

Needs and Care Practices for Refugees and Migrants

1st Annual CESSMIR Conference

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CONFERENCE THEME

The migration and mobility of people, whether forced by circumstances of violence, conflict or poverty or as a certain choice during people's live, is a phenomenon of all times. However, worldwide globalization processes have accelerated these phenomena and the influences they have on the social, cultural, economic and political fabric of societies. On top, several conflicts worldwide have created a significant increase in the number of refugees seeking protection in different parts of the world, including the European continent.

Migration, mobility and fleeing may challenge the involved individuals, families, communities and societies, creating a range of diverse and sometimes complex needs. Moreover, the growing numbers of migrants and refugees have challenged the existing care and need structures for these groups in different life domains, such as education, health, law and labour, with increasing pressures on societies' main principles of solidarity and human rights.

IMPORTANT DATES

April
15

Deadline for abstract
submission

June
1

Notification of acceptance

July
1

Deadline for early
registration

Sept.
1

Deadline for late registration

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Submission and registration for the 1st Annual CESSMIR Conference about Care and Needs Practices for Refugees and Migrants can only be done through our brand new website www.ugent.be/cessmir.

In this conference, we invite scholars, policy makers and practitioners to discuss their perspectives and experiences on the compelling needs of different groups of refugees, migrants and newcomers in a global perspective and the diverse ways to address these needs. We hereby want to focus on:

Interdisciplinary perspectives

The needs and care processes and the social groups that form part of these processes involve many different aspects and life domains, and touch upon a range of different disciplines and fields (e.g., economics, sociology, pedagogy, psychology, history, linguistics, criminology, political science, law, (migration) policy, communication sciences and media studies, social work and medical sciences). An interdisciplinary dialogue is therefore necessary to realize a better understanding in this field and to better support the societal debate herein.

Transdisciplinary perspectives

Including perspectives of researchers, practitioners, organisations and policy makers will broaden our views on the needs of and support for refugees and migrants and will facilitate developing new approaches in this field.

Transnational perspectives

Input from a great variety of countries and especially countries from the global South might be stimulating and intellectual challenging for all those involved. At the same time, this transnational perspective might increase the cooperation between the global North and global South in order to enhance the creation of sustainable networks that might facilitate possibilities to create transnational networks branching the boundaries of disciplines, research and countries.

CONFERENCE STREAMS

Within this framework, submissions will be welcomed on the following conference streams, which you will need to choose one from during submission of your paper:

- 1) Education, language and integration (e.g., education for children, language classes, integration policies, leisure time, community building, media representation and educational initiatives in refugee camps)
- 2) Work (e.g., access to the labour market, vocational skills training, income-generating activities for refugees/migrants and labour exploitation)
- 3) Wellbeing, identity and resources (e.g. transnational identities, support practices, identity development, coping, social support, religion, multilingualism and protective refugees situations)
- 4) Health and health care (e.g., health problems, health care issues, preventive health care, emergency health care and psychological problems)
- 5) Trajectories and place-making (e.g. transit migrants, housing, impact on urbanization, migration trajectories and routes and return migration)
- 6) Law, asylum & rights (e.g. international protection (refugee status/subsidiary protection), family reunification, citizenship, legal aid)
- 7) Reception & housing (e.g., reception for asylum applicants, refugee camps)

Throughout these different streams, specific emphasis can be put on certain cross-cutting themes and groups, such as women, elderly, minors, ethics, discrimination, policy, age, gender, family and in- and exclusion processes. Moreover, we strongly welcome contributions highlighting these main conference themes in the global South and contributions from practitioners and policy-makers.

The conference will be held in English. The following formats will be accepted for submission:

Symposia

A symposium is a focused group of presentations on a common theme. The format consists of oral presentations. Symposia goals should include diversity and integration of perspectives. To attain cohesion, the symposium should focus on a specific topic and emphasize conceptual issues and the integration of findings. Symposium organizers are encouraged to include multiple disciplines and international participants, at least from two different countries. A symposium lasts 90 minutes and consists of 3 to 4 presenters and a chair. Each presenter is given about 15 minutes, and we encourage to have at least 30 minutes for general discussion and interaction with the audience, led by the symposium chair.

When submitting for a symposium, an overall symposium's title and abstract (max. 2,000 characters) needs to be submitted, together with a presenter's name, title and abstract (max. 2,000 characters) for each individual abstract. This submission needs to be done by one person.

Individual papers

Individual papers are grouped into thematic sessions of 4 to 5 papers based on the selected stream. Each accepted paper is given 15 minutes for presentation, followed by 5 minutes for discussion with the audience. Each thematic session lasts 90 minutes. Submissions for individual paper presentations should include a proposal of no more than 2,000 characters. A reference list is not required.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

You should consider the following things when you submit your abstract for presenting at the 1st Annual CESSMIR Conference about Needs and Care Practices for Refugees and Migrants.

- 1) Number of submissions as a presenter is limited to 2.
- 2) During submission for each format, you will be asked to choose one of the 7 proposed conference streams above.
- 3) Please indicate the presenting author when submitting the abstract. The presenting author is required to register for attending the conference as well.
- 4) When asked for your name, please enter your full name: first name, surname.
- 5) All information for the entered submissions must be typed or copied and pasted into text boxes on the submission website. Note that this website is not a working tool, but a final submission tool. Prepare your submissions offline and when ready copy everything on the submission website.
- 6) For all submissions, please use the online submission tool by clicking here.

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