

Research Proposal NETWORK INU.

## MIGRATION MOVEMENTS IN A CHANGING WORLD: CHALLENGES AND INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT

International challenges put before them nations and other contemporary societies are complex and multidimensional. In the near future we hope to attend changes in the political, economic, environmental and societal order that shall bring into question the current governance structures. Countries and their borders, nations and societies, will be involved in future and new designs of policy and institutional frameworks, both internal to each country and its relationship with other countries and regional areas.

International population movements as a result of environmental degradation, economic migration and fleeing areas of armed conflict, together with the progressive degradation of the living conditions of much of the population living in urban and peri-urban areas (in increasing urbanization of the world population) are some of the most important aspects to which societies will face in the short term. These forced population movements have transcended the borders of the neighboring countries to be presently globalized movements affecting large regional areas countries. Migration flows cover large spatial areas in Europe, Africa, Middle East, Southwest Asia, Central America and North America, for example

Traditional mechanisms for managing immigration have demonstrated clearly inadequate, as the current situation shows the migration flow of refugees into Europe. These migration flows present challenges to societies and nations receiving large geographical areas should to face with imagination and guaranteeing human rights. Among these challenges we can point to cultural diversity, recognition of plurality, the assurance of minimum living conditions for the displaced persons, integration into the employment market, the housing market, new needs for education and health, social and political participation, safety, adequacy of international law to the new globalized social situations, etc.

In this context, the present project focuses on the analysis of these challenges for each of the major world regions where are happening major migratory movements from East to West Europe, North America and Central America, Southeast Asia and Japan and the African continent. We are interested in studying the specificities of each area regarding the challenges we have mentioned and to compare the international challenges.

We propose the formation of an interdisciplinary team of researchers from the universities belonging to the network INU, from different disciplines such as law, history, sociology, anthropology, political science and economics, which provide a detailed vision but at the same time wide of the current situation in areas of the world receiving migratory flows.

The overall objective is to analyze these problems and propose solutions to management designs population flows and the management of cultural diversity, which could be considered when carrying out the decisions by international organizations.



The leadership of the proposal lies with the Center for the Study of Social Conflicts of the Rovira i Virgili University, who will act as coordinator of the project which, as already noted, will be attended by researchers from the universities of the network INU

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