



AMIS Newsletter

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Dear AMIS friends,

Welcome to the AMIS Spring Newsletter, which presents the results of the 3-year practice-research collaboration the "Boundary work project" and the *AMIS Alumni Networking Event* organized by our alumni network *amisan*. You can also read about the *How to get published workshop*, our new publications, AMIS visiting scholars in the spotlight, and more.

All best
Marie Sandberg, AMIS director

Boundary work closing conference at Christiansborg



Photos: Sophia Jessen, March 18, 2024

Marie Sandberg, Ditte Shapiro and Katrine Kohl presenting the research results and recommendations from the Boundary work project in "Fællessalen" at Christiansborg.

Together with Danish Refugee Council and Red Cross, researchers from AMIS have spent the last three years analyzing the consequences of the turn to temporary protection in Danish immigration and integration legislation, 2015-2019, which has changed the focus from integration to self-sufficiency and return.

Supported by the VELUX FOUNDATIONS the research-practice project "'Boundary Work' - new interfaces between the state, civil society and refugees in a self-reliance and return context" has focused on implications for refugees, caseworkers and volunteers who need to navigate the paradoxical demand of integration and return.

The closing conference was held on March 18, 2024, in "Fællessalen" at Christiansborg, with MP Mohammad Rona (M) as host.

Read more here:

📌 [Conference program](#) (in Danish):

📌 Op-ed in Altinget (in Danish): Forskere har kortlagt dansk asylpolitik: "[Flygtninge bliver fastholdt i frygt på grænsen til velfærdsstaten](#)". Feature article in Altinget 18/3 2024 written by Katrine Sypli Kohl, Ditte Shapiro & Marie Sandberg.

📌 [Booklet summarizing research results](#) (in Danish)

🎧 Podcast: "[Den Store Modtagelse](#)" – a podcast series in four episodes that examines how the reception of the Ukrainian refugees in 2022 was experienced by Syrian refugees living here, and the case workers and volunteers who receive refugees in Denmark.

Apart from the articles already published on "[Frivillighedens grænsearbejde](#)" (Kohl et al 2023) and "[Disturbing Intimacies](#)" (Kohl 2023), the research team is finalizing several international journal articles presenting in-depth analysis and results, more info coming up.

A photo exhibit MIDLERTIDIG curated by DRC Danish Refugee Council and Red Cross is travelling around Denmark during the rest of 2024.

Workshop: How to get published

On April 3rd, 2024, students, alumnae and professors from AMIS and Saxo got together to organize a seminar on the academic publication process, after noting a lack of information made available about it for aspiring researchers. Starting from an idea from Alex Cuzzolino, current student at AMIS, and Zachary Whyte, Associate Professor at AMIS, all people interested in the publication process got together to learn about the intricacies of the process and receive tips and tricks to make it easier on themselves. The discussion was facilitated by the collaboration of AMIS alumna Elena Horton, who has successfully published some of her academic work from AMIS, and Associate Professor at the Saxo Institute Tim Flohr Sorensen.

The seminar included a focus on the steps necessary to turn your Master's thesis into a publishable article (pro tip: it's not enough to cut down on the characters!), as well as personal experiences with the publishing process including potential pitfalls for students (pro tip: be careful of predatory publishers!).

Alex and Zachary have summarized some key points shared in the seminar, which is available here to everyone who might be interested. See [Publication Guide for AMIS Students](#).

AMIS Alumni Networking Event



Photos: Maria Frantzoulis, May 1, 2024.

On International Worker's Day, amisan (AMIS Alumni Network) invited current students and AMIS alumni for a special AMIS Alumni Networking Event at the University of Copenhagen. The afternoon offered a panel discussion with alumni panelists from Center for Rusmiddelforskning, Swldeas AB, Danish Refugee Council, and more. After the panel discussion everyone was invited to stay and connect with fellow AMIS students and graduates and broaden their professional network within Denmark.

Thanks to AMIS-alumna Camay for organizing this wonderful afternoon!

AMIS Outreach

AMIS Associate professor, Lotte Pelckmans writes in this SOAS blog on climate-induced migration: [Rethinking the Climate Change-Migration-Conflict Nexus in the Sahel: A Plea for Intersectionality to Include Descent-based Slavery – SOAS History Blog](#).

And Lotte has been interviewed for Le Soleil, 9-10 March, 2024: «Le film documentaire offre un potentiel de dialogue, d'engagement et de mobilisation».

AMIS Visiting Scholars in the spotlight



Magdalena Bogucewicz,

Meet Magdalena Bogucewicz, PhD candidate at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Advanced Migration Studies 2023, University of Copenhagen.

In this spotlight, Magdalena highlights the importance of refugees' and migrants' healthcare in a humanitarian context associated with state obligations. [See interview](#)



Jacob Lind

Meet Jacob Lind, a Postdoc at Malmö University in Sweden and Visiting Scholar at AMIS (2023-2024), University of Copenhagen.

In this Spotlight, Jacob will share his decade-long research dedicated to understanding the everyday lives of migrants in vulnerable situations with uncertain legal statuses, in which health issues are woven into political processes. [See interview](#)

UCPH Migration Research Platform

The University of Copenhagen Platform for Migration and Refugee Research (UPCH Migration Research Platform) is a cross-faculty initiative open to researchers based at UCPH from all disciplines. This spring-programme has included the seminar [Death, burial and mourning in migratory contexts](#). The aim with the platform is to promote a broader interdisciplinary dialogue both internally at UCPH and within the international research field. Please [sign up for the newsletter](#) and [check out the website](#) for upcoming events.

AMIS Publications

AMIS staff publishes a wide range of research publications in internationally renowned, peer reviewed journals and book series.



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