

# Invisible Virus – Invisible Victims

**Migrants in Europe  
and the Impact  
of the Covid Crisis**



**Digital Seminar by the FORTHEM Lab  
“Diversity and Migration”**

Speeches & Discussions

**20 + 21 April 2021  
15:00–19:00 CET each**

Registration for the Zoom meeting until 14 April 2021  
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## **Migrants during the Covid Crisis: Striving for Visibility, Demanding Rights**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, public attention is distributed unequally and the risk of overlooking some of the most affected is high. With this event we want to focus on migrants, who are often underprivileged anyway, and in many cases the crisis hits them differently or harder than non-migrant groups. Apart from the health risks of the virus, we concentrate especially on the multidimensional effects of lockdowns, border closures and other containment measures.

Our aim is to show, from an interdisciplinary perspective, examples of where fundamental rights are violated, how existing discrimination is increasing and what counter strategies individuals and organisations have developed against that. We will compare local contexts in Finland, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, and the United Kingdom among others. In addition to the scientific contributions that provide insights from current research, practical perspectives will also be a part of some of the inputs. We encourage active participation and discussion.



### **20 April**

**15:00**

**Welcome + Introduction**

**15:15**

***Asylum Seekers' Human Rights***

Roberta Sollima, Laura Lo Verde, Maria Chiara de Luca, Sophia Lidia Cataldi (University of Palermo)

**16:30**

***Housing Uncertainties***

Marcin Deutschmann, Michał Wanke (University of Opole) Francesco Lo Piccolo, Vincenzo Todaro (University of Palermo)

**17:45**

***(Un)Accessible Education***

Katja Neuhoff (University of Düsseldorf) Carmen Carmona, Mbaye Thioune (University of Valencia)

### **21 April**

**15:00**

***Stereotypes and the Power of Media***

Elisabeth Sommerlad, Yossi David (University of Mainz) Federico Faloppa (University of Reading)

**16:15**

***Migrant's Responses to the Crisis***

Anna Cherenovych (University of Opole) Riitta Saastamoinen (Paremmiin Yhdessä ry, Jyväskylä)

**17:30**

***Lack of Recognition of Domestic and Care Workers' Rights***

Maite Alemany (University of Valencia), Valeria Lastra (AMUINCA), Marcela Bahamón (AIPHyC)

**18:30**

**Final discussion**