

## Special Issue: 'Migrations, Diasporas and Media: Human Rights and (In)mobility during the Pandemic'

The IAMCR Diaspora and the Media Working Group together with the *Journal of Global Diaspora and Media* encourage scholars to submit papers that address key topics from interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives in relation to the pandemic of COVID-19 regarding the migrant and refugee population, with all its implications in terms of human rights and (in)mobility, highlighting the practices of resistance carried out by part of the people directly involved or by the social organizations. The year 2020 will be marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, the thousands of deaths caused by it, in addition to a slowdown in the economies of several countries, increased inequality, and, in the context of international migrations, the intensification of issues related to mobility, securitization and vulnerability of migrants and refugees. If digital culture has a fundamental role in contemporary diasporic transnationalism, in a time where being in quarantine was almost a routine, we have never been so dependent on electronic communications as in 2020.

### Key Questions:

- Studies on digital diasporas that are contributing to the discussion on digital humanities' epistemological and methodological approaches when analyzing migrant communities and their interactions in physical and digital scenarios.
- Studies on mobility and migration in the digital era, including critical approaches on power structures, inequality, imbalances and discriminatory scenarios, and how they can promote inclusiveness and reciprocity; how studies on dynamic hybridization of migrant collective identities between home and host countries evolve when diasporic communities regroup and interact in second or third migratory projects such as transborder, transnational or transcontinental mobilizations.
- How contemporary diasporas and their media can promote or recreate homeland and host land discourses of belonging, and how they can challenge discrimination and/or advocate for inclusiveness.
- How diaspora and media studies can contribute to the understanding of interconnections of diverse groups in global cities and urban encounters.
- Potential approaches to responding to the questions, could be built on, but not limited to, the following areas:
  - Migrant subjects (irregular, female and LGBT migrations) in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Strategies of resistance and resilience in the face of the pandemic.
  - Strategies for (in)mobility in the context of the pandemic.
  - Solidarity practices by organized society with migrant and refugee people in the context of the pandemic
  - State of emergency/exemption, migration policies and suspension/reduction of the rights of migrants and refugees.



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