

T02P09 / Comparative approaches to urban policy: Supporting the needs of precarious migrants

Topic : T02 / COMPARATIVE PUBLIC POLICY

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

The urban scale is increasingly a focal point of policy intervention to respond to the needs of precarious migrants and refugees. In one sense, this is the case as the needs of precarious migrants (i.e., housing, food security, employment, community safety, etc.) are most directly addressed by municipal-level services (Hombberger et al., 2022). In addition, cities are acting as safe havens for migrants and refugees in situations where the national context is xenophobic and restrictive towards migration (Kreichauf & Mayer, 2021). Municipal affirmations of the rights of migrants and refugees are seen in the sanctuary city policies across North America (Faret & Sanders, 2021), the urban solidarity initiatives in Europe (Özdemir, 2022), and similar programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America (Godoy & Bauder, 2021; Kassa, 2019; Missbach et al., 2018).

Despite the proliferation of policies and practices of solidarity to support migrants and refugees at the urban scale, various scholars have identified that policy interventions on this issue are disconnected, highly context specific and would benefit from more comparative policy analysis across regional contexts (Bauder, 2022). Further, literature in migration governance and urban governance (Landau & Kihato, 2020; Triandafyllidou, 2022) has emphasized the importance of de-centring these fields through more comparative research, especially from outside of Global North.

The goal of this panel is to bring together scholars studying municipal policy concerning precarious migrants and refugees from diverse regions in order to foster a dialogue across these contexts to address the policy challenges and potential solutions for best practices at the municipal level. The panel aims to address the following questions: What are the various municipal policies to support the precarious migrants and refugees in different local contexts? How are various actors (e.g., municipal policy actors, non-governmental organizations, migrant communities, activist and solidarity movements, and transnational advocacy networks) involved in the shaping of policies at the municipal level? How can the urban and local policies in different regions inform each other in terms of theorizing urban sanctuary and solidarity and local policy development?

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CALL FOR PAPERS

This panel will explore themes related to the policies and practices of accommodating precarious migrants and refugees in major urban centres. Participants are invited to submit papers on topics related to: municipal immigration policy; urban policy and settlement work; refugee resettlement; local policies of integration; and the politics of local migration governance. Papers must engage with policy at the urban or municipal scale.

The principal objective of this panel is to advance theoretical knowledge and practical policy understanding related to urban sanctuary, solidarity, and hospitality towards precarious migrants and refugees in the Global North and South. Additionally, it seeks to facilitate a scholarly dialogue across regions to promote innovative approaches to migrant and refugee settlement, integration, and participation.

The panel therefore welcomes empirical, methodological, and theoretical submissions which address this objective and engage with this discussion through a case study or comparative policy lens. Ultimately, this panel offers a forum to critically evaluate existing municipal immigration policies and to develop novel community-based policy frameworks to facilitate innovative and evidence-based policy for accommodating precarious migrants and refugees at local and municipal levels.

The panel will allow for both in-person and online presentations to facilitate the participation of scholars from diverse regions. Panel chairs will be physically present.

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Session 1

Wednesday, June 28th 10:20 to 12:20 (POD372)

(Virtual) Displacement and Disconnection? Exploring the Role of Social Networks in the Livelihoods of Refugees in Gaziantep, Nairobi, and Peshawar

Ammar Malik

Loren Landau (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)

Municipal approaches to immigration policy-making: A comparative analysis of Toronto, San Francisco, and Wellington

Afag Javadova (Toronto Metropolitan University)

(Virtual) Reception practices and integration of the migrant and refugee population in Central America and the Caribbean

Matias Foullioux (Universidad Catolica Silva Henriquez)

Aline Bravo (Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies)

Diego Riquelme (Universidad de Tarapacá)

Politics of governance or Governance of politics? Exploring immigrant policies in the city of Athens

Sofia Ntaliou (University College Dublin)

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Session 2

Wednesday, June 28th 15:50 to 17:50 (POD372)

(Virtual) Unrelated spaces? Camps and cities in Jordan and Luxembourg

Léa Lemaire (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

The Impact of City-Level Policy Coordination on Migration Policy

Rachel Travis (University of Pittsburgh)

Urban policies for the migrant population. Comparative analysis of the response to COVID-19 in three cities. Mexico City, Chicago and Toronto.

Jorge Culebro (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana)

Carlos Alberto Zepeda

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Rabihu Hussein (GHANA REVENUE AUTHORITY)

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Session 3

Thursday, June 29th 10:20 to 12:20 (POD372)

The Covid-19 as a transboundary crisis affecting precarious migrants: the role of Spanish cities in a multilevel setting

Juan Carlos Triviño Salazar (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

(Virtual) Solidarity and mobilities in the cities of the Latin American Southern Cone. Local experiences in global debates

Aline Bravo (Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies)

Carolina Stefoni (Universidad de Tarapacá)

Fernanda Stang (Universidad Católica Cardenal Raúl Silva Henríquez)

(Virtual) Explaining Variation in City Sanctuary Policies: Insights from American and European Cities

Raffaele Bazurli (Queen Mary University of London)

Els de Graauw (Baruch College, the City University of New York (CUNY))

(Virtual) CONTRADICTIONS IN THE GOVERNANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MOBILITY: EVIDENCE FROM AFRICAN CITIES

Achilles Kallergis (The New School for Social Research)