

MigraMove Research projects

Project Name	Short description	Researcher
Migrant Detention and Resistance within Total Institutions amid Democratic Backsliding	<p>The project investigates the transformations that protest and resistance undergo in times of democratic backsliding and authoritarian shifts. It does so by looking at the extreme case of migrants' incarceration within total institutions and by exploring the forms of protest and resistance that are brought forward within and around prisons and detention centers. The research provides a comparative analysis of migrant incarceration in Italy and the United Kingdom.</p>	Angela Adami
The politics of litigation of migrant solidarity initiatives (PoLitig)	<p>PoLitig examines the politics of litigation and legal mobilisation of migrant solidarity initiatives in the EU. The project aims to identify and explain the conditions that encourage the proactive engagement of sea rescue organisations in litigation, by considering both external and internal dynamics. PoLitig adopts a comparative approach, focusing on Italy, Spain and Greece, and employs both qualitative and quantitative methods. The project seeks to advance a theoretical contribution to the understanding of legal mobilisation as a key repertoire of collective action, reflecting on its interconnected political, legal and spatial dynamics.</p>	Federico Alagna
Labour market insertion of unaccompanied minors	<p>The research project explores the labour market insertion of migrants who arrived in Italy as unaccompanied minors. On the one hand, it aims to understand how these young people represent and narrate their own work experiences. On the other hand, it investigates how stakeholders (e.g., managers of reception facilities, social workers) interpret the processes of social and economic integration of unaccompanied minors.</p>	Iraklis Dimitriadis
The unbearable lightness of the state	<p>The research analyses the role of nation-states in asylum governance along the Balkan route. Adopting a primarily ethnographic approach, the book highlights how the merging of nationalist and security-oriented policies with neoliberal approaches leads to the development of a governance system fundamentally characterised by informality and, thus, by institutional unaccountability and impunity.</p>	Francesca Fortarezza (<i>SNS Alumni</i>)

Political participation of youth of migrant backgrounds	<p>The project explores the different forms of political participation among youth of migrant descent in Italy, differentiating between institutionalized, contentious and cultural forms of engagement. The project pays particular attention to a wide spectrum of activism, ranging from struggles for citizenship rights and access to formal political roles, to forms of participation that foreground identity, recognition, and belonging. It also analyses practices of spatial re-signification and decolonial reflections on space, through which participants challenge dominant narratives and reconfigure the meaning of public spaces.</p>	Chiara Milan
Gender on the move. Women and trans migrants' experiences at European border areas	<p>The research project focuses on the experiences of women and trans* illegalised migrants at European border areas. It draws from gender and border studies to analyse how performances of gender and sexuality may be instrumental to carry on migratory projects in the face of border closures and systematic violence and abuse perpetrated by state and non-state actors. The methodology is based on interviews with the migrants and ethnographic observation.</p>	Adele Moltedo
Role of universities in migrant academics' bureaucratic navigation	<p>This research is in its conception stage and is planned to be part of a broader research agenda in organisational studies on how different organisations respond to needs of marginalised groups of people that are dependent on these organisations. The group of interest in this case is migrant academics. For migration studies it is a curious case of a group of interest that can be considered both as privileged and marginalised at the same time.</p>	Valerii Saenko <i>(SNS Alumni)</i>
Mapping Complexity in Regional Migration Governance: a Mixed Methods Analysis on the East African Community Emerging Regional Migration Policies	<p>The research project explores the emerging logics underpinning regional migration governance in the East African Community through the use of mixed methods. To do so Social Network Analysis and Content Analysis are supported by expert interviews and non-participant observations carried in Tanzania and Kenya. The research applies a postcolonial perspective to regional migration studies to analyse how state and non-state actors collaborate in a networked way to shape understandings of migration in the region to favour and discourage specific forms of movement in the Eastern Africa area.</p>	Masika Daniela Vaninetti