

Virtual Launch of the Mixed Migration Review 2022

"Alternative ideas & solutions for
contemporary mixed migration challenges"

6 December
15:00-17:00 CET



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The impact of the war in Ukraine as well as the socio-economic legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic are being felt profoundly across the world as prices rise, food insecurity grows, and an economic slow-down takes hold. All of these dynamics are impacting upon migration and forced displacement.

The [Mixed Migration Review 2022](#), the Mixed Migration Centre's flagship annual report, reflects on recent events and emerging trends affecting refugees and migrants globally, attempting to document, analyse, and suggest solutions. Is the "**root causes**" **approach** distracting from a rights-based approach? Is **migration diplomacy** "weaponizing" migration to achieve geopolitical aims? How effective can **legal pathways** ever hope to be as a solution to irregular migration? To what extent is the continued **criminalisation of smuggling** a smokescreen for the reduction and deterrence of irregular migration? What ethical issues are posed by the fast-rising **use of technology and artificial intelligence** in immigration and border control? Are irregular journeys "Kamikaze migration" or rational choices and how do notions of **risk taking** differ around the world? To what degree is **human trafficking** going on within mixed migration? How do we assess the response to **missing migrants and the forensic investigations** that are trying to treat those who perish and their families with dignity?

As always, in addition to the expert essays, the MMR includes interviews with critical thinkers and practitioners in the sector, and new analysis from [4Mi surveys](#) conducted with thousands of refugees and migrants. It documents the best and worst behaviour by authorities in relation to mixed migration in the past year in our annual "normalising (and resisting) the extreme" features, and showcases alternative perspectives from young researchers from the global south.

Join us on **6 December (15:00-17:00 CET)** where we will be debating & discussing some of today's most pressing mixed migration issues globally with experts, journalists and academics. We will have a debate on borders and mixed migration, followed by a panel discussion on two topics: solutions to mixed migration challenges, and mixed migration as a solution to contemporary global challenges. We will end with a Q&A with the audience. We look forward to your participation!

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Agenda

15:00 – 15:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Charlotte Slente**, Secretary-General of the Danish Refugee Council
 - **Odile Inauen**, Head of the Migration and Forced Displacement Section, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
 - **Bram Frouws**, Director of the Mixed Migration Centre
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15:15 – 15:45 **Debate on Borders and Mixed Migration**

Moderator: **Chris Horwood**, MMR Chief Editor

Panellists:

- **Bridget Anderson**, Professor of Migration, Mobilities and Citizenship at Bristol University's School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies
- **David Miller**, Professor of Political Theory and Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University's Nuffield college

Q&A with the audience

15:45 – 16:45 **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **Paddy Siyanga Knudsen**, Migration Governance Expert

Panellists:

- **Jessica Bither**, Senior Expert Migration, Robert Bosch Stiftung
- **Francesca Mannocchi**, Freelance Journalist, War Correspondent, Author
- **Amanda Bisong**, Policy Officer, European Centre for Development and Policy Management (ECDPM)

Session 1. Solutions to mixed migration challenges

Mixed migration has arguably been one of the most divisive issues on the geopolitical stage in recent years, especially when it comes to responding to some of the challenges that it poses, politically, socially and in terms of human rights violations and protection of people on the move. What are the solutions and alternatives currently being discussed? How effective we can expect them to be?

To what extent does opening up new legal pathways reduce irregular migration? Why do we see it often included in migration policy documents and agreements, as one of the pillars, but still see very limited implementation beyond the small-scale pilots?

Has the use of AI and technology the potential to make border management, and migration management more broadly, easier, more effective, but also fairer and more inclusive? What are the risks linked to an increased reliance on AI and technology?

Session 2. Mixed migration as a solution to contemporary global challenges

Focusing on solutions to mixed migration challenges should never overshadow the fact that migration can in itself be a solution to some of the current most pressing global challenges, such as inequality, poverty, unemployment, labour shortages or even climate change? How can we harness the positive impact of migration as a solution? What can be the role of youth? What are the preconditions to make migration work as a solution to such pressing global challenges?

Against the background of old and new active conflicts - like Afghanistan, Ethiopia or Ukraine isn't mobility often the only remaining solution available? What are the lessons learned from how Europe responded to the displacement of millions of Ukrainians for future responses to migration, displacement and asylum?

16:45 – 17:00 Q&A with the audience

Panellists



Bridget Anderson

Professor of Migration, Mobilities and Citizenship at Bristol University's School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies

Bridget Anderson is the Director of Migration Mobilities Bristol and Professor of Migration, Mobilities and Citizenship. Previously, she was the research director at COMPAS at the University of Oxford. Bridget has a DPhil in Sociology and previous training in Philosophy and Modern Languages. She is, among other publications, the author of *Us and Them? The Dangerous Politics of Immigration Controls* (2013) and *Doing the Dirty Work? The Global Politics of Domestic Labour* (2000) and co-edited *Who Needs Migrant Workers? Labour Shortages, Immigration and Public Policy* (2010 and 2012), *The Social, Political and Historical Contours of Deportation* (2013) and *Migration and Care Labour: Theory, Policy and Politics* (2014).



David Miller

Professor of Political Theory and Senior Research Fellow at Oxford University's Nuffield college

David Miller is a Professor of Political Theory and Senior Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford. Initially trained in philosophy at Selwyn College, Cambridge and in politics at Balliol College, Oxford, his main research interest is Political Theory, using evidence from the social sciences to inform debates in political philosophy and primarily focusing on social and global justice, on which he published several books. More recently he has worked on issues connected to immigration, publishing *Strangers in Our Midst: the political philosophy of immigration* in 2016, and an edited collection on *The Political Philosophy of Refuge in 2020*. He also continued to write about national identity, territory and self-determination.



Jessica Bither

**Senior Expert Migration,
Robert Bosch Stiftung**

Jessica Bither is a Senior Expert for Migration at the Robert Bosch Stiftung, where she leads the work on digital technologies and human mobility. She is responsible for strategic political engagement and policy innovation and is a trained moderator and policy dialogue facilitator. Previously, she worked for the German Marshall Fund of the United States, most recently Migration Fellow where she focused on the foreign policy and geopolitical dimensions of migration and protection. She has served as an advisor and member of strategy processes for different ministries, international organizations and non-profit stakeholders on current migration policy issues. Jessica studied International Relations in New York, Prague and Berlin.



Francesca Mannocchi

**Freelance Journalist, War
Correspondent, Author**

Francesca Mannocchi is an award-winning freelance journalist. She contributes to Italian TV, and Italian and international magazines. She is currently in Ukraine, as war correspondent. In recent years, she has covered wars and the migration crisis in Afghanistan, Syria, Tunisia, Iraq, Palestine, Libya, Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey, Yemen. In 2016 she co-directed the documentary 'If I Close My Eyes', on the lost generation of Syrian refugees in Lebanon, screened at Rome Film Festival. In 2018 her documentary 'Isis, tomorrow', on the sons of Isis fighters in Mosul, directed with the photographer Alessio Romenzi, has been screened at 75° International Venice Film Festival. She is the author of four books.



Amanda Bisong

**Policy Officer, European
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Amanda Bisong is a Policy officer in the migration and mobility team of ECDPM, Maastricht, The Netherlands. She has a background in Law and Master degrees in International Law and Economics (World Trade Institute) and International Trade Policy and Trade Law (Lund University). She is currently also pursuing her Ph.D. on migration governance in West Africa at the Faculty of Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Her focus research areas are on migration agreements, labour migration, exploring the linkages between trade and migration in Africa, migration governance and the interplay between regional and national commitments. In recent years, she has published several research articles on migration governance.