ICMPD’s Research Unit has been carrying out research on salient current migration issues since it was established in 1997. Important research topics have included the causes and the consequences of migration, the processes and mechanisms of international migration and its regulation, as well as integration. ICMPD has established a reputation for its research on international migration patterns, trends and policies in the wider European context based on comparative analysis.

The work of the Research Unit is based on empirical research with an interdisciplinary and international approach. The most important specific topics currently being addressed are: migration management and comparative analysis of European and international migration; EU migration and asylum policies, especially the impact of EU enlargement on migration and East-West migration; patterns and trends in irregular migration; policies on irregular migration, in particular the dynamics and structure of human smuggling and trafficking in an interdisciplinary context; family-related migration and family migration policies; transnational analysis of the comparability and availability of migration-related statistical data; and discrimination against migrants and minorities in various areas, such as the labour market. Research on these topics, as well as other migration-related topics, is often published in the form of articles, papers and books.

ICMPD’s Research Unit is a member of the International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Research Network, which is a network of major European research institutes in the field of migration studies. In addition, it maintains well-established networks with other research institutions and individual migration researchers outside the network.

It is also actively engaged in organising relevant conferences, workshops and training. For example, since 2010 the ICMPD Research team has annually co-organised with EIPA (European Institute of Public Administration) a training seminar on migration statistics titled “Making Sense of Migration Statistics: Comparing Data and Practical Application”. Other examples include the conference “Promoting Sustainable Policies for Integration” based on a project of the same name in October 2011 in Vienna and miscellaneous workshops at the Annual IMISCOE conferences. Furthermore, the Research Team serves as an ethical reviewer on several advisory boards for large-scale international research projects. More information about the Research Unit’s activities can be found on the website: http://research.icmpd.org.
Research

Current & Recent Projects

- ICMPD Yearbook on Illegal Migration, Human Smuggling and Trafficking in Central and Eastern Europe
- Family Reunification – A Barrier or Facilitator to Integration?
- European Indicators of Migrant Integration
- Feasibility Study on the Labour Market Performance of Regularised Migrants in Europe
- FAMINT – Familiengründungsmigration, Heiratsverhalten und Integration von Drittstaatsangehörigen in Österreich
- Health Care for Undocumented Migrants in Switzerland
- Treatment of Third-country Nationals at the EU’s External Borders
- Impact Analysis of Integration and Migration Policy Measures on the Integration of Third Country Nationals in Europe
- Promoting Sustainable Policies for Integration
- Climate Refugees
- PROMINSTAT – Promoting Comparative Quantitative Research in the Field of Migration and Integration in Europe

Recent Publications

- (2012) Policy Brief by Albert Kraler, Tatiana Cernei and Marion Noack: Climate Change and Migration: What is the Role for Migration Policies?