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Spotlight: The Geneva Challenge 2025



The Geneva Challenge

This year's edition of the Geneva Challenge focuses on Migration, with our GMC Faculty associate Prof. Martina Viarengo, chairing the Academic Steering Committee of this initiative.

This interdisciplinary competition invites graduate students worldwide to propose innovative solutions to complex migration issues.

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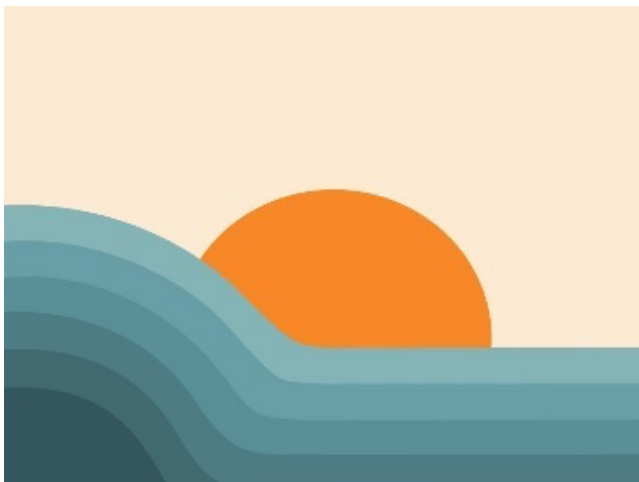
Beyond Bare Life: Caring for the Body at Europe's External Borders

A new project investigates care practices at Europe's external borders and how they shape the experiences of displaced populations.



Attitudes Toward Displacement in Ukraine

Visiting fellow Irina Bondarevska discusses how war and migration are reshaping democratic values in Ukrainian society



Migration and Development: EU Readmission Agreements

This publication explores how EU readmission clauses operate in development cooperation, calling for a decolonial shift in migration governance.



Economics of Undocumented Migration

How can we understand some of the key decisions that migrants face when they consider moving abroad? economists Slobodan Djajić and Alexandra Brausmann in their book Economics of Undocumented Migration



Displacing Palestinians Is a Crime, Not a Plan

Prof. Vincent Chetail explains why the forced transfer of civilians from Gaza constitutes both a war crime and a crime against humanity.



Did Humanitarian Law Die in Gaza?

A critical look at how international humanitarian law is being challenged in the current conflict.

Art Initiatives



Another Summer : Afghan and Ukrainian Stories Of Exile

First-time filmmakers from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and the US took part in producing Another Summer, a film capturing the stories of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees in Europe.



The Garden of the (In)visible

A poetic exploration of migration, memory, and emotion through storytelling and sensory landscapes.

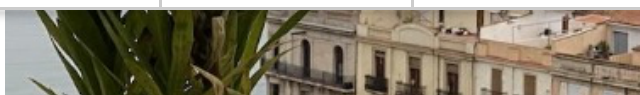
Recently defended PhD Theses



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[The Transnational Life of Cuban Migrants in Spain](#)

The centre congratulates Taehoon Lee on the successful defense of his thesis exploring how Cuban migrants in Spain navigate identity, mobility, and connection across borders.

[The Labour Market Integration of Migrants in Europe](#)

The GMC also congratulates Elise Hjalmarson on the successful defense of her PhD thesis, which offers new insights into the structural and social factors shaping migrants' access to employment in Europe.

About the Global Migration Centre

While our primary function is to lead policy and academic research, we also regularly organise, events, expert meetings and conferences. Through these various activities, we offer a unique interface between academia, the international community and the civil society. The distinctive features and assets of the GMC owe much to our focus on the transnational dimensions of migration and its interdisciplinary orientation in order to fully grasp the complexities of mobility in a globalised world.

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