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Renegotiations in Migration Contexts**

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Participants' Biographies**Justine Grace Novio Abrugena**

Justine Grace Novio Abrugena is a Filipino migrant in Europe, with a degree in European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR). She is a public relations specialist in the Philippines prior to pursuing her graduate studies and receiving an Erasmus Mundus scholarship. Her particular interest with migration studies started during her internship with an NGO in Manila that promotes migrant welfare and was further enriched by her work experience at the Philippine Honorary Consulate General in Barcelona. Justine's research interests include labor migration, diaspora studies, gender, and integration amongst others. She currently works as a graduate assistant and staff support at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg. www.linkedin.com/in/justineabrugena/

Paul Agoe

Paul Agoe is a Ph.D. candidate at the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS). He holds MA degrees in Migration Studies from the University of Ghana and in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) coordinated by the University of Oldenburg. His research interests are in African migration, transnational migration, second generation immigrants, material objects, clothing, and dress in the context of migration, and migration and development.

Priscilla Afua Agyeman-Duah

Priscilla A. Agyeman-Duah is a social worker with keen interest in families and children and how the family unit can be strengthened to meet the needs of its members. She has a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Ghana, Legon and holds a graduate degree, European Master in Social Work with Families and Children (MFAMILY). Her past research has focused on resilience and disability within families. Priscilla is currently working with African migrants in Italy as a cultural mediator. She aims to focus her scholarly work on gender issues, resilience and empowerment.

Waseem Al-Musawi

Waseem Al-Musawi is a graduate student taking up European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) at the Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany. He has completed his graduation in Political Science from the University of Baghdad in Iraq. He has been working on 'Universities Monitor (univmonitor) for Quality of Higher Education in Iraq' initiative and is also an administrative member of Governance Center for Public Policies (IQGCPP), a Baghdad based think tank.

Lina Atfah

Lina Atfah is a cosmopolitan poet and activist born in 1989 in Salamiyah, Syria. She is an active and prolific contributor to many poetry journals and newspapers and has published two poetry collections so far: "Am Rande der Rettung" [On the Verge of Salvation], published in 2017, and the recent "Das Buch der fehlenden Ankunft" [The Book of Missed Arrivals]. Lina's poetry spaces from a critical dialogue with political and societal issues in Syria to an intimate—and at the same time universal—exploration of polyphonic emotions of love, angst, and rage that intertwine into the experience of migration and crystallize in Lina's poems in the form of a poetic voice that knows how to whisper, scream, and trace new trajectories of forgotten stories.

Mohammed Baobaid

Mohammed Baobaid earned his doctoral degree from the Institute of Psychology at the University of Erlangen Nuremberg in Germany. He is the founder and the Executive Director of the Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration in Canada (MRCSSI) and adjunct professor at the Western University. For 30 years he has conducted research on families and children and youth at risk of violence and developing culturally appropriate responses in Yemen and Canada. Based on the outcome of his research, a culturally integrative model of family violence responses has been developed and implemented. Dr. Baobaid has received many awards including the first Arab Ambassadors' Award, intended to honour Arab descent Canadians with outstanding achievements in their respective fields, the 2012 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the 2012 Attorney General's Victim Services Awards of Distinction. Prior to coming to Canada, Dr. Baobaid was the head of the department of psychology at the University of Sana'a, Yemen.

Yara Behrens

Yara Behrens recently earned a graduate study diploma in European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR). Yara has worked in Lebanon, Turkey, and Germany on migration specific topics and is interested in research and advocacy. She is fluent in German, English, French and is studying Farsi and Arabic. Her master's thesis is entitled: Forced displacement and voluntary migration – analysis of gendered biographies of Afghans in Turkey.

Sanjeev Dahal

Sanjeev Dahal, MSW is a doctoral scholar in Social Work at Boston College, USA. He is interested in studying the impacts of migration in families and issues in child protection. He obtained a degree in European Master in Social Work with Families and Children (MFAMILY, 2014-16) coordinated by Instituto Universitário de Lisboa in Portugal and a Masters in Social Work (2008-10) from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India. He has served as the Director of Operations of Nepal Orphans Home, and Associate Director of Thames International College in Nepal. Sanjeev is a recipient of numerous recognitions including Civil Society Scholar Awards 2014 by Open Society Institute, USA; Nepal Vidhya Bhusan [educational recognition] from the President of Nepal for highest score in the University at Masters Studies (2011); Best Student in Social Work, 2010 graduates at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India (2010); Most Outstanding Student Award at St. Xavier's College, Nepal in Bachelor of Social Work (2008).

Moha Ennaji

Moha Ennaji holds a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Essex. He is the president and co-founder of the International Institute for Languages and Cultures (INLAC) in Fes, Morocco (<http://www.inlac-institute.com/>). Moha is one of Morocco's leading academics with research interests in North African culture and gender issues, language and migration. He has authored numerous scholarly works which include: *L'Olivier de la Sagesse* (Karthala, Paris, 2017), *Muslim Moroccan Migrants in Europe* (MacMillan, New York, 2014), *Multilingualism, Cultural Identity, and Education in Morocco* (Springer, New York, 2005). He is currently working on a new book project entitled *Social Movements in the Maghreb*.

Prizma Ghimire

Prizma Ghimire is a recent graduate of European Masters in Social Work with Families and Children (MFAMILY, 2017-2019). She is currently pursuing her fellowship at the American University of Paris in France. Her research interest stands at the crossroad of nuanced exploration and understanding of family dynamics and gender roles in the context of migration.

Zaheera Jinnah

Zaheera Jinnah has a Ph.D. in anthropology and a background in development studies and social work. Her research interests are in labour migration, gender and diaspora studies. She is a research associate at the ACMS where she teaches, supervises graduate students, and engages in policy and academic research. Her recent publication is the co-edited book (Palgrave) '*Gender and Mobility in Africa: Borders, Bodies and Boundaries*'. She is the recipient of a Volkswagen Stiftung fellowship in humanities (2017-2020). Zaheera's interdisciplinary scholarship is informed by decolonial, global south and intersectional theories and practice. Over the last decade she has taught at the African Centre for Migration and Society, Wits University (South Africa) where she remains a research associate, the University of Alberta, and in the European Masters in Migration and Intercultural Relations program at the University of Oldenburg (Germany). Her interests are centred around migration and refugee studies, especially in, from and around Africa. Her recent publication is a co-edited book, *Borders, Bodies and Boundaries: Gender and Mobility in Africa* (Palgrave 2018). Outside of academia, Zaheera has consulted for the United Nations in developing immigration policies for several countries in Africa, has co-drafted the ILO's labour migration strategy for the continent, and is active in refugee support programs.

Ulrike Lingen-Ali

Ulrike Lingen-Ali holds the deputy professorship in Migration and Education at the Institute for Pedagogy at the University of Oldenburg since June 2019. Before she was a research associate at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Women and Gender (ZFG) and teaches Education and Migration Studies at Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg. She studied in Oldenburg Education Science and in Birzeit/Palestine Arabic and Social Sciences. Her PhD thesis focuses on biographies on feminist activists in Palestine and Germany. Between 2012 and 2016 she was a PostDoc researcher in a research project on migrant one-parent families in Lower Saxony (ALMIN). Current research projects are "Shifting Families: Interrogating notions of 'family' in a context of contemporary African migration and diverse urban spaces, using multi-sited case studies in South Africa, Morocco, and Germany" as well as the subproject "Refugee women, family dynamics, and violence. Coping with trauma, intervention, and prevention in the context of reception" as part of the joint research project "Gender, Forced Migration & the Politics of Reception: Processes of Gendered Inclusion and Exclusion in Lower Saxony". Her teaching and research interests and publications include family dynamics and migration contexts; concepts of identity and belonging; Orientalism and Othering; religious ascriptions; Gender relations and dynamics; structures of violence, prevention and intervention.

Md. Matiul Hoque Masud

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Valentina Micaletto

Valentina Micaletto is an Italian independent researcher. During her BA Social Work studies conducted at the Università degli studi di Padova, her research interest was focused on environmental social work and on the impact of Horticultural Therapy interventions on mental health. She recently graduated from the Erasmus Mundus Master in Social Work with families and children (MFAMILY), conducted in Portugal, Norway, Sweden and Uganda. Her research focus is on transnational methodologies and welfare policies concerning families and minors in adverse situations, migration and child protection. She recently developed and conducted an experimental pilot research project in the Nakivale refugee settlement (Uganda), aiming to explore feasibility, perception and potential for replicability of a Social and Horticultural intervention with children in an African context. She is currently working on publishing and discussing her research findings through multiple venues. This, to stimulate the debate on promotion and further implementation of similar interventions, considered as potentially innovative modalities of addressing the specific psychological and social needs of vulnerable refugee children. She is also managing the development of projects with the association AME of which she is President since 2016.

Gabriella Mikiewicz

Gabriella Mikiewicz graduated with a master's degree in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) in September 2019. Gabriella's M.A. thesis was about Eritrean transnational networks, a topic which she has been interested in since visiting Eritrea several times. During her travels, she forged many friendships with people whose lives are affected at every level by migration. Gabriella's main fields of interest are forced migration, integration, and diaspora studies. She currently works as a strategic communications intern with Seefar Enterprise on projects related to irregular migration in East Africa. www.linkedin.com/in/gabriellamikiewicz

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Chioma Joyce Onukogu is currently a Research Associate at African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. She has a Bachelor of Science in Sociology; master's degrees in industrial Sociology, and in Development Studies; and a Ph.D. in Sociology. She has university teaching experiences in both South Africa and Nigeria. Her research interests include second-generation immigrants; immigrants' identity and integration as well as migrant women in informal businesses. Chioma is a current grantee of the Swiss-Sub-Saharan African Migration Project (S-SAM). Her current research project is the Migration Aspirations of Second-Generation Immigrants in Johannesburg. Chioma is a member of South African Sociological Association (SASA).

Lydia Potts

Lydia Potts is a university lecturer at Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg focusing on Migration and Gender Studies in Cultural Studies and Social Sciences. Lydia's professional experiences include; Coordinator Working Group Migration - Gender – Politics; Coordinator of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in migration and intercultural relations (EMMIR); member of the network DIVERSITAS; Coordinator of University of Oldenburg's cooperation with selected European, African and Asian universities; associated member of the Center for Migration, Education and Cultural Studies (CMC). She is a founding member of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Women and Gender (ZFG). Lydia is interested in globalisation and migration, migration politics and research methods with particular interest in intercultural methodology and migrants' biographies.

Fatima Sadiqi

Fatima Sadiqi is a professor of Linguistics and Gender Studies as well as the president of the Association for Middle East Women's Studies – AMEWS. She is a Woodrow Wilson Center Fellow; Co-Founder of the International Institute for Languages and Cultures (INLAC); and director, Isis Center for Women and Development. Fatima has authored a number of scholarly articles which include; Moroccan Feminist Discourses (<http://goo.gl/6j9TcJ>); Women's Movements in Post-"Arab Spring" North Africa (<http://goo.gl/Hfkz2R>); Women, Language, and Gender in Morocco (<https://goo.gl/n2Goc4>). She is currently working on a Book Project titled; Daesh Ideology and the Gender Challenge.

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America and also in Westminster University, at the Diplomatic Academy of London. She has contributed to the two first volumes of the Moroccan Yearbook of International Relations and Strategy notably through translation, edition and a publication on Morocco's relations with Africa in 2012. She has also co-authored an article on American foreign policy published in the Review of Faith and International Affairs in 2011. During her valuable experience as a research associate at the Moroccan Center of Strategic and International Studies, she has participated to the organization of the Fez Forum.

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Raffy Vigil is a licensed social worker from the Philippines who is currently working as a regional focal person of the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) — the Philippines' major coordinative body that ensures all child-related laws and other measures are properly enforced and monitors the implementation of all plans, programs and services for the children in the Philippines. Raffy has rich experience working with families and children in his former job as a Project Development Officer at the country's Department of Social Work and Development, as well as numerous engagements in volunteer work relative to peace building, disaster preparedness and management, amongst others. He finished his bachelor degree in social work from the Mindanao State University Main Campus; earned units in Masters in Social Work specializing social work administration from the University of the Philippines; and holds an Erasmus Masters Joint Masters degree, the European Masters in Social Work with Families and Children (MFAMILY).

Magdalena Zimmerman

Magdalena Zimmermann graduated from the European Master in Migration and Intercultural Relations (EMMIR) in 2017 and has a background in social sciences and intercultural relations. She has written her master thesis on family planning and migration at the African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS) in Johannesburg. Her research interests are in (female) migration, representation and reproductive justice. She has worked with grassroots initiatives in the field of refugee empowerment both in Germany and South Africa. Since 2017 she coordinates youth volunteer exchange programmes between Germany and South Africa.