

# 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION

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## CROSS-BORDER POPULATION, MIGRATION, (DE)GLOBALIZATION: COMPLEXITY, PATTERNS, AND DYNAMICS IN MANAGING GLOBAL IMMIGRATION DIVERSITY

Migration as a global phenomenon closely associated with the movement of people and its political, economic, societal, and cultural dimensions continues to retain its relevance and, as such, to expand also the need for multidisciplinary studies, debates on multilateral agendas, and comprehensive solutions through multilevel decision-making and governance. In the past, what has been considered forced migration was due to political motives and wars; nowadays, forced displacement of people is linked to climate changes and natural disasters, too. Economic reasons that used to be the driving factors for migration from developing to developed countries began to be replaced with the search for better opportunities in terms of professional growth. In that direction, the interest of the host countries for high-skilled workers increased, while the countries of origin must find ways to cope with demographic changes and gaps in the labor market. What can be the benefits, and in which forms can host countries and the countries of origin enhance their cooperation related to the "brain circulation" that can lead to concrete initiatives not only on bilateral levels but also on broader ones? The effects of globalization on the patterns of migration demonstrate that migration constitutes a transnational affair where topics on gender and age must be perceived not solely as individual experiences. In the near future, evidence is expected to grow on whether artificial intelligence will foster and facilitate international migration management. Mother Teresa University in Skopje, since its foundation, has been devoted to becoming a recognizable academic institution in offering a forum from which relevant scientific and practical knowledge will contribute to a deeper understanding of the questions on migration both as a phenomenon and policy. Aiming to bring novel insights from various fields on migration, refugees, and diaspora studies, we invite scholars to submit abstracts for papers linked but not limited to the themes below:

### 1. MIGRATION, PEACE, SECURITY, AND GEOPOLITICS

- Migration diplomacy, securitization of borders, mixed migration flows
- Forced migration, bilateral and multilateral agreements and negotiations, humanitarian aid, diaspora, and peacebuilding

### 2. MIGRATION, HEALTH, AND WELLBEING

- Mental Health Risks: Pre-Migration Trauma and Post-Migration Challenges
- Access, equality, and quality of the healthcare services, health workers' migration,

### 3. TEMPORARY VS. PERMANENT MIGRATION, DESCENDANTS, COUNTRY OF BIRTH,

- First-generation immigrants, the "Other" in the country of destination, citizenship acquisition
- The host-country becoming the home country, "guest workers", long-term residents

### 4. MIGRATION, MEDIA, PUBLIC OPINION

- Media narratives on migration, political agendas, campaigns and news flows
- Journalism, "threat" vs "crisis", professional reporting, migrants and refugees' voice

### 5. LABOR MARKET, MOBILITY, AND MIGRATION

- Economic migration, economy of migration, political economy, and migration policy
- Labor market dynamics, complementary vs competing, diasporas and economic development

### 6. MIGRATION, DEMOGRAPHIC DEFICIT, AND XENOPHOBIA

- The sense of belonging in terms of time and space in/for refugees and migrants
- Aging population, democratic deficit, exclusion and violence, and acculturation

### 7. SPORT, EDUCATION, SOCIAL COHESION,

- Sport labor migration, social inclusion and cohesion through sport, crossing borders and boundaries, and trans-national mobility

### 8. TRANSNATIONALISM, ART, CULTURE, IDENTITY, AND MEMORY

- Artistic communities, global migration of talents, cultural and linguistic codes, and cultural synthesis
- Subjectivity of migration expressed in artworks, poetics, sculpture, photography, and literature in exile

### 9. CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL DISASTERS

- Sustainable migration and development, population displacement, planned migration, and dwindling resources

### 10. MIGRATION MANAGEMENT, DIGITALIZATION, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Digitalization of application procedures, international human rights, forecasting migration flows, digital identity, blockchain technology, data consolidation and transparency, databases accessibility, and digital nomads

#### Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: 10 May 2026

Notification of Acceptance of Papers: 15 May 2026

Conference Date: 21 May 2026

Full Paper Submission: 10 September 2026

#### Abstracts Submission Guidelines:

The abstract should be written in English between 250 and 300 words (Times New Roman, 12, 1.5 line space, Microsoft Word format), including the research problem and purpose, central questions and/or hypothesis, description of research methods, summary of key findings, relevance of the study in advancing research on migration, and when relevant, addressing recommendations for policy making. Send the abstract to [migration@unt.edu.mk](mailto:migration@unt.edu.mk). Conference Mode: Hybrid form (onsite/online)

#### Publication Opportunities:

South East European Journal of Sustainable Development, SEEJSD, <https://journals.unt.edu.mk/>  
Journal of Modern Trends and in Social Sciences, JMTSS, <https://journals.unt.edu.mk/jmtss/>

