Study on

“The State of the Art of Research in the EU on the Uptake and Use of ICT by Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities (IEM)”

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“The State of the Art of Research in the EU on the Uptake and Use of ICT by Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities (IEM)”

- Literature published between 2004 and 2008
- Survey addressed to more than 600 individual researchers
  - > European Research Institutes
  - > Current research projects
  - > European experts

on ICT and migrations
Structure of the Study

1. Europe and the Information Age – Policies and Discourses

2. The Evolution of Studies on ICT and Migrations

3. The State of Affairs of Publications on ICT and Migrations in Europe
   3.1 The Literature Inquiry
   3.2 Emerging Research Lines from Collected Publications
   3.3 Under-Researched Topics

4. The State of Affairs of the European Research Area on ICT and Migrations
   4.1 European Coverage and Regional Distribution
   4.2 Personal Aspects of ICT and Migration Researchers
   4.3 Research Centres in Europe
   4.4 Research Projects on ICT and Migrations in Europe – Lines of Investigation and Disciplines Involved
   4.5 Methodological innovations

5. Conclusions
The State of Affairs of Publications on ICT and Migrations in Europe

Research strategy:

- Personal interviewing (questionnaires)
- Desk research

156 publications
Emerging Research Lines from collected publications

Research institutes
- The ICT – Migration Group
- Migrinter
- The Internet Interdisciplinary Institute
- The Department of Media and Communications at the LSE
- The Institute of Communications Studies (ICS) at the University of Leeds
Main themes

1. ICT and diaspora communities
2. Transnationalism
3. Migrant networks (development)
4. The use of ICT in shaping identities (maintaining identities and creating new identities)
5. Activism and international, regional and local resistance
6. Media representation of migrants and ethnic minorities
7. Studies of quantitative perspective
8. Appropriation of technologies
9. Economic purposes
10. Methodological issues
11. Security issues
Under-research topics

1. Migrants’ digital literacy
2. E-inclusion
3. Comparative data on the use of the internet by IEM
4. Impact of ICT in social and economic development in the country of origin
5. Linguistic style, skills and competences
6. Transformation of information

- Increase of Internet cafès and call shops
- Immigrants as target for telecommunication and transportation companies
State of affairs of the European Research Area on ICT and Migrations
European coverage and Regional Distribution

Questionnaires sent to more than 600 individuals

40 compiled questionnaires

1. Almost all responding countries belong to the old EU 15 Group
2. Most research institutes are located in France, Germany and UK
3. There are more female than male researchers on ICT and IEM
4. Some of the most important research groups and projects are led by female scientists
   (ICT and Migration Group – Dana Diminescu; Migration and Network Society – Adela Ros; MinorityMedia – Isabelle Rigoni)
5. The majority of the researchers holds a degree in sociology
Research Centres in Europe

1. The Research Programme of the Use of ICT in Migrations affiliated to the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme (FMSH) and directed by Dana Diminescu

2. The Migration and Network Society (MNS) part of the IN3 at the Open University of Catalonia, led by Adela Ros

ICT for social integration and cultural diversity
Bridge IT (www.bridge-it-net.eu)
Research Projects on ICT and Migrations in Europe
Lines of investigation and Disciplines Involved

Results

• 41 research projects
• interdisciplinary field of research

Topics

1. Comparative perspective
2. The role of ICT in the life of IEM (identity)
3. Interaction between cultural identity and ICT and its relation to social and economic integration
4. Relationship between media and political participation
5. ICT and economic integration
6. Digital literacy of IEM
7. How ICT can be customized to the needs of IEM
8. Migratory paths through digital territories
9. The role of new media in current migration movements
10. Highly skilled migrants and ICT
11. Effect of migrants’ transnational networks on economies in sending and receiving countries
Perspectives for future research projects

- User analysis
- Impact analysis
- Theoretical approaches
- More systematic comparative research
Topics

• The age of connected migrant
• The circularity of people
• The information migration society
• The economics of ICT and migrations
• Learning and mobility in the digital age
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