

Curriculum Vitae

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Current position

PhD candidate at Maastricht University (UM), since February 2020

- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
- Department of Society Studies
- Research group Globalization, Transnationalism and Development
- Chair of Transnational Migration Group (for the academic year 2022-2023)
- Part of MACIMIDE Research Centre <https://macimide.maastrichtuniversity.nl>
- Seconded at the *Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek en Documentatie Centrum* (WODC), The Hague – Research and Documentation Center. <https://www.wodc.nl>
- Collaboration with *Laboratoire de Géographie du Département de Géographie à la Faculté de Lettre de l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop*, Dakar.

Title of PhD thesis: *EU soft borders in Africa. How migration campaigns affect Senegalese youth's migration imaginaries and sense of social justice*

Project funded by European Union's Horizon 2020 (Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement); part of "LIMES - Hardening and Softening of Borders" <https://limes.maastrichtuniversity.nl/p70069804>

Fieldwork

- Ethnographic fieldwork in Senegal, Jan 2021- May 2022, and December 2022
- Participant observation conducted at migration campaign events, including community events, street art activities, theatre performances, radio programs, film festivals, caravan tours for the purpose of awareness-raising, meetings with campaign implementers, and local authorities.
- Based in Dakar, with regular trips to the main cities (Thiès, Ziguinchor, Saint Louis) and rural villages in East Senegal.

Conferences and Workshops

- IMISCOE Annual Conference, 2-4 July 2018, Barcelona, Spain.
Presentation of paper "Young asylum seekers' experience of immobility and their strategies to navigate this state" at the panel *Temporalities of Migration and Integration*.
- EASA Conference, 20-24 July, 2020 – attended online
- Workshop: *Diaspora Protection Information for Afghans at Risk*. Danish Refugee Council and MMC, 13 June 2022, Amsterdam

- IMISCOE Annual Conference, 30 June-1 July, Oslo.
Presentation of paper “Returnees as messengers? Experiences of Senegalese youth performing in migration information campaigns” at the panel *Time and refugees\immigrants political participation*.
- Workshop: *De-centring and Contesting Externalisation in West Africa and Beyond* organized by Migration-Control <https://migration-control.info/en/> September 19-21, London.
Presentation of idea for paper “Intermediaries of borderwork? Experiences of migration campaigns’ implementers in Senegal” at the panel *Voluntary return”, information campaigns, and externalisation in West Africa*.
- MACIMIDE Annual Conference, 26 September 2022, Maastricht.
Co-organizer of ‘Spoken Word’ Workshop.
- Workshop: *Generation Exodus? Youth mobility politics and radical change in West Africa* organized by CODESRIA-North African Institute, Dakar 8-9 December 2022.
Presentation of drafted paper “Doing and resisting the borderwork: the experience of IOM\NGOs’ local staff implementing migration information campaigns in Senegal”.
- Journées d’étude sur les circulations et les migrations des retour en Afrique de l’Ouest, 13-14 Dec 2022, Hotel Savana, Dakar.

Trainings

- LIMES training program - Winter\Summer schools from 2020
- Graduate School bi-weekly training – Maastricht University
- IMISCOE PhD School ‘Critical Reflections on Migration Studies, Racism and Discrimination’ - April 24-28, 2023, Brussels

Teaching

- BA thesis supervisor – in the BA program Arts and Culture. March- August 2020
- Mentor – in the BA program Global Studies. Sept 2021 – present
- Lecture on *Counter geographies of globalization*, in the course Urban Development and Poverty in the 21st century, minor Globalization and Development Studies. November 15, 2022. Maastricht University.
- Lecture ‘*Migration Information Campaigns: a tool of EU migration policy*’ in the MA European Studies. March 13, 2023. Maastricht University.
- Roundtable for the course Ethnography in the BA Global Studies, second year. May 3, 2023.
- Internship supervisor of two Master students.

Collaborations

- Part of the IMISCOE Buddy program for PhD students
- Co-organizer of the bi-annual (UM) Graduate School conference – 2023
- Co-organizer of 2023 LIMES Conference

Education

- Master in Globalization and Development Studies - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University. September 2016 – August 2017
Thesis title: *Immobile ‘in Movement’ and Mobile ‘in Waiting’. Young asylum seekers’ experience of immobility and their strategies to navigate this state*

- *Internship at* Institute for Transnational and Euregional cross border cooperation and Mobility (ITEM), Maastricht. May – June 2017
- Bachelor in Arts and Culture at Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University. September 2013 – June 2016
- ERASMUS Programme - Institut d'Études Politiques Sciences Po Bordeaux, France. September 2015 – December 2015

Working experience

- Interviewer for the *HOMInG Project* (University of Trento), London, UK. July 2019
Conducting fieldwork, in a selected borough, among the first-generation Indian community: collection of in-depth surveys on migrants' perception of *feeling at home* in the UK and practices of *emplacing and circulating home* in a transnational context.
- Project Assistant (Servizio Civile) - CISV Onlus, Dakar, Senegal. November 2017 – November 2018. Assisting the project for the social and economic reintegration of returnee migrants; supporting the project for the protection, the family and community reintegration of minors in mobility.

Languages

- Italian – native
- English – C2
- French – B2
- Wolof - Basic