



## **Workshop on de-classifying migration and integration research**

*Radboud University Nijmegen*

*16 January 2025, 13.00 – 16.30*

We are pleased to invite you to the **workshop on de- classifying migration and integration research**. This workshop offers a broader, more nuanced understanding of migration, moving beyond the legal frameworks that often narrow perspectives and inadvertently reinforce political narratives stigmatizing refugees and migrants. The event will focus on the complex political, social, economic, and human rights factors driving migration, which legal frameworks sometimes overlook.

This event will also critically assess how these factors evolve over time and in different contexts, and how researchers can apply layers of identity in a more contextual manner, rather than defaulting to state-imposed legal categories.

Our workshop aims to deepen the understanding of scholars from disciplines engaged in the field of migration, on the importance of moving beyond legal categories in migration studies. It will explore how legal categories can sometimes fail to fully capture the lived realities of individuals on the move. The workshop will explore how political, social, and economic factors interact with legal norms and challenge simplistic legal categories. Our workshop will provide a platform for critical discussions on how researchers in law and migration studies can adopt a more nuanced approach, by engaging with experts who critically assess the intersection of legal norms, migration, and human rights. This theme has been developed in consultation with the Migration & Borders working group of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research, of which the organizers are members.

The event will take place in hybrid format, where speakers will present their research on the topic, followed by an opportunity for one-on-one discussions about how their insights may relate to our own research. Each speaker will explore how researchers can apply layers of identity in a more critical and contextual manner rather than defaulting to state-imposed legal categories. The following speakers will present at our workshop:

- [Gülay Türkmen](#) – Senior Researcher, Institute of Sociology, RWTH Aachen University (in-person)
- [Moritz Baumgärtel](#) – Assistant Professor in Law and Sociology, University College Roosevelt; Research Fellow, Southwest University Neofit Rilski Blagoevgrad (online)
- [Ulrike Bialas](#) – Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Socio-Cultural Diversity, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (online)
- [Annick Pijnenburg](#) – Assistant Professor in International and European Law, Research Centre for State and Law (SteR) and Department of International and European Law, Radboud University (in-person)

Participants will have the opportunity to have a one-on-one moment with the speakers.

## Agenda

**13.00-13.10:** Introduction by the conveners.

**13.10-13.50:** Speaker 1: Gülay Türkmen

- 20 min presentation.
- 20 min one-on-one discussion.

**13.50-14.00:** Break

**14.00-14.40:** Speaker 2: Ulrike Bialas (online)

- 20 min presentation.
- 20 min one-on-one discussion.

**14.40-15.00:** Break

**15.00-15.40:** Speaker 3: Annick Pijnenburg (in-person)

- 20 min presentation.
- 20 min one-on-one discussion.

**15.40-16.20:** Speaker 4: Moritz Baumgärtel (online)

- 20 min presentation.
- 20 min one-on-one discussion.

**16.20-16.30:** Closing remarks.

The event will have a hybrid format and will take place at Radboud University in Nijmegen in the Netherlands. At the same time the event can be attended online through Zoom. Any interested researchers is welcome to join the sessions, but registration beforehand will be necessary. A maximum of 20 people can participate on campus. Priority will be given to the members of the Migration & Borders working group of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research. You can sign up by sending an email to [nesli.soylu@ru.nl](mailto:nesli.soylu@ru.nl) **before 16 December 2024**. Please indicate if you have any dietary wishes/restrictions.



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