



Migration Impact Assessment to Enhance
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Concept

MATILDE research partners across Europe will explore the theme of the impact of international migration in remote, agricultural, rural and mountainous places of Europe. The Summer School aims to provide participants with interdisciplinary knowledge on the social and economic impacts of migration, with a special focus on their interactions with territorial inequalities and spatial justice. It conveys evidences and results that point to the need for a regional approach to the governance of migration and integration processes. This Summer School will aim not only to inform the participants regarding the main results of MATILDE research project funded by the European Commission within the framework of Horizon 2020, but also to instruct them to think locally; to underline that the place matters; to transfer of knowledge, tools and methods; and to recognize that the regional and local levels need to be taken into account during their future works and activities.

Against the background of global trends such as urbanization and agglomeration, economic and forced migration flows are also moving outside urban areas. So far, this has largely been perceived as yet another burden for already marginalized territories. The specific needs of rural and mountain regions have been scarcely considered at the time of formulating the governance of migration. If unaddressed, the sentiments of people in 'places that don't matter' risk fueling an authoritarian dynamic, rejecting diversity altogether. Notwithstanding the prominence of urbanization as a global trend, migrations to rural and mountain areas can play an important role for European rural regions, among the other things, by contributing to revitalize social and economic local milieu, reducing territorial inequalities and reconfiguring urban-rural interconnections. Migration has a potential to trigger development in the medium and long run especially in remote areas, where it can operate as a counter-process to depopulation and economic decline. Migration can be a crucial element to attain balanced



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territorial development, as defined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals. To avoid the existing risk that migration flows exert a negative impact on socio-economically and geographically fragile areas, place-based policies and adequate governance measure are needed.

The MATILDE International Summer School of 2022 will be focusing on the discussions around international migration and its challenges and opportunities in remote places. The Summer School will consist of four days of lectures, discussions and field excursions led by a distinguished international faculty. The Summer School will take place in Bussoleno, Susa Valley, Italy, bordering France. The MATILDE Summer School will blend theoretical and empirical discussions along with the case studies participatory action research from around Europe, as well as in and from Italy.

Targets and expected results

The Summer School is designed for MA and PhD students as well as local practitioners interested in regional development, rural and mountain areas as well as international (and even internal) migration. It is designed to create an awareness among students regarding the value of remote, rural, mountainous and agricultural places that are believed to be neglected over the last few decades.

Requirements

The medium of education is English. Participants are expected to read the required texts before class to have a fruitful and interactive discussion. Upon the completion of the Summer School, the participants are expected to deliver **a 2-3 pages written essay** indicating the course outcomes and skills developed during the Summer School. The report must be submitted to the organizer no later than two weeks following the completion of the Summer School: Alicja Fajfer (alicja.fajfer@uef.fi).



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PROGRAM 13 – 17 June 2022

12 June 2022 Sunday

Arrival in Bussoleno

13 June 2022 Monday

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome:

Jussi Laine, MATILDE Project Coordinator, UEF, Finland

Bruna Consolini, Mayor of Bussoleno

Jacopo Suppo, Vice-Mayor of the Metropolitan City of Turin

Elena Di Bella, Metropolitan City of Turin

Michele Belmondo, Bussoleno Red Cross Migrant Reception Centre

Andrea Membretti, MATILDE, UEF, Finland and University of Torino

10.00 – 10.30

Migration, Environment and Climate Change Nexus: perspectives on migrants' contributions in Italy's mountain areas

Lecturers: **Daniele Panzeri** (IOM, Senior Program Support and Liaison – M&D Unit Coordinator)

Marcella Pasotti (IOM, Focal Point MEARL & Innovation – M&D Unit)

10.30 – 12.15

Introduction: Migration and Local Development in Remote Places

Lecturer: **Andrea Membretti**, UEF and University of Torino

Required Readings:

1. Galera, G., Giannetto, L., Membretti, A, and Noya, A. (2018). [“Integration of Migrants, Refugees and Asylums Seekers in Remote Areas with Declining Populations”](#), *OECD Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Papers* 2018/03, OECD Publishing: Paris.
2. Dax, T. and Copus A. (2018). [“Towards Vibrant, Inclusive and Sustainable Rural Regions: Orientations for a Future Rural Cohesion Policy.”](#) *European Structural and Investment Funds Journal (ESTIF)* 6(3): 198 -209.
3. MATILDE Manifesto Thesis 1, [“Remoteness needs to be reframed as a resource and place-based value for Europe”](#).

12.15 - 13.15

Lunch Break

13.15 - 15.00

A Gender Perspective on the Economic and Social Impact of Migration

Lecturer: Susanne Stenbacka, MATILDE, Uppsala University

Required Readings:

1. Pöllänen, P., & Davydova-Minguet, O. (2017). “Welfare, work and migration from a gender perspective”. *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*, 7(4), 205-213.
2. Stenbacka, S., Forsberg, G. (2020). “To ‘go gender’ – A conceptual framework for analysing migration-related strategic gender practices.” *Norsk Geografisk Tidsskrift - Norwegian Journal of Geography* 74 (5), 296-309.

15.00 - 15.15

Break

15.15 - 17.00

Migration processes and patterns: Territorial and social dimensions of migrants' interactions with rural localities

Lecturer: Ingrid Machold, BAB, MATILDE, ForAlps, Austria

Stefan Kordel, The University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Required Readings:

- 1) Ager, A. and Strang, A. (2008). "Understanding Integration: A Conceptual Framework", *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 21(2): 166-191.
- 2) McAreavey R. and Argent N. (2018). "New Immigration Destinations (NID) unravelling the challenges and opportunities for migrants and for host communities," *Journal of Rural Studies* v. 64, Pergamon: 148-152.
- 3) Kordel, S. and Weidinger, T. (2018): Current Processes of Immigration to European Peripheries: Status quo, implications and development strategies. In: Kordel, S., Weidinger, T. & I. Jelen (Eds.): Processes of immigration in rural Europe: the status quo, implications and development strategies. Cambridge Scholars: Newcastle upon Tyne. P. xv - xxx.

19.30- 20.30

Dinner



21.00 – 23.00

Public Event

Inauguration of the photo exhibition on migrant workers and newcomers in the Alps of Piedmont and of South Tyrol by the photographers **Daria Akimenko** and **Alberto Bertone** (c/o Bussoleno city centre).

14 June 2022 Tuesday

09.00 – 10.45

Methodological and Ethical Aspects of Research with Migrants in Rural and Mountainous Settings

Lecturer: Marika Gruber, MATILDE, Carinthia University, Austria

Stefan Kordel, The University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Required Readings:

- 1) Kieslinger, J., Kordel, S. & T. Weidinger (2020). [“Capturing Meanings of Place, Time and Social Interaction when Analyzing Human \(Im\)mobilities: Strengths and Challenges of the Application of \(Im\)mobility Biography.”](#) *FQS (Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung)* 21 (2).
- 2) Vanclay, F. (2003). [“International Principles for Social Impact Assessment”](#) *Journal of Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* 21(1): 5-12.
- 3) Aigner-Walder, B., Gruber, M., and Schomaker, R. (forthcoming): Migration Impact Assessment as a powerful tool for evaluating the comprehensive effects of migration on local societies and economies. Thesis 5. In: A. Membretti, A. Krasteva, and T. Tax (Eds.). *The Renaissance of Remote Places. Migration and Resilience in European Mountain and Rural Regions*. MATILDE Manifesto. Routledge.

10.45 - 11.00

Break

11.00 - 12.45

Social Impact of Migration in Remote Places

Lecturer: Jussi Laine, UEF, Finland

Required Readings:

1. Schinkel, W. (2018). [‘Against “immigrant integration”’: For an end to neocolonial knowledge production’](#), *Comparative Migration Studies*, 6(31), pp. 1-17.
doi.org/10.1186/s40878-018-0095-1.
2. Laine, J. (2021). [‘Beyond borders: Towards the ethics of unbounded inclusiveness’](#), *Journal for Borderlands Studies*, 36(5), pp. 745-763.
doi.org/10.1080/08865655.2021.1924073.

12.45 - 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 - 15.45

Measuring the Economic impact of Migration: Key Concepts, Dimensions and Challenges

Lecturer: Simone Baglioni, University of Parma

Required Readings:

1. Glover, S. et al. (2001). *Migration: an economic and social analysis*, January, Publisher: Home Office, London, ISBN: 1 84082 599 5

2. Golding S. A. and Curtis K. J. (2013). "Migration and rural development: resettlement, remittances and amenities," in *Handbook of Rural Development*, 92–114 (23 total), 27 December 2013.

15.45- 16.00

Break

16.00 - 17.45

Territorial Polycentrism And Recognition Inequalities: A Metro-Montane Approach

Lecturer: Filippo Barbera, University of Torino

Required Readings:

- 1) Filippo Barbera (2021). "[Polycentric Voices: Call for a European urban/rural balance](#)", *Eurozine*.
- 2) Andres Rodrigues-Pose (2018). "[The revenge of the places that don't matter \(and what to do about it\)](#)", *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, 11: 189–209,

19.30 - 20.30

Dinner

21.00 - 23.00

Public Event

Opher Thomson: Documentary projection of 'FORREST': This event will be at the Civic Centre of the Municipality, close to the MATILDE Big Bench.



15 June 2022 Wednesday

09.00 - 10.45

Re/De/Bordering Remoteness: Post-Communist Policies, Experiences, Imaginaries

Lecturer: Anna Krasteva, New Bulgarian University

Required Readings:

1. Anna Krasteva (2020). "If Borders Did Not Exist, Euroscepticism Would Have Invented Them, or on Post-Communist Re/De/Re/Bordering in Bulgaria," *GeoPolitics*, vol. 25, pp.678 – 705. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14650045.2017.1398142>
2. Henk van Houtum (2021). "Beyond 'Borderism': Overcoming Discriminative B/Ordering and Othering," *Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*, 112 (1): 34-43, https://www.researchgate.net/publication/349048906_Beyond_'Borderism'_Overcoming_Discriminative_BOrdering_and_Othering

10.45 - 11.00

Break

11.00 - 12.45

Participatory Action Research in Mountain and Rural Communities: Insights from MATILDE Case Studies.

Lecturers: Andrea Membretti, MATILDE, UEF and University of Torino

Monica Gilli, MATILDE, University of Torino

Required Readings:

1. Membretti A. and Lucchini, F. (2016). "Land of Fires. Evaluating a State Law to Restore the Narrative Power of Local Communities", *Partecipazione e Conflitto*, n.9 (2), July 2016.
2. Dickens L. and Watkins K. (1999). "Action Research: Rethinking Lewin," *Management Learning*,
3. MIMY (2022). "Empowerment through Liquid Integration of Migrant Youth in Vulnerable Conditions", *Report on action research methodology and innovation in youth related migration and integration research with focus on vulnerability and resilience*.

Also see Websites:

- [Camposaz association](#).
- [Participatory Methods](#).

12.45 - 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00- 15.40

Populism in Remote Places

Lecturer: Ayhan Kaya, Istanbul Bilgi University

Required Readings:

1. Rodrigues-Pose, Andres (2018). "The revenge of the places that don't matter (and what to do about it)", *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, 11: 189-209
2. Kalb, Don (2011). "Headlines of Nation, Subtexts of Class: Working-Class Populism and the Return of the Repressed in Neoliberal Europe," in Don Kalb and Gábor Halmai (eds.). *Working Class Populism and the Return of the Repressed in Neoliberal Europe*. New York and Oxford: Berghahn: 1-35.



15.45- 16.00

Break

16.00 - 17.45

The Post COVID-19 and The Growing Attractiveness of Internal Regions

Lecturer: Raúl Lardiés-Bosqua, University of Zaragoza, Spain

Required Readings:

1. Membretti, Andrea (2021). [“A New Compulsion to Locality”](#), *Science Blog*, 5 May,
2. Guadagno, Lorenzo (2020). [“Migrants and the COVID-19 pandemic: An initial analysis”](#), *Working Paper, Migration Research Series*, No. 60, Geneva, International Organization for Migration.

19.00 - 20.30

Dinner

Public Event

**Video Projecton by The Civic Centre (Film On Migrants And Border Crossing In The Alps,
E.G. [“The Milky Way”](#))**

16 June 2022 Thursday

Social Activities: Excursion to see the route of illegal cross-bordering of migrants from Italy to France, and visit some reception initiatives there.

17 June 2022 Friday



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The Day of Departure

Lecturers' Biographies

Daria Akimenko

Daria Akimenko (b. 1987) is a Russian artist, photographer and researcher currently based in Italy (South Tyrol). Her professional interests include socially engaged art, communities of practice and place, migratory practices and the related identity work. Daria holds an MA in Spatial Design and a Doctor of Arts degree from the University of Lapland (Finland).

Simone Baglioni

[Simone Baglioni](#) holds a chair in sociology in the Department of Economics and Management at the University of Parma, Italy. His work focuses on issue of migration and labour market, civil society and social innovation, and platform capitalism.

Filippo Barbera

[Filippo Barbera](#) is Professor of economic sociology at the CPS Department of the University of Turin and fellow at the Collegio Carlo Alberto (Torino). His research interests are social innovation, foundational economy and development of marginal areas. His recent publications include *Alternative Food Networks: An Interdisciplinary Assessment*, 2018, Palgrave Macmillan (eds. with A. Corsi, E. Dansero, C. Peano), and *The Foundational Economy and Citizenship*, Bristol, Policy Press 2021 (eds. With I.R. Jones)

Alberto Bertone



Alberto Bertone was born in Turin in 1969 but has always lived in a small town in the province, Bruino. He completed his technical studies, obtaining the degree in computer engineering at the Polytechnic of Turin. His main hobby is photography. In 2021 he participated to the photo contest of MATILDE European project, resulting one of the six winners.

Raúl Lardiés-Bosque

[Raúl Lardiés-Bosque](#), Department of Geography and Regional Planning, University of Zaragoza, Spain. PhD on Geography. His main research interests focus on population Geography, and specifically on migration and residential mobility, tourism Geography, and aging in relation to quality of life.

Monica Gilli

[Monica Gilli](#) is a sociologist of territory working at the CPS Department, University of Turin. She works mainly in the field of tourism as a factor of local development. Her latest publications are Community Art Engagement: the condominium-museum viadellafucina.

Marika Gruber

[Marika Gruber](#) is Senior Researcher and Lecturer for Inter- and Transculturalism at the Carinthia University of Applied Sciences; Deputy Head of Dept. Demographic Change and Regional Development (DCRD) – Institute for Applied Research on Ageing (IARA), member of the research group Trans_Space - Transformative Societal, Political and Cultural Engagement. Her research focus is on migration studies and rural areas, social and labour market inclusion, integration governance, participatory and transdisciplinary research.

Ayhan Kaya

[Ayhan Kaya](#), Professor of Politics, Istanbul Bilgi University, ERC AdG Holder, Jean Monnet Chair of European Politics of Interculturalism, and Member of Science Academy, Turkey. He received his MA and PhD from University of Warwick. He is specialized on migration, youth



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radicalization, European integration, diasporas, refugees, populism, Islamophobia, Islamism.

Stefan Kordel

[Stefan Kordel](#) works as a postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of Geography at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany. His research focuses on various processes of immigration to rural areas and its implications for rural development as well as socio-geographical questions around place-based belonging and attachments in transnational settings.

Anna Krasteva

[Anna Krasteva](#) is professor of political sciences, Doctor Honoris Causa of University of Lille, France, director of CERMES (Centre for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies) at the New Bulgarian University, president of Policy and Citizens' Observatory: Migration. Digitalization, Climate.

Jussi P. Laine

[Jussi P. Laine](#) is an associate professor of multidisciplinary border studies at the Karelian Institute of the University of Eastern Finland and holds the Title of Docent of Human Geography at the University of Oulu, Finland.

Ingrid Machold

[Ingrid Machold](#) (F) graduated from the University of Vienna with a PhD in sociology. She is a senior researcher at the Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain research and deputy head of the department Mountain Areas research and regional development.

Andrea Membretti



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[Andrea Membretti](#) has PhD in Sociology, and he is currently Senior Researcher at the University of Eastern Finland (UEF), Karelian Institute. He is Assistant Professor of Sociology of the Territory at the University of Pavia and Faculty Member in Social Sciences at GSSI - Gran Sasso Science Institute (Italy). He is also Research Fellow at the University of the Free State (South Africa) and Affiliate Researcher at the Department of Culture, Politics and Society of the University of Turin (Italy). His main field of study is migration to and from mountain, rural and remote regions, in relation to socio-economic and demographic transformations, climate change and extreme events. He has been the Scientific Coordinator of the H2020 MATILDE Project.

Daniele Panzeri

Daniele Panzeri is the Coordinator of the Migration and Development Unit at the International Organization for Migrations-IOM Office for Italy and Coordination for the Mediterranean. He previously worked for various international NGOs (UNA, CESVI, Save the Children, ActionAid) and for the Italian Cooperation. In fifteen years of international experience in the Development sector he has worked in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Nepal, Pakistan and Burma/Myanmar, where he lived with his family. Graduated in Sociology at the University La Sapienza, he later obtained a Master's degree in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development at the Australian National University. During his career he has been working on a variety of different sectors but always focusing on Participatory Development, Migration and Social Impact.

Marcella Pasotti

Focal Point for activities related to monitoring, evaluation, accountability, research, learning (MEARL) and innovation within the Migration and Development Unit at IOM Italy. In her 10+ years in the development sector, she has worked for a bilateral agency (Enabel), think tanks (ODI, CIRMIB) and international NGOs (CISV, PFC), in East and West Africa and Europe. In



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2016, she published “Demal Te Niew” (on L’Espresso and El País), an interactive web-documentary on return migration from Italy to Senegal, sponsored by the European Journalism Centre.

Susanne Stenbacka

Susanne Stenbacka is a Professor in Human Geography at Department of Social and Economic Geography, Uppsala University

Opher Thomson

Opher Thomson works with words, images, maps and sounds to translate these *sites* into spaces for reflection and discussion. His research is especially concerned with questions of periphery and the potential for new forms of centre, as well as reconsidering what home can mean in a globalised world. His documentary films have been screened at important international film festivals such as *Tallinn Black Nights*, *Torino Film Festival* and *Camerimage*, and the feature length *The New Wild: Life in the Abandoned Lands* went on to be distributed theatrically throughout Italy before being published in book format. His other books include the novel *Travels Through Absence* and the soon to be released *Berth Songs*, an exploration of the distances between us and our changing habitat.

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