

GLOBALIZATION, MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

This comprehensive research on migration will evaluate and describe, from both an interdisciplinary and an empirical perspective, the two main components of the migratory phenomenon: economic migration (work) and political migration (asylum). This study aims at providing a better understanding of migration by taking into account a fundamental, but often neglected, issue: the basic needs of the migrants and respect for their human rights. The main purpose of this research is to develop a framework of analysis and innovative proposals for guiding the different actors involved in migratory movements, namely States, international organisations, policy-makers and societies of origin, transit and destination of migrants.

The research project is intended to promote cooperation among international organisations, States and societies for drawing an international framework of analysis with regard to the human rights of the migrant. Migration is a phenomenon closely linked to globalisation that cannot be left to dubious actors, such as smugglers, unscrupulous employers, mafias, etc. This research project departs from the reactive and security approach that is common to the issue and encourages new discussions and practices based on knowledge of facts and dialogue among all interested actors. If migrations are framed economically and politically by actors such as States and international organisations, they are an advantage for migrants and societies and constitute a key element for building peace and cultural exchanges. In fact, there are common interests and reciprocal advantages in such a global and renewed approach to the migratory phenomenon. This approach cannot be confined to an "illegal" migration. It has to be integrated within State and interstate policies for the purpose of respecting human rights.

The research project will be based on twenty case studies aimed at analysing the main problems faced by institutional actors, practitioners, policy-makers, citizens and migrants. The case studies will be carried out by international experts coming from different European, Latino-American and African universities and institutions. The expert appraisal will be followed by two general synthesis reports that shall provide a systematisation of the subject as well as some proposals regarding the migratory phenomenon. The content of the research project is based on two operational guidelines essential to the understanding of migratory flows of populations: society and law.

The first part, entitled "Society, Migration and Refuge," will describe the essential characteristics of migration movements (conditions of existence, prominent facts and determinisms). The synthesis report regarding this first part will be produced by M.C. Caloz-Tschopp. It is expected to provide a critical analysis of the current approaches to the issue in order to bring out elements of reflection aimed at drawing up the bases for analysis as well as realistic and equitable practices regarding the migratory phenomenon. The different expert appraisals of the first part of this project are expected to cover various and complementary fields, such as:

- economic aspects of migration;
- demographic aspects of flows of populations linked to development;
- women's status in the framework of migrations;
- social conditions of migrant workers;
- typology of the recent migratory phenomenon;
- notion of security;
- conditions of departure and trajectory of migrants;

- health of migrants;
- fears and representations of migrations from a social psychology perspective;
- intercultural education of migrants and populations in host countries.

The second part of the project, entitled "International Law, Migration and Refuge," will deal with the legal regulation of the flow of populations. It shall provide a better understanding of the exclusion and non-adaptation phenomena that follow from the absence of a global and coherent normative framework of the issue. The research project is intended to provide a general report produced by V. Chetail identifying the gaps in current international regulation and proposing a global legal approach to the issue. This empirical and prospective study of the international law of migrations will be based on a detailed analysis of the main current concerns, including:

- international security and migrations;
- smuggling and trafficking of migrants;
- international protection of refugees;
- rights of migrant workers;
- family reunion;
- European regulations of economic immigration and asylum;
- readmission agreements and international cooperation.