



Migration, Mobility and Citizenship Network

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Scope

- Broad theme is migration and mobility, including citizenship rights
- Aim is to develop interdisciplinary research
- Leicester as a place of migration the starting-point
- A particular focus on migration and health and wellbeing
- Hope to develop research on Commonwealth migration and proof of status
- Open call to be issues for other interdisciplinary ideas

Organisation

- Approved by LIAS with £30 k funding for academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21
- Steering committee (currently)
 - 4 members from College of Life Sciences
 - 4 members from College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities
 - 3 members from College of Science and Engineering
 - 2 members from University research teams
- Core group:
 - Margaret Byron (Geography)
 - Manish Pareek (Infection, Immunity and Inflammation)
 - Bernard Ryan (Law)
 - Fatimah Wobi (RA Network administrative support)
- External advisory committee to be appointed

Activities

- Primary goal to foster innovative grant applications, based on interdisciplinary teams
- In some areas, we have already identified potential research teams
- The purpose of the open call is to identify further interesting and viable research ideas
- We expect both engagement and dissemination involving migrant groups and other stakeholders in Leicester/ East Midlands and nationally
- Empirical and policy-focused research likely to be central
- Other scholarly activity may emerge, including workshops/ conferences, publications

A call to action

The Network will host an Idea Pitch event within its first few months, calling for presentations by academics in the University who would be interested in collaborating on interdisciplinary work.

Within the network, two research themes which are already in development concern:

- Migration and health and wellbeing
- The Windrush generation – i.e. Commonwealth migration and proof of status.

The network has a strong interest in developing research ideas and projects concerning:

- Historical and contemporary colonial/ post-colonial migrations, particularly in Africa and Europe
- Technologies and communications within the migratory/transnational process
- The effects of Brexit upon EU migrants and family members.

We welcome further ideas for interdisciplinary research, **on these or other topics** concerning migration, mobility and citizenship.