

“Investigating Separated Families:

Towards a Transnational Analysis of Policies, Bureaucracy and Everyday Life”

Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September 2024
University of Antwerp (**hybrid**)

Dear FWO-Tournesol Team,

Welcome to the event “Investigating Separated Families”! Join us for two mornings filled with thought-provoking lectures and engaging discussions about family reunification policies, paperwork, and transnational families featuring experts from academia and civil society.

This event is organised in the framework of the FWO-Tournesol Exchange Programme and it is a collaboration of [MIGLOBA \(the Network on Migration and Global Mobility of the University of Antwerp\)](#), the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Department of Linguistics of the University of Antwerp, and the [COST \(European Cooperation in Science and Technology\) action TraFaDy \(Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe\)](#).

Day 1: Wednesday, 18 September

9:00 - 12:30 Morning session: “Families and Migration Bureaucracy”

- **9:00 - 9:15** Arrival and participant registration [15 minutes]
- **9:15 - 9:45** Book presentation by [Pascal Debruyne](#) (Odisee University of Applied Sciences): “Family Reunification Under Pressure: Transnational Social Work” [30 minutes]
- **9:45 - 9:55** Q&A [10 minutes]
- **9:55 - 10:25** Lecture by [Hilde Greefs](#) (University of Antwerp): “Paperwork and Migration: A Historical Perspective” [30 minutes]
- **10:25 - 10:35** Q&A [10 minutes]
- **10:35 - 11:00** Coffee break [25 minutes]
- **11:00 - 11:30** Lecture by [Marzia Masjidi](#) (Humanitarian Welfare Association VZW, Antwerp) [30 minutes]: “Bridging World: Empowering Migrant Families Through Family Reunification”
- **11:30 - 11:40** Q&A [10 minutes]
- **11:40 - 12:30** Roundtable moderated by [Giovanni Penna](#) [50 minutes]
 - [Griet Braeye](#) (Karel de Grote University of Applied Sciences and Arts)
 - [Grietje Cant](#) (Adviescentrum Migratie CAW Antwerpen)
 - [Mieke Verrelst](#) (Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp)

12:30 Networking lunch

14:00 Workshop for PhD students who are part of the FWO-Tournesol Team

- **14:00 - 16:00** 10-minute presentation by each researcher (topic and research questions and one data example)
- **16:00 - 17:00** Speed dating introductions

Day 2: Thursday, 19 September

9:00 - 12:30 Morning session: "Ethnographies of Migration". Discussant: [Mieke Schrooten](#) (University of Antwerp and Odisee University of Applied Sciences, tbc)

- **9:00 - 9:10** Arrival and participant registration [10 minutes]
- **9:10 - 9:20** Introduction by Milena Belloni and Mieke Vandenbroucke, MIGLOBA [10 minutes]
- **9:20 - 9:50** Lecture by [Laura Odasso](#) (Collège de France): "Intimacy as a Bureaucratic Competency?" [20 minutes + 10-minute Q&A]
- **9:50 - 10:20** Lecture by [Mieke Vandenbroucke](#) (University of Antwerp): "Language in Family Reunification Processing" [20 minutes + 10-minute Q&A]
- **10:20 - 10:50** Lecture by [Milena Belloni](#) (University of Antwerp): "Transnational Administration and Family Migration" [20 minutes + 10-minute Q&A]
- **10:50 - 11:15** Coffee break [25 minutes]
- **11:15 - 12:30** Book presentation by [Ellen Desmet](#), [Milena Belloni](#), [Ayse Güdük](#), [Dirk Vanheule](#): "[Family Reunification in Europe. Exposing Inequalities](#)" [1h 5min + 10-minute Q&A]

12:30 Lunch at [Instroom \(Mutsaardstraat 31 2000 Antwerpen\)](#)

14:00 - 15:30 Workshop for PhD students

- **14:00 - 14:30** [Aline Desmas](#) (EHES): "Families on the Move and Their Experiences of Uncertainty in Everyday Spaces" [30 minutes]
- **14:30 - 15:00** [Sara Bergen](#) (University of Antwerp): "The Use of English as a Lingua Franca in Family Reunification Processing in Belgium" [30 minutes]
- **15:00 - 15:30** [Julia Descamps](#) (Univ Paris 8, CRESPPA, INED, ICM): "Faire les Papiers, (Dé)faire Famille en Migration: Le Rôle du Travail Bureaucratique et de ses Contraintes" [30 minutes]

Day 3: Friday, 20 September

10:00 - 12:00 Group visit by researchers to the [Red Star Line Museum \(Montevideostraat 3, 2000 Antwerpen\)](#)

12:00 - 13:30 Closed session on funding applications and co-authored work (Laura Odasso, Milena Belloni, Mieke Vandenbroucke)