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CALL FOR PAPERS

‘Crisis of Governability? The politics of migration governance in Latin America & Europe’

International Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 3&4, 2018

Deadline for submission: May 31, 2018

Immigration has become an increasingly contested and ever more salient issue, and it consequently has become a policy field that poses significant challenges. Recent events, such as the 2015 influx of migrants and refugees in Europe or the recent increased flows from Venezuelans in Latin America have emphasized issues of the governability of migration.

The heightened migration flows and levels of displacement and the responses to it, can be seen as the unravelling of a (potential) crisis of governability of migration, which is linked to governance systems. International migration (and how it is perceived) is fundamentally constituted and shaped by governance.

To understand the underlying drivers that challenge or strengthen the governability of migration is crucial in our ‘age of migration’, in which migration has become an increasing reality.

The Conference wants to shed light on the question of how migration governance is shaping and is shaped by politics in Europe and Latin America focusing on macro-level trends and policy outputs. A comparative angle between the two regions can provide us with deeper insights about the dynamics of migration governance and its underlying politics, i.e. the different dimensions that structure, constrain and enable the governability of migration.

The event will gather academics, experts and policy makers from both regions to discuss this pressing issue. The conference aims to foster a research agenda that goes beyond the identification of macro trends of migration policies focusing instead on bigger questions of migration politics, governance and governability; creating a space of dialogue and exchange between these regions.

We welcome contributions that tackle some of the following questions inherently linked to questions of governability, on the local, national, and/or regional level:

- Which role does public opinion play in migration governance systems? How is public opinion perceived and responded to by migration governance actors?
- What is the influence of political and social mobilization (both pro and anti- migration mobilization) in migration governance?
- How is power (material and immaterial resources) distributed across and within governance systems, and what does this imply in terms of dominant positions, interests and allocation of resources?
- Who are the main actors that shape migration governance in each region? Which of their experiences, biases, values and ideas about international migration shape action within governance systems?



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- Which role does policy implementation play in the politics of migration governance?
- How do other policy arenas (such as welfare regimes, labour market) influence migration governance? How might these interlinked policy fields impact values and attitudes towards immigration?
- Are there any interactions between different levels (local, regional, national, trans- and supranational) of governance when it comes to the politics of migration governance? If so, how are they? How do these different levels influence each other? How are resources distributed between these levels?
- Which processes of policy learning (across regions and governance levels) can we observe that shape the governability of migration? Did processes of diffusion take place between these regions?
- What are differences and similarities during crisis and non-crisis times when it comes to the politics of immigration?

The conference is sponsored by the [EU-LAC foundation](#) and jointly organized by the [Migration Policy Centre](#), the [Regional Office of the IOM in South America](#), and the [University of Lanus](#).

The conference will take place **October 3 & 4, 2018 in Buenos Aires**, Argentina. Participation in the conference is free of charge, but travel and accommodation have to be self-funded. To support participants from outside of Argentina who lack funding, four travel grants of a max. amount of 500 Euros will be allocated by the organizers to selected participants.

Paper Proposals (abstracts of max. 350 words) are to be submitted through the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/pEEaXiWzTSprPzw32> until **May 31 2018** (12 am CET). Selected participants will be notified by mid-June. If you have any questions please contact us at migprosp@eui.eu

More information at <http://www.migrationpolicycentre.eu/migprosp/>



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