 June 2022

[Current attitudes towards Ukrainian refugees](#), 4 July 2022

[Far\(ther\) from home: pathways to protection beyond the EU for those fleeing Ukraine](#), 6 July 2022

MPC SEMINARS (HYBRID OR ONLY ON PREMISES)

[Showcasing migration projects: innovative approaches on integration and governance](#), 1 April 2022

[Roundtable on Ukraine](#), 23 May 2022

[Protecting the rights of irregular migrants: policy dilemmas and strategies](#), 24 May 2022

[Restrictions on the emigration of women domestic workers from South Asia](#), 12 October 2022

[Externalizing EU migration management policies: responsibility and justice for human and refugee protection violations](#), 20 October 2022

[How to navigate the labyrinth of the EU asylum law and policy to refugees fleeing Ukraine?](#), 9 November 2022

[Health and well-being of Bangladeshi migrants in Italy](#), 29 November 2022

[Ethnic clustering in schools and early career outcomes](#), 7 December 2022

CONFERENCES, BOOK LAUNCHES, WORKSHOPS, A.O. EVENTS

[Visual Methodology in Migration Studies](#), book presentation, 27 January 2022

[Covering Muslims: American newspapers in comparative perspective](#), book presentation, 26 April 2022

[Migration and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine](#), roundtable as part of the MPC Annual Conference, 23 May 2022

[MPC Annual Conference 2022: Continuities and change in a migration world](#), 23-25 May 2022

[Drivers and migration policies shaping international student mobility in OECD countries](#), workshop, 3 June 2022

MIGRATION WORKING GROUP

[Borders and \(im\)Mobility along Migration Routes](#), 18 January 2022

[Strategies in migration management: deterrence or forecasting?](#) 15 February 2022

[Drivers behind mobility and reception in different eras](#), 15 March 2022

[How status matters? Economic integration and citizenship inclusion](#), 19 April 2022

[Digital and conventional means of migration control](#), 17 May 2022

[Political behaviour of migrants](#), 17 November 2022

[Changing realities of admission & visa policies](#), 15 December 2022

EXTERNAL EVENTS

[Migration and the illiberalism crisis in the EU](#), Conference Panel “The Rule of Law Crisis and the Migration Crisis Shaping the Future of Europe”, Central European University, Budapest, Leila Hadj-Abdou as presenter, 22 January 2022

[Repertoires of migration governance in the EU](#), The Emigration Observatory, Webinar, Andrew Geddes as speaker, 3 February 2022

[AU-EU Summit Debrief: A closer look at migration and mobility cooperation](#), European Policy Centre, Policy Dialogue, organised in the framework of the Mercator Dialogue on Asylum and Migration (MEDAM), looking at the outcomes of the 6th AU-EU Summit, Mehari Taddele Maru as moderator, 23 February 2022

Migration & Illiberalism, Seminar lecture (Seminar led by Professor Mathias Möschel), CEU, Legal Studies, Vienna Campus, Leila Hadj-Abdou as presenter, 2 March 2022

[*Repertoires of Migration Governance in the European Union*](#), VUB, lecture by Andrew Geddes, 23 March 2022

Illiberalism and anti-migration politics, Conference “Rechtsstaat und Demokratie unter Druck” [State of Law and Democracy under Pressure], Panel [*“The international dimension of the authoritarian turn”*](#), University of Vienna, Faculty of Law, Leila Hadj-Abdou as presenter, 25 March 2022

[*Human Mobility and National Borders in a Post-Covid World*](#), Three Lectures, Critical Conversations, American Library in Paris, Ettore Recchi as speaker, April-May 2022

[*The Civic Stratification of Status and Class Attainment: Micro- and macro-level effects of immigration on intergenerational social mobility in Europe*](#), Paper Presentation, ISA-RC28 Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, Ettore Recchi as presenter, 21 April 2022

How do democracies fare in an age of polarization, Workshop about Science and Politics, University of Vienna, Leila Hadj-Abdou as presenter, 5 May 2022

The geopolitical impact of the new EU Pact on Migration and Asylum Policies, at Conference [*“Towards a Europeanisation of migration policy? Lessons to be drawn from the instrumentalisation of migrants and the war in Ukraine”*](#), EESC, Martin Ruhs as speaker, 12 May 2022

How Permeable are State Borders Worldwide?, Global Development Network (GDN), Methodological Deep Dive Lecture online, Ettore Recchi as presenter, 18 May 2022

States as Gatekeepers: Lessons from Macro-Empirical Research on Visas and Borders Globally, MAPS (Migration and Asylum Policy Systems) Research Network, final conference, Università Orientale, Naples, Ettore Recchi as keynote speaker, 20 May 2022

[*Challenges and Opportunities in Predicting Migration*](#), ITFLOWS Policy Conference 2022, Lenka Dražanová as panel chair, 22 June 2022

[*How and why does early life socialization affect our attitudes and values?*](#), Seminario sobre la socialización en actitudes y valores anti-inmigración, The Spanish Research Council’s (CSIC) Institute of Advanced Social Studies (IESA), Lenka Dražanová as keynote speaker, 24 June 2022

[*Temporalities of Migration Governance*](#), IMISCOE, 19th IMISCOE Conference, Oslo, Leila Hadj Abdou as semi-plenary chair, 30 June 2022

[*Temporalities of Migration Governance*](#), IMISCOE, 19th IMISCOE Conference, Oslo, Mehari Taddele Maru as speaker, 30 June 2022

Assessing the Permeability of Global Land Borders, 19th IMISCOE Conference, Oslo, Ettore Recchi as presenter, 1 July 2022

Democracy in Crisis, European Forum Alpbach, Leila Hadj-Abdou as seminar chair (with Julia Mourao Permoser), 29 August - 2 September 2022

Changing migration, migration in change, [25th International Metropolis Conference Berlin](#), Lenka Dražanová as speaker, 6 September 2022

[EU migration and asylum policies: building resilience for changing geopolitical realities](#), Martin Ruhs and Lenka Dražanová as speaker, MEDAM project' Closing Conference, 13 October 2022

[Launch of the research network on Ukraine migration](#), Andrew Geddes, Lenka Dražanová, and Iuliia Lashchuk as speaker, 8 November 2022

Fundamental rights of irregular migrant workers, presentation of study, European Parliament, LIBE Committee meeting, Martin Ruhs as presenter, 8 November 2022

Using emotions in migration policy communication, 5th EUROMED Migration Workshop for public communicators, Morocco, Rabat, James Dennison as speaker, 10-11 November 2022

The rise of illiberal democracy & the politicization of migration, Workshop on migration politics in liberal and authoritarian regimes, Humboldt University Berlin, Leila Hadj-Abdou as presenter, 12 November 2022

Evidence based policy making in the migration/integration policy fields, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Bologna, Leila Hadj-Abdou as presenter, 5 December 2022

[Fluchtmigration aus der Ukraine](#), [MIDEM Annual Conference in Berlin](#), Lenka Dražanová as speaker, 5-6 December 2022

Hierarchical Age-Period-Cohort Models (HAPC), Lectures for researchers from the Global South, Methodological Deep Dive, Global Development Network, Lenka Dražanová as presenter, 2022

Multisite, Bottom-Up and Comparative Research Design, Lectures for researchers from the Global South, Methodological Deep Dive, Global Development Network, Federica Infantino as speaker, 2022

Border Security Management: Theory and Practice, *Lecture for the Border Security, Refugees and Counter Terrorism Course*, NATO and Centre for Excellence Defence Against Terrorism, Ankara, Turkey, Federica Infantino as speaker, 2022

Migration and Borders. Policies, Practices and Effects, Lecture, California State University, Florence, Federica Infantino as speaker, 2022



IMPACTS

Public attitudes to migration

In 2017, the MPC established the Observatory of Public Attitudes to Migration (OPAM) as a hub for data and research on attitudes to migration in Europe and beyond. Since then, OPAM has mobilized extensive evidence grounded in research expertise and applied this to wider public debates about the causes and effects of attitudes to migration and also effective strategies to communicate about migration.

Highlights from 2022 include

- MPC is partnering with five other institutions in a project led by the Herthie School in Berlin on the project Algorithmic Fairness for Asylum-Seekers (AFAR). MPC's contribution to AFAR will be led by Professor Martin Ruhs and MPC Research Fellow, Dr Lenka Drazanova. AFAR will analyse public perceptions of the use of new technologies in migration and asylum governance.
- The executive training *Migration Communication Strategies: Effective Strategies to Depolarise the Debate* brought together 25 participants from national governments, regional and international organisations, NGOs and CSOs.
- A strengthening of OPAM's long-standing cooperation with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development and its Euromed Migration projects (EMM IV and V). In November 2022, OPAM researcher and MPC part-time Professor, Dr James Dennison, presented to Euro-Mediterranean Migration Narratives Conference in Rabat (Morocco) on the role of emotions in effective migration communication and contributed to invited to a high-level evening roundtable on migration narratives in the MENA region and Europe. This was supported by new reports including *Strategic Communication for Migration Policymakers: Lessons from the State of the Science*.
- Engagement with the work of the European Commission included Dr Drazanova participating in a workshop hosted by the European Commission's Competence Centre on Modelling and Sense about Science EU to to enable people and policymakers to build confidence in models used for policy support and to scrutinise the quality, reliability and effectiveness of policy decisions using model-based evidence.

Contributions to the OECD's Network of Communication Officers on Migration, including in December 2022 when Professor Andrew Geddes presented on the resilience of attitudes to migration in light of recent crises (the migration crisis, the pandemic, the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine).



SECTION 6

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

COMMUNICATION STATISTICS

WEBSITE

58,000
unique users

▲ 14%



New Users
56,7K
▲ +12%

Pageviews
137,2K
▲ +13%

BLOG

16,7000
unique users

▲ 60%



New Users
16,7K
▲ +60%

Pageviews
29,5K
▲ +52%

While across the EUI there are **26** different blogs, the MPC's blog accounted for close to **40%** of all pageviews and users in 2022.

The top 5 most popular blog posts

[Europeans welcome Ukrainian refugees but governments need to show they can manage](#)

by Lenka Dražanová and Andrew Geddes - **2,134** page views

[Why are Ukrainian refugees welcomed in Central and Eastern Europe?](#)

by Lenka Dražanová - **1,682** views

[Migrants or refugees? 'Let's do both'. Brazil's response to Venezuelan displacement challenges legal definitions](#)

by Leiza Brumat - **1,632** views

[Barriers to free movement in Africa: How to remove them?](#)

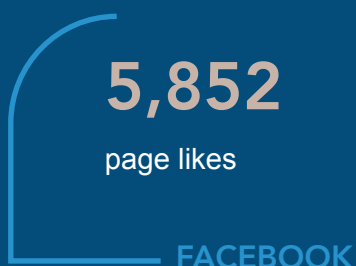
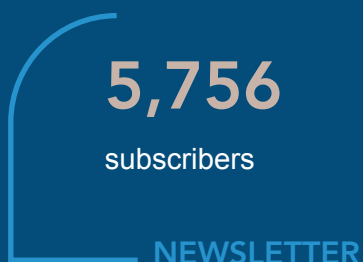
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