

Call for participation: Sessions on methods of quantitative migration research at IMISCOE 2019 (June 26-28, 2019 in Malmö)

Dear colleagues,

The IMISCOE network recently published the CfP for its next annual conference which will take place in Malmö (Sweden) from June 26 to 28, 2019 (for details see: <https://www.imiscoe.org/events/annual-conference>). The IMISCOE event is one of Europe's major international conferences dedicated to migration research; the 2018 conference in Barcelona featured more than 130 sessions on a broad range of topics. Amongst them were two sessions on methodological challenges of migration research. These sessions were chaired by the authors of this call and were very well received.

We believe that such sessions are a perfect opportunity to strengthen the discussion of research methodology within migration research and to foster the dialogue between migration scholars and experts in research methodology.

Therefore, we would like to organise two sessions dedicated to methodological aspects of quantitative migration research at IMISCOE 2019. The IMISCOE network requires prospective panel chairs to include participating papers in their proposal; consequently, we invite scholars interested in migration-related research methodology to join us in this endeavour.

Depending on the submissions we envision to propose two panels to the conference organisers.

Panel 1: General quantitative methods session - Surveying migrants and refugees

For this session, we invite contributions on a wide range of methodological issues which are specific to surveying migrants and refugees. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Sampling of migrant or refugee populations;
- Methodological challenges associated with the survey of specific subpopulations (e.g., children, older migrants);
- Cross-national approaches in migrant surveys;
- Issues of questionnaire translation and adaptation;
- Mixed methods (combining survey research and qualitative techniques).

Panel 2: Using emerging technology in quantitative migration research – Possibilities and challenges

For this session, we invite contributions that explore how migration research can make use of technological advancements and point to challenges that are associated with such innovative approaches. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Use of new data sources ('big data');
- Topics related to the survey of migrants on mobile devices;
- Use of apps on mobile devices (e.g., for participant recruitment, surveying, or re-contacting in longitudinal studies);
- Innovative sampling strategies using recent technological advancements (including, but not limited to the world wide web);
- Use of specific web-survey features in migration research (e.g., audio or video files in surveys of populations with low expected literacy rates).

If you would like to participate in one of the sessions, please send us a short abstract of your paper (approx. 250 words) by **November 23, 2018**. Besides contributions with a clear quantitative focus we also welcome papers concerning mixed methods. We will review all proposals swiftly and select those that we deem most promising. In case we should not be able to include your paper in the coordinated session, we would let you know in a timely manner, thus preserving the option for you to send IMISCOE an individual paper proposal.

Please note that the inclusion of your paper in the panel proposal does not automatically mean that IMISCOE shall include the proposed panel in the conference programme.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send us an email.

Best regards,

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