



# UNESCO CHAIR in "Population, Migrations and Development"

*UNESCO Chair wishes you a Happy New Year!*

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## Editorial

This thirtieth edition of our newsletter commemorates the 15th anniversary of our UNESCO Chair on Population, Migrations, and Development. Since the foundation of the Chair, migration has become an increasingly central topic in national and international debates. Our Chair has served as a laboratory, generating new knowledge and ideas to promote cultural diversity and develop new scenarios for the future of international migrations.

Rather than viewing migration as a crisis, the Chair recommends considering migration as a long-term, structural phenomenon. It proposes adopting a structural approach and advocating for the development and implementation of policies at European, national, and local levels in order to address the diverse needs of migrants and contribute to their successful integration and overall well-being.

In this perspective, in 2023, the Chair coordinated the ReMIG working group, spontaneously established within the Italian network of UNESCO chairs—ReCUI. The aim is to produce and disseminate a concerted policy statement, expressing the views of UNESCO Chairs on migration issues. A similar initiative was carried out in 2018 in the context of the debate around the Global Compact on Migrations.

On December 18th, on International Migrant Day, a first draft of the Statement was presented by Catherine W. De Wenden and discussed with representatives of the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Scalabrini International Migration Network. The event was hosted by the Primoli Foundation, in the library of the prestigious Palazzo Primoli in Rome. It was welcomed by Roberto Antonelli, President of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, introduced by Patrizio Bianchi, spokesman of the Italian network of UNESCO chairs, and enriched by the testimonies of Giovanna Marconi, UNESCO Chair on Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants, and Paola Raffa, UNESCO Chair on Mediterranean Landscape in the Context of Emergency, who shared their experience of UNESCO Chairs in the field of migration.

In his concluding remarks, Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo underlined the role of borders in defining migrants (paradoxically, migrants would not exist if there were no borders) and stressed the idea of the *acquis communautaire* as the substantial political frontier of the European Union in the era of migrations.



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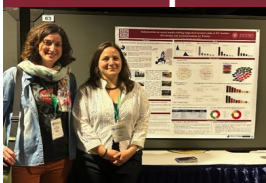
## Activities 2023

### MEMOTEF Research days, Roma, 27-28 June

On 27 and 28 June the Unesco Chair on Population, migrations and development celebrated the 15th anniversary from its foundation by presenting its activities at the XIII MEMOTEF Research Days. The event took place in Rome, at the headquarters of the Italian Geographical Society, in Palazzetto Mattei, Villa Celimontana. Giorgio Alleva, Elena Ambrosetti, Raimondo Cagiano, Alessandra De Rose, Cristina Giudici, and Eleonora Trappolini participated to the initiative.



### Population Association of America—Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 12-15 April



On 12-15th April, Elena Ambrosetti, Luca Dei Bardi, Alessandro Feraldi, Cecilia Fortunato, Margherita Moretti, Eleonora Trappolini participated to the annual scientific meeting organised by the Population Association of America. The meeting took place in New Orleans.

### SIS 2023 - Statistical Learning, Sustainability and Impact Evaluation, Ancona, 21-23 June

On June 21-23 several researchers of the Chair participated to the scientific meeting organised by the Italian Statistical Society on "Statistical Learning, Sustainability and Impact Evaluation". The meeting took place at the Università Politecnica delle Marche.

### Società Italiana di Economia, Demografia e Statistica, Napoli, 25-26 May

On 25 and 26 May, the LIX Scientific Meeting of the SIEDS was held in Naples on the topic 'Economic and Social Aspects of Demographic Ageing'. Contributions were presented by Alessandra De Rose, Filomena Racioppi, Eleonora Trappolini, Cecilia Fortunato, Carla Ventre, Eleonora Miaci, Camilla Pangallo.



### Inclusive Lifelong Learning Conference, Bali, Indonesia, 3-6 July



From 3 to 6 July, Cristina Giudici participated to the Inclusive Lifelong Learning conference hosted by the government of Indonesia and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning as part of the follow-up process to the Seventh International Conference on Adult Education (CONFITEA VII). Through the Bali Manifesto, the conference's outcome document, participants called for the implementation of comprehensive lifelong learning policies, and the creation of inclusive learning spaces, curricula, learning pathways and learning materials. They emphasized the importance of increased public investment in lifelong learning and committed to working towards a future where inclusive lifelong learning becomes accessible to all individuals.

### WPI Age-IT, Firenze, 14 September

On 14th September, the first workshop of the Spoke 1 of the PNRR Project "Age-IT—Ageing well in an ageing society" - was held in Florence. Alessandra De Rose and Elisabetta Barbi presented the related activities carried out by the Sapienza Team and Unesco Chair.

### Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups, Wiesbaden, 12-13 October

From 12 to 13 October, the international conference "Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups" was held in Wiesbaden, Germany. A contribution titled "The effect of childcare use on mothers' fertility preference and behaviours: Evidence in Italy by migration background" was presented by Eleonora Miaci.

### Erasmus Exchange with the UNESCO Chair on Science Education, Ukraine, 8-14 October

In the framework of the Erasmus+ project, Tetiana Matuselych, professor at UNESCO Chair on Science Education, Ukrainian State Dragomanov University Kyiv, gave a cycle of seminars on the implication of the war conflict on inequalities, mobility and migrations in Ukraine.

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### Migration Exhibition MLAC, September-November

The Chair co-organized the photographic exhibition "Viaggio verso La Sapienza" realised by Sélène de Condat, in the framework of the Mentorship project. The exhibition is aimed to inform the general public about the support activities for the foreign population conducted by La Sapienza University.



### Past, Present and Future of Migration Policies, Roma, 16 October

On 16th October Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Angela Papparusso contributed to the Meeting "Il passato, il presente e il futuro delle politiche migratorie", organised in Rome by the European Movement, - Italy.

### Quelle place aux Régions dans la réalité européenne?, Guingamp, 21 October

On 21st October, Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo participated to the debate "Quelle place aux Régions dans la réalité européenne?" organised in Guingamp (France) by the Institut de Documentation Bretonne et Européenne—IDBE.

### Mei Day for the future: Manufacturing, Education, Innovation, Roma, 31 October

On 31st October, a high-level event entitled "Mei Day for the future" was organized by the network of Italian UNESCO Chairs, together with the Italian National Commission for UNESCO and Confindustria. The event, that took place at the Confindustria headquarters in Rome, Sala Pininfarina, included various tables for discussion on issues related to the state of lifelong learning and the role of UNESCO's Italian Learning Cities and Creative Cities. Among the speakers, the Minister of Education and Merit Giuseppe Valditara, the Minister of Labor and Social Policies Marina Calderone, the President of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO Franco Bernabè, the spokesman of the network of Italian UNESCO Chairs Patrizio Bianchi, the Vice President of Confindustria for Human Capital Giovanni BRUGNOLI, as well as the members of several UNESCO Chairs and representatives of some Creative Cities and Learning Cities. Cristina Giudici contributed to the table on "Future transitions: migrations, artificial intelligence, sustainability, energy".



### Meeting of the Sapienza Unesco Chairs, Roma, 8 November



In the framework of the Conference "Città che cambiano il mondo: prendersi cura di spazi e persone", organised by the Unesco Chair on Urban Health, the 8-9 november at Sapienza University, Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Cristina Giudici participated to the Sapienza Unesco Chair Debate on "Conflicts: implications on populations, territories and cultural heritages".

### Seminar on Regional and European Studies, Roma, 17 November

On 17th November, the Memotef Department, represented by its Director Donatella Strangio and the Fondation Emile Chanoux (Aosta), represented by its President Marco Gheller, signed a Memorandum of Understanding, with the aim of collaborating in training and research activities on Regional and European Studies.



In this framework, the Chair organised a Seminar on Regional and European Studies, that took place at the Faculty of Economics, with the contribution of Giorgio Alleva, Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo, Filippo Gelata, Alessandra De Rose, Cristina Giudici, Antonella Leoncini Bartoli, bringing out the added value of a transdisciplinary approach to the theme of the event. Jean-Pierre Guichardaz, Assessore ai beni e alle attività culturali, sistema educativo e politiche per le relazioni intergenerazionali of the Valle d'Aosta Region, participated to the initiative, highlighting the potentiality of the contribution of local authorities to both emergency management and implementation of effective inclusive policies for migrant populations.



## Activities

### Launch of the Italian edition of the UNESCO Report on the future of Education, 6 December

On Wednesday, December 6, the UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Development and Solidarity among Peoples of the Catholic Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore presented the Italian translation of the UNESCO report "Reimagining Our Futures Together: A New Social Contract for Education". The presentation took place in Rome, at the Refectory Hall of the Chamber of Deputies, with the participation of Sobhi Tawil, Director of the Future of learning and innovation team at UNESCO. Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Cristina Giudici attended the event. The document has been translated into Italian by La Scuola Publishing House of Brescia and can be accessed [at this link](#)



## PROGRAMME 2024

### Teaching activities

The following courses will be held at Sapienza University of Rome: Demography (Alessandra De Rose, Cristina Giudici and Eleonora Trappolini); Population Dynamics (Elena Ambrosetti); Population and Development (Elena Ambrosetti); Population, Migration and Development (Cristina Giudici), Population and Sustainable Development (tba).

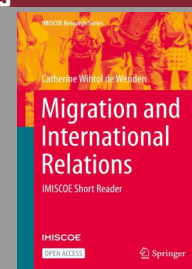
**Wishing Donatella Strangio all the best in her new role as Director of the MEMOTEF Department**

### Meetings, seminars, conferences, schools

- Jan-Jul** Giuliana Polo will attend the European Doctoral School on Demography at the Institut National d'Études Démographiques in Paris.
- Jan 24th** Raimondo Cagiano de Azevedo and Cristina Giudici will attend the second Convention of the Italian network of UNESCO chairs - ReCUI, hosted by the UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women's Rights, at the Insubria University.
- Jan 26th** Cristina Giudici will attend the European Doctoral School on Demography Board Meeting, at the Institut National d'Études Démographiques in Paris.
- Feb 7-9** The Chair will attend the Young demographers Conference, in Prague.
- Feb 26-29** Elena Ambrosetti will teach "International Migration" at the European Doctoral School on Demography, hosted by the Institut National d'Études Démographiques in Paris.
- Mar 27** The Chair will present the 2024 edition of the Mentorship project at Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome.
- Spring 2024** The Chair will contribute to the Memotef Department Research Days.
- Apr 8-12** Elena Ambrosetti will teach at the CIVIS BIP "Global Migration on the Ground" held at the University of Tübingen, Germany.
- Apr 17-20** The Chair will contribute to the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Apr 13** Raimondo Cagiano will attend the Ufficio del dibattito of the European Movement in Ferrara.
- Mai 22-24** Alessandro Feraldi and Cristina Giudici will contribute to the 35th REVES Meeting, hosted by the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the Institute of Aging, Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia.
- Jun 12 - 15** The Chair will contribute to the European Population Conference—EPC that will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Jun 17 - 20** The Chair will contribute to the Scientific Meeting of SIS that will take place in Bari, Italy.
- Jun 25-28** Cristina Giudici will participate to the European Forum on Service Learning, KA2 Erasmus+ project, University of Bucharest (RO)
- Jul 2-5** The Chair will contribute to the Annual IMISCOE conference that will take place in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Oct 24-25** The Chair will host the 6th TM of the KA2 Erasmus+ project "Service Learning -ICP" at Sapienza University

### Catherine W. de Wenden, (2023). Migration and International Relations: IMISCOE Short Reader. Springer Nature.

This open access book investigates how migration has become an increasingly important issue in international relations since the turn of the 21st century. It investigates specific aspects of this migration diplomacy such as double citizenship or bilateral agreements on border controls which can become important tools for bargain or pressure. The book also discusses the intersections between migration and international relations concerning issues of global governance such as conflicts and refugees, development and mobility, or environmental migration. As such this book provides a must read to students, academics, researchers and policy makers and everyone who wants to learn more about the international relations aspects of migration governance.



### Notice

**This newsletter closes a year full of activities for our Chair.**

**In addition to the activities listed above, other important events took place during the year and numerous articles were published. These events and publications will be reported in the next Chair News 31.**