Background:
The International Summer School, held in the framework of the project “Building training and analytical capacities on migration in Moldova and Georgia (GOVAC),” will take place from June 25 – 29 in Batumi (Georgia). The Summer School will focus on migration research which will be conducted by the selected students in preparation of the Summer School. This preparatory research will be supervised by the GOVAC academia experts from Georgia and Moldova, to be appointed by the GOVAC project Academia Module coordinators in Moldova and Georgia. These academia representatives will also participate in the Summer School.

Student research topic should analyze migration issues in Georgia and Moldova. The indicative list of the research topics presented below should be considered when choosing the research area.

The students of the Summer School will have the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects. Discussions and workshops during the Summer School will be used to finalize the research paper and the best papers will be published in the Summer School Reader. Further information on the Summer School is provided in the Background Information which is disseminated together with this document.

Requirements for the Research Paper:

Students from Georgia and Moldova who are selected for the Summer School have to choose one topic for their research. The topic can be chosen from the research areas below. However, listed research areas can also be used as more general orientation for the research and students can modify them for their individual research depending on concrete priorities of their respective country.

Research can be undertaken individually or in a team with other selected student(s); a maximum of three selected students can be involved in one research activity. Research teams can be composed of representatives from the same or different faculties.

Research must be supervised by the respective academia representative from Georgia or Moldova who will be appointed by the GOVAC project Academia Module coordinator in Moldova and Georgia. These academia representatives will also take part in the Summer School (4 professors from each Moldova and Georgia from law, social (political) sciences, economics and media fields).

The research paper has to be prepared and submitted in English language. The GOVAC project will take care of subsequent language edition for the publication, if needed.

The length of research paper shall not exceed 15 pages, if the research is implemented individually, and 30 pages in case of team research.

Students have to finalise their draft research paper until May 31, 2012, and submit it to the appointed supervisors. The final approval of the research paper and decision on their publication will be taken during the Summer School.
Indicative research areas:

LAW
1. Elaboration of a migration glossary: English-Georgian or English-Moldovan;
2. Overview of international treaties on migration applicable to Georgia/Moldova;
3. The duties and rights (economic, social, political, cultural) of foreigners in Georgia/Moldova (Constitution, material legislation);
4. The evolution of the concept of citizenship in Georgia/Moldova during the last two decades;
5. The prerogative of State Sovereignty in the field of migration and asylum

ECONOMY
1. Elaboration of a migration glossary: English-Georgian or English-Moldovan;
2. Demographic challenges of Georgia/Moldova for the next two decades;
3. Impact of remittances on the education of children of Georgia/Moldovan emigrants;
4. Entrepreneurship and employment of Georgians/Moldovans who returned from abroad (interviews with returned migrants);
5. Evaluation of government assistance for migrant investments at home (interviews with government officials and migrants who received assistance)

SOCIAL/POLITICAL SCIENCE
1. Social price of emigration: children and elderly left behind (interviews with target group);
2. Social inclusion and integration of foreigners in Georgia/Moldova: access to social/health rights of temporary/permanent and economic rights (employment) of lawfully residing foreigners in Georgia/Moldova;
3. Political rights of migrants in Georgia and Moldova

MEDIA
1. Media tools to raise awareness on relevance of migration for local development;
2. Emigration patterns in one of the regions (recruitment), carried out by field interviews;
3. Right to be informed (access to public migration-related information);
4. Elaboration of migration glossary: English-Georgian or English-Moldovan

Indicative research paper outline:
Research paper shall follow the following indicative research outline:

1. Title of the research area
2. Author(s) and faculty(-ies)
3. Introduction with indication why this research area is a priority for the respective country
4. Literature overview
5. Research questions, methodology and hypothesis: Please describe:
a. the research questions to be addressed concisely (up to 3 questions), including the geographical area and time frame to be covered;

b. methodology used in the paper by referring to the research questions above. Please consider the data sources and analytical methods to be employed;

c. expected outcomes and results of the paper (by answering the research questions);

6. Research and analyses

7. Conclusions

8. Literature and resources: references used (books, articles, internet sources, databases, etc.)