BRIDGES Final Conference
Discussing migration narratives’ policy and societal implications

1 February 2024

Venue: Les Ateliers des Tanneurs
Rue des Tanneurs 60A, 1000 Bruxelles

Registration Link for onsite participation. Register before 30 January 2024

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Programme

09.00-09.15 Welcome remarks

- **Blanca Garcés**, BRIDGES Coordinator, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)
- **Ferruccio Pastore**, BRIDGES Co-coordinator, International and European Forum for Migration Research (FIERI)

09.15-10.45 Discussing BRIDGES research results (I)

- **The importance of explaining narrative success**
  - Blanca Garcés, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)
  - Ferruccio Pastore, International and European Forum for Migration Research (FIERI)

- **The production of migration narratives in the (social) media**
  - Marcello Maneri, International and European Forum for Migration Research (FIERI)

- **Alternative migration narratives from the civil society**
  - Bastian Vollmer, Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz (CUAS Mainz)

Discussants:

- **Andrew Geddes**, Director of the Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute
- **Hélène Thiollet**, CNRS Researcher at the Center for International Studies, Sciences Po
- **Guido Tintori**, Economic Affairs Officer, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Moderated by: **Berta Güell**, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

10.45-11:15 Coffee break
11:15-13:00 Discussing BRIDGES research results (II)

- **The impact of migration narratives on individuals’ attitudes**
  José Pizarro, Pompeu Fabra University (UPF)

- **The impact of migration narratives on potential migrants**
  Florian Trauner, Interdisciplinary Centre of Expertise on Migration and Minorities (BIRMM), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

- **The impact of migration narratives in national policy-making**
  Saskia Smellie, University of Edinburgh (UEDIN)

- **The impact of migration narratives in EU policy-making**
  Giulia Daga, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

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Moderated by: **Jan-Paul Brekke**, Institute for Social Research (ISF)

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-14:45 Connecting EU-funded research: a dialogue with sister projects

- ITHACA, Interconnecting Histories and Archives for Migrant Agency
  **Matteo Al Kalak**, Universita’ degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia

- OPPORTUNITIES for a fair narrative on migration
  **Roy Sommer**, University of Wuppertal

Moderated by: **Ferruccio Pastore**, International and European Forum for Migration Research (FIERI)
14:45-15:00 Break

15:00-17:00 Bridging research and policymaking: “Migration and the European elections: how to go beyond polarising campaigns?”

Panellists:
• Tineke Strik, Member of the European Parliament
• Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Member of the European Parliament
• Blanca Garcés, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)
• Virginie Guiraudon, Sciences Po
• Francesco Vigneri, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

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17:00 – 17:15: Coffee break

17:15-18:15: Co-producing alternative migration narratives

Presented by: Berta Güell, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

In conversation with:
• Giulia Tornari, ZONA
• Lucila Rodríguez, porCausa
• Raquel Delgado, Contorno Urbano / Hip Hop Works

18:30-20:00 Opening of BRIDGES photo exhibition ‘Out of Frame: Rethinking the visual narratives of migrations in Europe’

Venue: Géopolis (Rue des Tanneurs 58, 1000 Brussels)