

Challenges and Opportunities of Publishing in Migration Studies

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**17 February 2026
09:30 - 16:15 CET
University of Neuchâtel**

Please register [here](#) before 16 February 2026

This course is organized by the nccr – on the move. It is tailored for PhD students and PostDocs but we welcome all members of the NCCR community and doctoral students enrolled in a CUSO program to join us.

General Description

In recent years, the publication landscape in migration studies – and more generally academic publishing – has gone through important changes. The priority put by funders and scholars on open access has led to the adoption of new publication strategies by authors as well as new policies by publishing houses and the wider use of outlets – such as repositories – through which data and publications in social sciences can be stored and disseminated outside of traditional avenues. These changes have generated new opportunities for authors but also legitimately raise concerns about their inclusiveness and impact on the profession. In this workshop, we propose to reflect on the implications of this fast-changing environment for early career researchers in migration studies.

In the afternoon, participants will have the opportunity to engage in an interactive exchange with senior researchers in migration studies, who have published across a wide range of outlets, to discuss their experiences and strategies.

Speaker

Jean-Michel Lafleur is FRS-FNRS Research Director and Professor at the Faculty of Social Science of the University of Liège where he also leads the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies (CEDEM). Since 2022, he is the Coordinator of the IMISCOE International Migration Research Network which sponsors two important publication outlets in migration studies: The books *IMISCOE Research Series* and the journal *Comparative Migration Studies*. Jean-Michel's work focuses on migration and social protection, public opinion on migration and the political participation of migrants.

Practical Information

The workshop will be held on **Tuesday 17 February 2026 from 9:30 to 16:15 at the University of Neuchâtel, Rue Abram-Louis Breguet 2, Room 2.310**. Please register through [this link](#) no later than **16 February 2026**. If you have further questions, please contact Robin Stünzi via email at robin.stunzi@unine.ch.

Timetable

09:30 - 09:45 **Short Introduction and Round of Presentations**
Robin Stünzi, University of Neuchâtel

09:45 - 12:30 **Challenges and Opportunities of Publishing in Migration Studies**
Jean-Michel Lafleur, University of Liège

12:30 - 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 - 16:15 **Publication Experiences and Strategies: Short Inputs and Discussions with Senior Scholars in Migration Studies**

Lisa Marie Borrelli, HES-SO Wallis
Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel
Mia Gandenberger, University of Neuchâtel
Didier Ruedin, University of Neuchâtel