

EDITORIAL | Ibrahim Sirkeci[±]

Migration Letters have become one of the primary outlets for scholarship and research on human mobility since the launch in 2004. As editors, we have encouraged, promoted and fostered new thinking as well as out of the mainstream cases and studies.

In 2018, there are several special issues planned and very interesting collections of articles are already in the production stage. Colleagues who are guest editing these special issues managed to attract excellently interesting papers. Without harming the surprise element, we can hint about the subjects broadly. These special issues will focus on high skilled migrations, migration and crime, expatriates, family, intimacy.

In this regular last issue of the 14th volume, we begin with **Cooke** and **Shuttleworth** discussing the ways in which internet and migration might be connected with a focus on migration in the US. The second article by **Yotebieng** aims to set an agenda for understanding the entanglement of forced migration to urban areas and policy and practice potentials around urban refugee health. **Nzima** and **Moyo** in the third article elaborate a new construct they call “diaspora trap”. **Ahmed** in the fourth article discusses the necessity of interdisciplinary approaches in studying migration while also making a case for insecurity and migration debate. The fifth article by **Aragonés Castañer** and **Salgado Nieto** looks into the effects of climate change on rural populations and the circumstances under which some of them are forced to abandon their communities becoming part of international migratory flows. They found that the migration is the result of adverse economic-climatic conditions, because the poorest populations, which usually depend directly on natural resources, are the most vulnerable to climate shocks and the only way to overcome their vulnerability, has been international migration. The final article is our review of citations in migration studies. We have updated and expanded our 2015 ranking effort using Google Scholar data in the hope that these tables reflect the direction

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and composition of scholarship in the field and indicate the gaps and needs for further research in certain areas.

A small note, which will be followed in a conference review in our next issue, is about the 5th international conference of migration studies which was held at Harokopio University, Athens, Greece from 23 to 26 August 2017. The Migration Conference 2017 was a great success with invited speakers including Saskia **Sassen**, Oded **Stark**, Jeffrey **Cohen**, Neli **Esipova** and Giuseppe **Sciortino** and about 100 parallel sessions where anything and everything about human mobility were discussed. It was also a particular pleasure to see many of our authors, editors and reviewers among hundreds of participants gathered in lovely gardens of the host university in central Athens. We are already working on the next Migration Conference to be held in summer 2018. For those interested should follow it at www.migrationcenter.org.

Finally, we need to underline that as an independent outlet we have been and are dependent on generous support of hundreds of colleagues around the world who volunteer as editors and reviewers and help us scrutinise work submitted to the journal. We thank all our reviewers, editors and authors.

