

**Invitation to join the seminar:****Migration and Racialization: A Reflexive Discussion about Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Studying Race and Racialization in Migration Studies**

Thursday, 7 May 2026, 12.30 - 14.30 CET

Online and on-site at the Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw

**Registration required (link below)**

We warmly invite participants to join a reflexive discussion on theoretical and methodological approaches to research that attends to racialization processes in the study of migration, with particular attention to the tensions between the need to study racialization and the risks of reproducing racial categories within research practice. The seminar will be a space for exchange about different stages of research practice, from study design to data collection and analysis.

The seminar will focus on the concept of racialization and its applications in migration research with special attention to Poland and the wider region of Central and Eastern Europe. The seminar thus responds to recent changes in the dynamics of migration and related demographic shifts in the region, and also builds on a growing scholarship that addresses race and racialization in the region in ways that account for the specificity of local histories and migration experiences.

The seminar will take place in a hybrid format and in English.

**Invited speakers:**

**Professor Margaret Ohia-Nowak**, Associate Professor at the Institute of Social Communication and Media Studies at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) in Lublin, Poland, lecturer in Women's and Gender Studies (GEMMA) at the University of Łódź in Poland, and a faculty member of the Black Europe Summer School in Amsterdam. Her recent monograph, *Antyczarny rasizm. Język-dyskurs-komunikacja* (2025), addresses anti-Black racism in Poland. She is also co-founder and co-director of the [Foundation Black Justice Poland](#).



**Professor Magdalena Nowicka**, Head of the Department for Integration at the German Centre for Integration and Migration Research DeZIM e.V. in Berlin. She is an honorary professor at the Institute of Social Sciences of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and guest professor in Sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences at Lund University. Her research interests include transnational migration in Europe, conviviality and social inequalities, racism and diversity, as well as qualitative and multimodal research methods.



**Eduardo Campbell-Bethancourt**, a fourth-year PhD candidate in the Department of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at Utrecht University, his doctoral research looks at how to foster social cohesion among individuals from both majority and minority ethnoracial backgrounds who occupy structurally disadvantaged positions. He is a quantitative scholar who is interested in racialization processes in both Eastern and Western Europe and moving beyond U.S.-centered frameworks.

**Seminar convenors:**



**Dr Katarzyna Kubin**, Research Associate at the Centre of Migration Research at the University of Warsaw. Her scholarly interests focus on how the movements of people and ideas are reflected in identity-making and in the materialities of race and racialization, with a geographic focus on Europe's East. She is a Teaching Fellow in Interdisciplinary Studies on Social Change at the University of Warsaw, and teaches courses on boundary-making in Europe's East and critical approaches to migration (studies) through the affects and embodiment. She has co-founded civil society organizations that advance migrants' rights and racial justice in Poland.



**Dr Kseniya Homel-Ficenes**, a sociologist and Associate Researcher at the Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, and at the Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialization. Her research interests focus on migration dynamics, social inequalities, migrant self-organisation, and migration discourse. In 2025, she obtained her PhD in the social sciences (sociology). Her doctoral research explored the self-organization of Belarusian and Ukrainian women in Poland, focusing on examples of social initiatives and micro-entrepreneurship.

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**Organizational details:**

- **Date:** 7 May 2026
- **Time:** 12.30-14.30 CET (followed by lunch for those joining on location)
- **Location:** Conference Room, Centre of Migration Research, ul. Pasteura 7 in Warsaw. **For those joining online, the Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before the event.**

Participants are kindly asked to **register by 1 May 2026** through the [registration form](#).

In case of questions, please feel free to contact Kseniya Homel-Ficenes:  
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The seminar is organized by the [Centre of Migration Research](#) at the University of Warsaw and under the auspices of the [IMISCOE Standing Committee on Race, Racism and Discrimination \(RACED\)](#).