In August AMIS steering group and staff gathered at Schæffergården in order to discuss how to strengthen AMIS’ profile. AMIS is an interdisciplinary centre for migration research, established in 2013 and based at the Saxo Institute, Faculty of Humanities, University of Copenhagen. It is a guiding principle for all of AMIS’ work that the challenges posed by migration require a collaborative effort from a wide range of disciplines. AMIS therefore aims to combine a diversity of social science and humanities approaches to migration, including history, ethnology, religion, philosophy, linguistics and the arts. Yet how do we operationalise this profile and how do we work with interdisciplinarity in practice at the center and in the MA-programme? As a result of the working seminar, AMIS will soon launch a set of new AMIS Research Clusters.

More info will follow, so stay tuned!
AMIS in the Media

Read about asylum seekers in Denmark through this link.

When camp-like conditions for refugees extend beyond the asylum centres

On August 5 2019, the CAMP-research group had an op-ed published in the national newspaper Berlingske: "In Denmark many refugees never leave the camp – it is harmful for both human beings and the economy" ("I Danmark kommer mange flygtninge aldrig ud af lejren – det er skadeligt for både mennesker og samfundsøkonomi"). In the piece the four researchers share their concern for the way in which camp-like conditions for refugees extend beyond the asylum centres and into the rest of the society. They emphasise how there should be a difference between being an asylum seeker and being legally recognized as a refugee – and how this difference between the two legal categories is gradually dissolving in Denmark.

The article was later published by Refugess.dk on September 24 2019:

Learn more through this link.

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Public Lecture: Asylum seeking in the South Pacific: Perspectives on the case of Manus Island

What are the effects of Australia’s offshoring of asylum seekers? Professor Paige West and Professor J.C. Salyer visited AMIS to discuss this issue from the perspective of Manus Island, Papua New Guinea. From legal and anthropological perspectives they discussed the effects on the Human Rights of asylum seekers and the broader effects on Manus Island and Papua New Guinea of being Australia’s human garbage can.

On August 16 2019, two scholars from Columbia University – Professor Paige West and Ass. Professor J.C. Salyer, guested AMIS for an engaging lecture and following discussion on their many years of ethnographic research at Manus Island.

Learn more through this link.

IMISCOE conference, Malmö 2019:

During the IMISCOE’s annual conference entitled “Understanding International Migration in the 21st Century: Conceptual and Methodological Approaches”, at Malmö University on the 26-28 June, 2019, Marie Sandberg and Nina Grønlykke Mollerup organized a DIGINAUTS panel on New Approaches to Migration Trajectories and Solidarity Work through Digital Media Practices in/of the European Border Regimen.

Learn more through this link.

RGS-IBG Annual Meeting 2019:

During the Royal Geographical Society’s annual meeting at London Imperial College on August 27-30, Cecilie Odgaard Jakobsen, Katrine Syppli Kohl, and Zachary Whyte presented papers on carceral aspects of Denmark’s asylum centres, such as restrictions on cooking as a motivational measure to make rejected asylum seekers leave, based on their ongoing research from the Carceral Mobility Project (CAMP).

Learn more through this link.
AMIS CALENDAR - FUTURE EVENTS

Hack for refugees

23 October 2019, 16:00 – 25 October 2019, 16:00.
23 and 24 October 2019, room 27.0.09, South Campus, UCPH.
25 October 2019, room 5A60, ITU.

Arranged by TechFugees in collaboration with DIGINAUTS (UCPH, ITU and AAU).

Hackation is a parallel event to the conference, Border dissidence, digital resistance & the production of irregularized migrants.

Learn more through this [link](#).

International Conference: Border dissidence, digital resistance & the production of irregularized migrants

24 October 2019, 9:00-12:30, room 22.0.11, South Campus, UCPH.

25 October 2019, 13:30-16:30, 4A14, ITU.

Arranged by DIGINAUTS (UCPH, ITU and AAU)

Everyone is welcome!

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Learn more through this [link](#).
Book Launch: Reframing Migration, Diversity and the Arts
13 November 2019, 14:00-15:30, room 15A.2.13, South Campus, University of Copenhagen.

Don’t miss this exciting book launch!

Postmigration is a new and rapidly developing concept in sociology, migration studies and cultural studies. It frames phenomena of migration and diversity differently and challenges traditional views on society, immigration and integration. It offers a fresh perspective on the conflicts and struggles taking place in societies facing increasing cultural plurality as a result of immigration. In their co-authored book Reframing Migration, Diversity and the Arts: The Postmigrant Condition (Routledge Research in Art and Politics, 2019), professor Anne Ring Petersen from KU and associate professor Moritz Schramm from the University of Southern Denmark explore, together with other authors, this developing concept and its potentials for migration studies. It offers a review of the origin of the concept in the cultural scene in Berlin and how it has taken on a variety of meanings and works in different ways within different national, cultural and disciplinary contexts.

At the book launch Petersen and Schramm will introduce the concept and discuss its potentials and challenges in two short presentations, followed by a response from AMIS Postdoc Martin Ledstrup and a discussion with the audience. Schramm will give an account of the origin of the concept and the academic reception of the term. Following this theoretical introduction, Petersen will consider the analytical potential of the term and present an example of how a postmigrant perspective can be used to explore cultural expressions and link them to recent cultural developments and public debates.

CAMP participation in AAA:

23 November 2019
During this year’s AAA/CASCA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada, most of AMIS’s CAMP-research group – Zachary Whyte, Katrine Syppli Kohl and Cecilie Odgaard Jakobsen – will participate with the panel session ‘Moving camps and carceral junctions’ on Saturday November 23 from 16:15-18.
We welcome all interested to the panel itself, but would also like to hear from any affiliates who will be participating in the conference (or are based in Vancouver) – We would be happy to meet up during the week, if possible.

Do get in touch! (through the mail coj@hum.ku.dk or ksk@vive.dk)

**Sixth AMIS-MIM Master’s Conference**

5 December 2019, 13:00-17:00, Auditorium 22.0.11, South Campus, UCPH.

Keynote by Miriam Cullen, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law: Climate-related displacement: how developments in the law took people, or left them, in 2019.

According to the most recent report of the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 680 million people living in low-lying coastal zones will be impacted by rising sea levels by the end of this century. Yet there remains no international legal instrument to address the foreseeable displacement. This address will outline how the law’s “take” on climate displaced people effects a “protection gap” and how gap in legal protection can “leave” climate displaced people quite literally where they are. But perhaps a treaty is not the solution. This talk will examine two cases lodged this year before UN Human Rights treaty bodies seeking remedies for alleged human rights violations connected with climate change and leading to potential displacement. The first was lodged by the Torres Strait Islander community against the Government of Australia in the UN Human Rights Committee. The second was lodged by 16 children against the governments of Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany and Turkey before the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

More info will follow, so keep an eye on the AMIS website.

**NEWS ABOUT THE STAFF**

We are pleased to introduce the group of guest PhD fellows and research interns who join AMIS this semester! With diverse educational backgrounds and research interests, they represent a dynamic addition to the interdisciplinary research environment of AMIS. Learn more about their individual projects below. You can read more about the Velux-funded project DIGINAUTS, which investigates the digital practices of migrants, through this [link](#).
**Emile May Young** is a third semester MA student with AMIS and is currently working as a research intern on the DIGINAUTS project hosted by Marie Sandberg and Nina Mollerup. Within the larger scope of the project, Emile focuses on the types of knowledge produced through the use of social media and mainstream media by migrants and journalists alike. Her general research interests are in media, images, and storytelling. Emile holds a BA in English literature, archaeology, and classics from New York University.

**Emilia Ward** is a third semester MA student with AMIS and is currently working as a research intern anthropologist and affiliate Lotte Pelckmans. Emilia assists with editing a special issue of the Journal of Anthropology and Development (APAD) centring African receptions to EU security and migration-development-security nexus in the Sahel as well as its connection to the EU's increased externalization of border controls and securitization of African migration. Emilia holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Iceland.

**Mette Catarina Skaarup** is a third semester MA student with AMIS and is currently working as a research intern on the DIGINAUTS project hosted by Marie Sandberg and Nina Mollerup. As part of her internship, Mette will explore productions of the Danish-Swedish borderland through various discursive and digital practices. She will also assist with the organization of academic conferences and the establishment of a student research network for migration-interested students in Copenhagen and Malmö. Mette holds a BA in Peace and Conflict Studies from Malmö University.

**Sarah Louise Madsen** Sarah Louise Madsen is a PhD researcher from the Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies, SDU, and is working on a Ph.D.-thesis on rejected asylum seekers’ encounters with the Danish health care system. With a special focus on knowledge production and medical expertise’s role in the construction (and deconstruction) of asylum-seekers’ refugee status, her research traces rejected asylum seekers’ and health care personnel’s navigation of a system characterised by deep-seated mutual mistrust.

Sarah holds an MA in Global Refugee Studies from AAU, for which she conducted ethnographic fieldwork in the Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria. She has extensive work experience from the humanitarian, development and human rights sectors in Denmark and the Middle East. She spent a year and a half working in the occupied Palestinian territory, and has worked with asylum seekers and refugees for over a decade.
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**Valentine Ibeka** joins AMIS as a guest PhD researcher from the School of Environment – University of Auckland, New Zealand. He has two bachelor’s degree – the first, in Philosophy and the second, in Religion and Cultural Studies. He later obtained the MA in Philosophy from the University of Copenhagen and an MSc in International Development Management from the University of Nottingham. His current research attempts to explore the intersection between education, migration and development, by comparatively examining the post-study lives of educational and highly skilled migrants across two locations namely Denmark and New Zealand.

Areas of research interest include – Educational Migration, Migration and Development, Remittances, Integration Policies, Neo-colonialism and World Systems Analysis, Internationalization of Higher Education, Pierre Bourdieu, John Rawls

**Lotte Pelckmans**, external Lecture at AMIS, will be on a one-year-research-fellowship in Bonn, Germany at the Centre for Dependency and Slavery Studies, to work on court cases related to slavery in past and present francophone West Africa. Learn more through this [link](#).

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