

# MIGREC

## Migration, Integration and Governance Research Centre



## About the Project

MIGREC is a three-year research project funded by the European Union's H2020 scheme, which started in October 2019. It aims to build a leading scientific research capacity in migration studies at the Faculty of Political Science (FPN) of University of Belgrade (UoB), ensuring that the UoB scholars can contribute effectively to the research, policy and practical challenges arising from multiple and intersecting changes which currently both Serbia and the whole European Union confront with. The project focuses on upgrading UoB staff academic capacity in order to contribute effectively to migration-related research with policy impact on the rising challenges that Serbia faces today. The outcome of the project will be the creation of the Migration, Integration and Governance Research Centre and the Doctoral Program in Migration Studies at the FPN.

MIGREC will bring life to a joint, well-structured coordination and support approach designed to ensure an effective infusion of state-of-the-art research knowledge in three areas that emerge as specific challenges:

**Migrant integration.** Building knowledge on the most important debates around migrant integration in European societies today, so to inform development, implementation and evaluation of integration policies in Serbia.

**Migration-development nexus.** Building understanding of who benefits most, where, why and how in diaspora-centred development strategies, so to inform the development, implementation and evaluation of policies at the nexus of migration and development in Serbia.

**Migration governance.** Building knowledge of the norms and organizational structures at global, supranational, regional and national levels which regulate and shape how states respond to migration, so to inform the development of appropriate governance in Serbia.

The work plan is divided into three phases: **Phase 1:** Elaboration on the knowledge infusion and research excellence framework and establishing MIGREC research excellence structures and support mechanisms. **Phase 2:** Realization of the Project's knowledge infusion coordination and support activities. **Phase 3:** Project communication, dissemination and evaluation and long-term sustainability strategy, Project management and ethics requirements.

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# Project activities

## Kick-off meeting

The kick-off meeting was held at the Faculty of Political Science on October 21-22, 2019. Over the course of the two days, researchers from MIGREC's partner institutions – The University of Sheffield, UK, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Greece and the South East European Research Centre, Greece – worked with UoB colleagues to make concrete plans for putting into operation the programme of training, networking and mentoring to be undertaken, as well as the legacy planning in the form of the creation of a Doctoral Studies Program in migration and the establishment of the Research Centre on Migration, Integration and Governance.

## MIGREC team members had conference presentations



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## The International Migrant Day



The International Migrant Day was organized at the Faculty of Political Science on December 17, 2019. Students spoke with graduate social workers supporting migrants from the following organizations: Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy of the Republic of Serbia, Home for children without parental care "Jovan Jovanovic Zmaj" and NGOs JRS & ADRA. FPN also welcomed migrant children, who were hanging out with students and having fun at board games.

The Faculty of Geography and Population Science Students Association – USPON marked the International Migrant Day with the screening of the documentary on migration "Close (d)" by Brigitte Kuhar. The projection was attended by students of the second, third and fourth years of undergraduate studies in the field of Demography, as well as students of master and doctoral studies. After watching the film, students asked questions and talked with the author of the film.



# Partner Institutions

