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1. GRITIM-UPF News

- GRITIM-UPF admits the Syrian refugee Mayar Skhita as student in relation to the winning project of the UPF’s competition Social Responsibility at the University, in which John Palmer has been one of the initiators. UPF will cover the costs for his admission fee and housing, as well as offer him additional services.
- GRITIM-UPF has been collaborating with UPF’s Refugee Law Clinic and members of the university administration to improve access to legal assistance for refugees. More information.
- New GRITIM-UPF research project: An action grant from the European Commission/DG Justice within the field of anti-discrimination has been granted for the project “Roma inclusion in education: fostering constructive attitudes and good practices in the Barcelona area,” proposed by Zenia Hellgren who is the director and PI of the project. Other GRITIM-UPF members involved are Lorenzo Gabrielli and Evren Yalaz as researchers. The project will be launched in January, 2017.
- Ricard Zapata represented GRITIM as intercultural policy expert at the Mediterranean Forum 2016.
- GRITIM-UPF organized the roundtable Responsabilitat Social Corporativa i diversitat a l’empresa; un benefici per a tothom together with Fundació Comtal, whose project Em dic Benjamin i no em vull quedar enrere received support by GRITIM-UPF and Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- Núria Franco-Guillén won the Department of Political and Social Sciences’ award for the best doctoral thesis.
- We welcome Iván Martín from the Migration Policy Centre-European University Institute in Florence as new GRITIM-UPF researcher.
- Hélène Thiollet from Sciences Po, Paris, stayed with us as Visiting scholar from October-December, 2016.
- Darian Heim defended his doctoral thesis "Migrant Tongues. Justice, Language Policy, and the Family" successfully on October 3d and received an "Excellent."
- The 8th edition of the Master in Migration Studies started with 27 students from all over the world.
- The Master in Migration Studies received support from the Intercultural Cities Program of the Council of Europe
- Apply now for the 9th edition of the Master in Migration Studies. The first round of the application process is open until January 16th, 2017.
2. GRITIM-UPF Publications


GRITIM-UPF members in the media:

- Interview with Lorenzo Gabrielli about border control and the CIE centers, on BTV. See video here (minute 6:40)
- Gemma Pinyol in El Punt (in Catalan): La jornada Ernest Lluch se centra en la crisi dels refugiats

3. GRITIM-UPF Working Paper Series

The latest publication of our series is:

**Number:** 30 - Winter, 2016  
**Author:** Lorenzo Gabrielli (GRITIM-UPF)

**Download:** Multilevel inter-regional governance of mobility between Africa and Europe. Towards a deeper and broader externalisation

The purpose of the GRITIM-UPF Working Paper Series is to disseminate academic research work-in-progress that contributes to the European approach on immigration and diversity. It is peer reviewed and published quarterly. Submit your proposal to be published and check and download the articles already published!

4. GRITIM-UPF Activities

Upcoming activities during the winter 2017:

See our Research Seminar Series 2016-2017. The following seminars will be organized during the Winter trimester:
1. Adrian Favell: Immigration, Integration and Mobility: New Agendas for Migration Studies in Britain and Europe

Date: 19th of January 2017, 15:00-18:00
Place: UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC)

Abstract: Presenting the core of his new book, Immigration, Integration and Mobility: New Agendas in Migration Studies, Adrian Favell will discuss how new internal migrations and mobilities in Europe since the 2000s have messed up traditional nation-state centred conceptions of immigration and integration. These misconceptions lie behind the virulent anti-EU migrant politics driving the British towards an EU membership referendum almost certain now to take place in 2017, and illustrate how much public debate under-appreciates the degree to which British economy and society -- particularly London and the South East -- is intimately embedded in Europe.

BIO: Professor of Sociology at Sciences Po, Paris and (from Aug 2015) Chair of Sociology and Social Theory at the University of Leeds. He is the author of various works on multiculturalism, migration, cosmopolitanism and cities, including Philosophies of Integration: Immigration and the Idea of Citizenship in France and Britain (1998), The Human Face of Global Mobility: International Highly Skilled Migration in Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific (with Michael Peter Smith, 2006), and Eurostars and Eurocities: Free Movement and Mobility in an Integrating Europe (2008). A collection of his essays, Immigration, Integration and Mobility: New Agendas in Migration Studies, including more recent work on East-West migration and anti-EU politics in Britain, has just been published by ECPR Press (2014). He also writes about urban development and politics in Turkey, and Japan as a model of the “post-growth” society.

2. Christina Isabel Zuber: Why it is easier to become Catalan than South Tyrolean - Explaining the immigrant integration policies of minority regions

Date: 19th of January 2017, 15:00-18:00
Place: UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC)

Abstract: The talk will present the main theoretical argument and key empirical findings from my book project on minority regions and immigration. The aim of my book is to explain why minority regions sometimes opt to address immigrants with inclusive, other times with exclusive policies. I compare South Tyrol in Italy and Catalonia in Spain, two autonomous minority regions with comparable competencies to decide on integration policies. Both regions share similar immigration patterns, yet differ in their integration policies. I argue that historical migration experiences continue to determine contemporary responses to immigration via a mechanism of locked-in policy frames: Whereas Catalan elites originally chose to frame Spanish migration to Catalonia as an advantage, Italian migration to South Tyrol was framed as a threat. I show that these frames limit the strategic choices available to minority elites when addressing the topic of immigration until the present day.

BIO: Christina Isabel Zuber is Assistant Professor for German Politics and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz. She holds a Magistra Artium in Political Science, Slavic Languages and Philosophy and a Doctor in Political Science from the University of Cologne. Before joining the University of Konstanz, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), a Fritz Thyssen fellow at the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona and taught at the Universities of Zurich and Lucerne. Her articles have appeared inter alia in Comparative Political Studies, Party Politics, the European Journal of Political Research and the Journal of Political Philosophy.


Date: 15th of February 2017, 15:00-18:00
Place: UPF - Campus Ciutadella (Building TBC, Room TBC)

Abstract: The talk will reflect on the shifting and contested meanings of ‘crisis’ in the context of the rapid growth in irregular sea crossings in the Mediterranean and the response of the EU and EU states to this ‘unwanted’ human mobility. It explores how different actors have constructed narratives of the ‘crisis’ that are sometimes irreconcilable and considers how such narratives have been mobilised towards a range of goals.

BIO: Nando Sigona is Senior Lecturer and Deputy Director of the Institute of Research into Superdiversity at the University of Birmingham. His research interests include: statelessness, diasporas and the state; Romani politics and anti-Gypsyism; ‘illegality’ and the everyday experiences of undocumented migrant children and young people; and crisis, governance and governmentality of forced migration in the EU.
His work has appeared in a range of international academic journals, including Sociology, Social Anthropology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Identities, Citizenship Studies and Ethnic and Racial Studies. He is author or editor of books and journal’s special issues including The Oxford Handbook on Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (with Fiddian Qasmiyeh, Loescher and Long, 2014), Sans Papiers. The social and economic lives of undocumented migrants (with Bloch and Zetter, 2014) and Diasporas Reimagined (with Gamlen, Liberatore and Neveu Kringelbach, 2015). Nando is also Associate Editor of the journal Migration Studies. He has written for Newsweek, The Independent, Libération, OpenDemocracy and The Conversation. He has held visiting research and teaching positions at University of Oxford, and the European University Institute.

5. Suggested readings

- Eurofound report: Approaches to the labour market integration of refugees and asylum seekers