

MirreM Spring School

Approaching irregular migration from a quantitative perspective

March 19-21, 2025 | University for Continuing Education
Krems, Austria

IMISCOE SPRING Conference (participation is optional & free of charge, registration required)

Monday, March 17 – Day 1 – 9.00-20.00 (phd network sessions, IMISCOE Board meetings, opening keynote speeches, reception)

Tuesday, March 18 – Day 2 – 9.00-18.30 (Roundtable 1, panel sessions, city walk)

Wednesday March 19- Day 3 – 9.00-17.00 (Panel sessions, closing panel)

See for more details [here](#)

Training Programme

Wednesday, March 19

17.30-18.30 Introduction to the programme, getting to know each other

18.30-21.00 Joint dinner at a Wine House (Heuriger)

Thursday, March 20

9:00-11.30 Session 1: Introduction to basic concepts: What is irregular migration? Who belongs to the population of irregular migrants? What are stocks and flows?

Albert Kraler (Danube University Krems)

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 Session 2 - What is 'good' data? Validity, reliability, FAIR data principles in the context of irregular migration data.

Lalaine Siruno (University of Maastricht) and Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University/ Erasmus University Rotterdam)

14.00-17.30 Session 3+4 (Double Session) – Workshop – Using publicly available data on irregular migration to describe the irregular migration.

Denis Kierans (University of Oxford), Arjen Leerkes (University of Maastricht/Erasmus University Rotterdam), and Lalaine Siruno (University of Maastricht)

Friday, March 21

9.00-10.30 Session 5: Estimation methods

Alejandra Rodriguez-Sanchez (University of Potsdam)

10.30-12:30 Session 6: Assessing policy impacts: what can we deduce from numbers? How can we explain numbers? What methods can be applied to assess the impact of policies? Workshop – describing policy impacts

Alejandra Rodriguez-Sanchez (University of Potsdam), Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University/ Erasmus University Rotterdam)

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-16.00 Workshop 7: The politics and ethics of numbers

Arjen Leerkes (Maastricht University/Erasmus University Rotterdam) & Albert Kraler (Danube University Krems)

16.00 -17.00 Concluding feedback round

17:00 End of the training programme