



CALL FOR PAPERS

BROAD-ER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Urban Spaces, Migrant Lives: Bridging Disciplinary Boundaries

24–26 September 2025 | Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye

We are delighted to invite papers from scholars and researchers from the fields of migration and urban studies to participate in our upcoming International Conference, organized within the framework of BROAD-ER (Bridging the Migration and Urban Studies Nexus). **BROAD-ER** is an EU-funded twinning project coordinated by Koç University (Türkiye), Pompeu Fabra University (Spain), and the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands). The BROAD-ER International Conference offers a unique platform to bridge disciplinary boundaries, fostering dialogue and collaboration to address the complex realities of migration and urbanization.

More information:

<https://broad-er.eu/workshop/international-conference/>

About the Conference

Cities are increasingly recognized as key actors in migration governance and related issues within both academic and policy discussions. The BROAD-ER International Conference, **“Urban Spaces, Migrant Lives: Bridging Disciplinary Boundaries,”** seeks to advance discussions on the connections between migration and urban phenomena across multiple dimensions of research and policy. Bringing together scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, the conference will explore the dynamic intersections of migration and urban studies, addressing pressing challenges and identifying future pathways in research and practice.

Over three days, the conference will focus on the following:

The BROAD-ER project's research themes: Exploring cities' expanding roles in migration governance across international, national, and local levels. Topics include urban migration diplomacy, decentralized approaches, and grassroots initiatives. Discussions will focus on cities' influence on international policymaking, their relationships with national authorities, and the role of urban actors such as NGOs and alternative networks.

Further intersections between migration and urban studies: Expanding the scope to examine the intersecting dimensions of migration and urban phenomena. Topics include urban responses to forced migration, environmental challenges, and intersectional perspectives on migration, considering factors such as gender, class, race, and age, as well as the implications of technology for inclusion and surveillance in urban spaces.

Future pathways for bridging migration and urban studies: Charting innovative directions for impactful research at the nexus of these fields. Topics will include emerging research areas, comparative perspectives across and between the Global South and North, and advanced methodologies such as big data analysis and digital ethnography.

Conference Themes

We welcome submissions in the following areas:

- **Cities' International Role in Migration Governance**
City networks, urban migration diplomacy, and relations with international organizations
- **Local Governments and National Dynamics in Urban Migration Governance**
Decentralization, municipalities, and cities shaping national migration policies
- **Grassroots and Emerging Urban Actors in Migration Governance**
Roles of local NGOs, DIY initiatives, and alternative migrant networks
- **Cities and Forced Migration**
Urban challenges and strategies for addressing refugee and migrant needs
- **Intersectional Perspectives on Cities and Migration**
Exploring gender, class, race, ethnicity, age, and health dimensions
- **Population, Technology, and Climate: Shaping Urban Futures**
Smart cities, digital governance, urban resilience, and climate migration
- **New Themes, Comparative Perspectives, and Innovative Methodologies Bridging Migration and Urban Studies**
Emerging issues, interdisciplinary approaches, comparative perspectives, and innovative methods in the context of urban migration

Submission Guidelines

We invite submissions that address conceptual, empirical, or methodological aspects of the conference themes outlined above, focusing on bridging urban and migration studies.

Application form

To submit your abstract and author details, please complete the form at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/wk2Q6TrEUwqhPafc7>

Important dates

- **Submission deadline:** 28 February 2025
- **Notification of acceptance:** First week of April 2025

Publication Opportunity

Selected participants whose abstracts are accepted will have the opportunity to submit full papers for consideration in a special issue or an edited book within the framework of the BROAD-ER project. Please note that only a limited number of submissions will be selected for publication. **Participants invited to submit full papers must provide their first drafts by 01 September 2025.**

Participation Fee

- Students: €80
- Others: €100

Venue

The conference will take place at **Koç University**, Rumelifeneri Campus, Sarıyer, Istanbul, Türkiye. For details about Koç University, visit <https://www.ku.edu.tr>

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