

CALL FOR PAPERS

Migration and Identity: Culture, Economy, State 4 / Return, Immigration and Integration: Demographic Transformations, Social Cohesion and Development

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Institute for Migration Research (IMIN), Zagreb, invites scientists, researchers, experts, and public policy makers to submit papers for participation in the international scientific and professional conference:

“MIGRATION AND IDENTITY: CULTURE, ECONOMY, STATE”

This conference represents the central international scientific event of the Institute for Migration Research (IMIN) and one of the key platforms for interdisciplinary discussion on contemporary migration processes and their multidimensional social, economic, political, and cultural implications.

The conference is held in continuous cycles and brings together leading national and international scholars, experts, and policy makers, establishing itself as a relevant platform for knowledge exchange, the development of interdisciplinary research, and the formulation of policy-oriented solutions in the field of migration.

In the context of intensified global mobility, demographic change, and labour market transformations, migration is increasingly recognized as a key analytical framework for understanding structural changes in contemporary societies.

In this regard, particular attention is given to research that adopts a differentiated approach to various forms of mobility, including return migration, circular migration, and migrant reintegration processes, as well as their impacts on individuals, communities, and economies. Special emphasis is placed on the role of these processes in demographic revitalization, mitigating labour shortages, facilitating the transfer of knowledge and capital, and fostering sustainable socio-economic development.

The MI4 Conference is specifically focused on understanding migration as a developmental, demographic, cultural, and political phenomenon. The focus is on contemporary forms of mobility, return migration, diaspora and transnational ties, immigration, integration, and the role of migration in shaping the labour market, social cohesion, and public policies. The aim of the conference is to connect scientific research, professional experience, and public policy perspectives to gain a better understanding of migration processes and their effects on Croatia, the region, and the wider European area.



The conference welcomes theoretically grounded and empirical papers that contribute to understanding the causes, patterns, and consequences of migration at the global level, including comparative and transnational perspectives.

INDICATIVE TOPICS (THEMATIC AREAS):

- **Migration, Demography and the Labour Market**
 - international and internal migration
 - emigration and immigration
 - migration and demographic change
 - migration, the labour market and labour shortages
 - labour migration and new forms of mobility
 - forced and irregular migration

- **Return Migration, Diaspora and Development**
 - return and circular migration
 - reintegration of returnees
 - diaspora and transnational communities
 - transfer of knowledge, skills, capital and social networks
 - entrepreneurship of returnees and immigrants
 - the role of the diaspora and returnees in local and regional development
 - policies for attracting and retaining population

- **Identity, Culture, Integration and Social Cohesion**
 - migration and individual, collective and transnational identities
 - cultural change and belonging
 - integration and inclusion of immigrants
 - education, language and intercultural relations
 - national minorities, ethnicity and migration
 - attitudes of the local population towards migrants
 - social cohesion, discrimination and inequalities

- **The State, Migration Policies and Sustainable Development**
 - migration governance
 - migration, integration and demographic policies
 - the relationship between national and local levels of government
 - security, legal and institutional aspects of migration
 - migration and the welfare state
 - migration and sustainable development
 - comparative European and regional policies
 - the role of cities, municipalities and local communities in attracting, receiving, integrating and retaining returnees and immigrants

- **Family, Quality of Life and the Decision to Stay**
 - family, intergenerational relations and migration decisions
 - quality of life as a motive for return and staying
 - housing, education, healthcare and access to public services
 - experiences of the children and spouses of returnees and immigrants
 - reasons for renewed emigration after return

- **The Impact and Use of Modern Technologies on Social Migration**
 - digitalisation and migration
 - the use of artificial intelligence and big data in migration research
 - digital diaspora and migrant communities
 - social networks, media and the shaping of attitudes towards migrants
 - remote work and new forms of transnational mobility

Scholars, experts and researchers are invited to submit theoretical, empirical and professional papers, results of qualitative and quantitative research, public policy analyses, case studies, as well as presentations of professional experience and examples of good practice.

VENUE AND DATES:

Croatian Heritage Foundation, Trg Stjepana Radića 3, 10000 Zagreb, Republic of Croatia — December 3, 2026

Libertas International University, Trg Johna F. Kennedyja 6B, 10000 Zagreb, Republic of Croatia — December 4, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES:

Conference dates: **December 3–4, 2026**

Abstract submission (up to 300 words): **October 01, 2026**

Early registration fee deadline: **September 30, 2026**

Please send your applications and abstracts to the following email address:

mi4konferencija@imin.hr or <https://mikonferencija.com/registirajte-se/>

- Presentation time: 15 minutes
- Official languages of the conference: Croatian and English
- Abstract submission must include: author(s), title, abstract (up to 300 words), and 5 keywords in one of the official conference languages and in English
- Abstract format: Word document, Times New Roman, font size 12, single spacing
- Participation in the conference is possible both on site and online.
- After the conference (in 2027), an international peer-reviewed conference proceedings volume will be published.
- Selected full papers, following the peer-review process, will be published in the conference proceedings.

REGISTRATION FEE:

The participation fee is EUR 100, payable to the IMIN's account: **IBAN:**

HR7123900011100011476 (Hrvatska poštanska banka) Payment reference: MI4 conference fee

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Organizing and Scientific Committee,
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