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Getting it published

A seminar on behalf of Comparative Migration Studies

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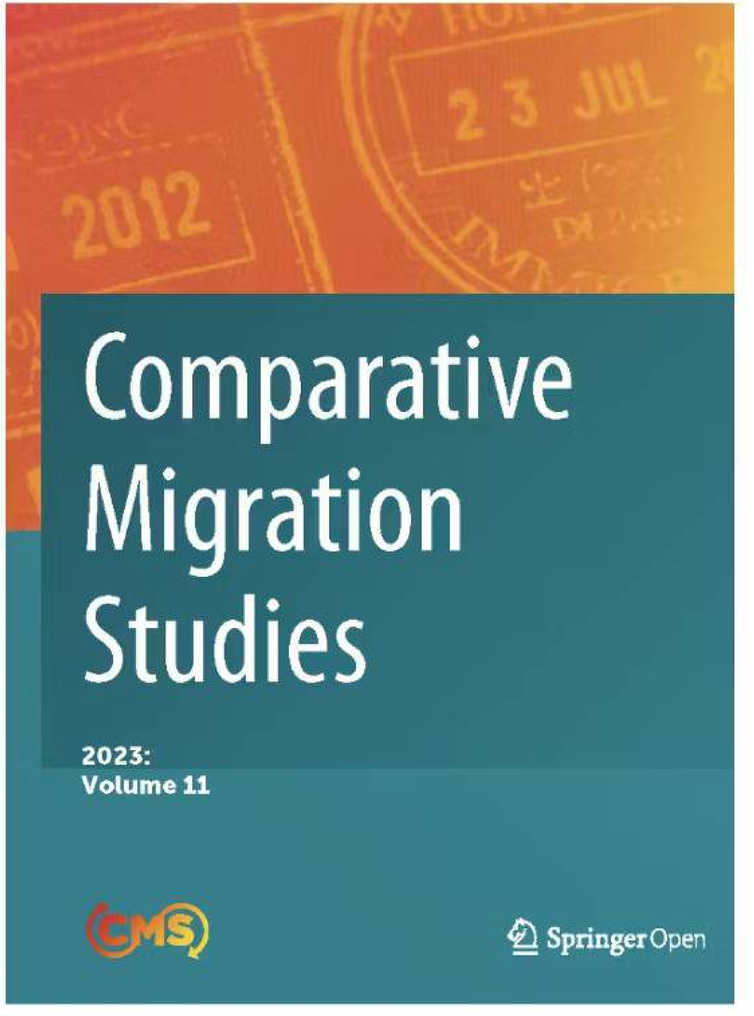

Who are you and where are you from?

owusuaa eshia from ghana

joha braimah ug ghana

senanu dovoh from ghana

daniel foli cms-ug

adolf awuku bekoe ghana

ibrahim sumani from ghana

leander kandilige

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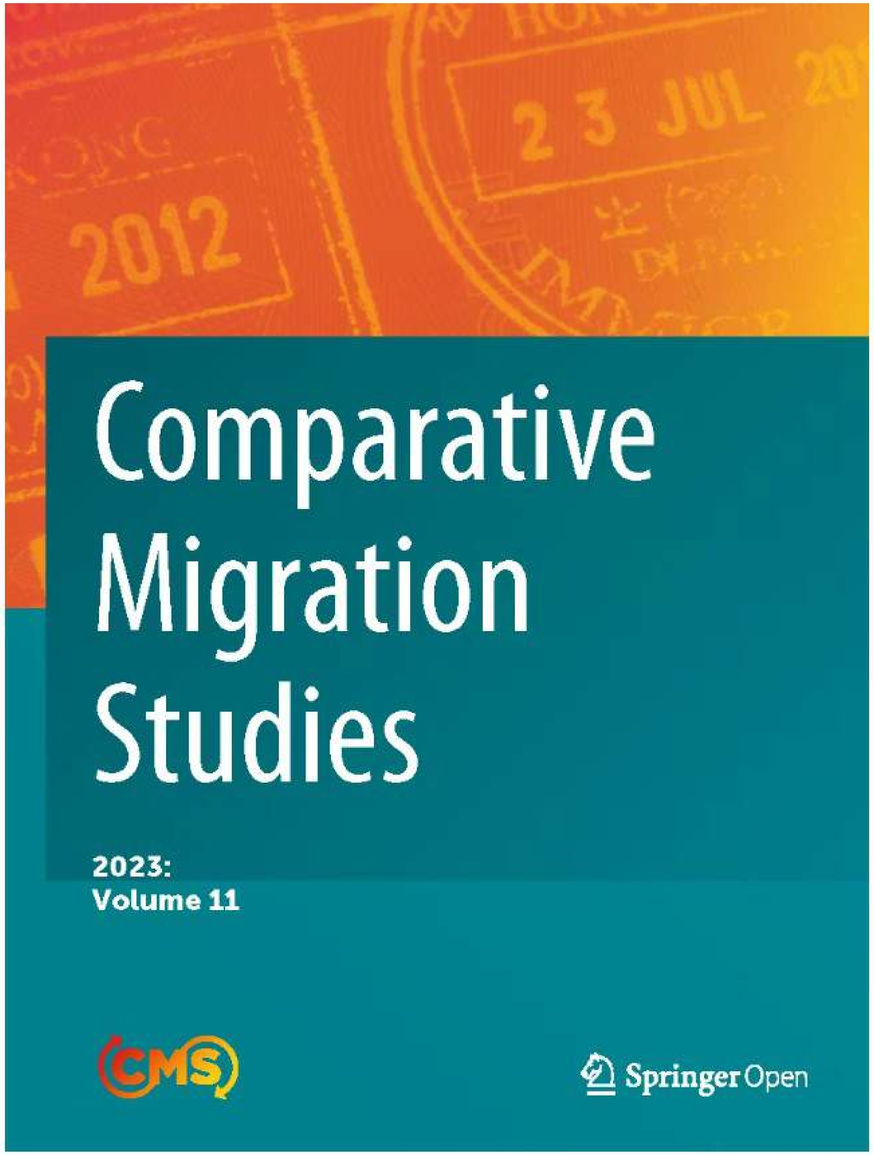
Agenda:

- What does CMS stand for?
- What we publish?
- From idea to submission with CMS



What we stand for:

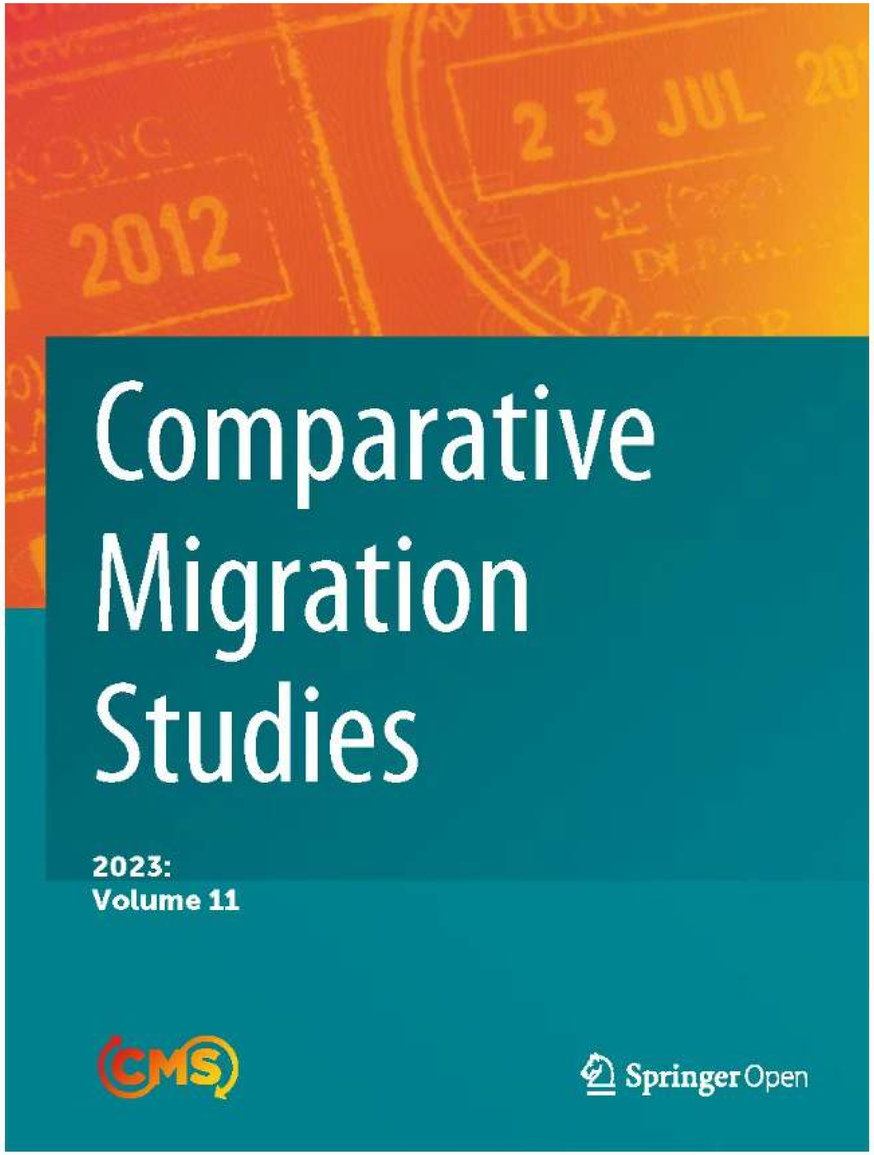
Mission: advancing the understanding of migrationand migration-related diversities

'**Broad-church**' approach:

- Multi-disciplinary perspectives
- Methodological diversity

Comparative:

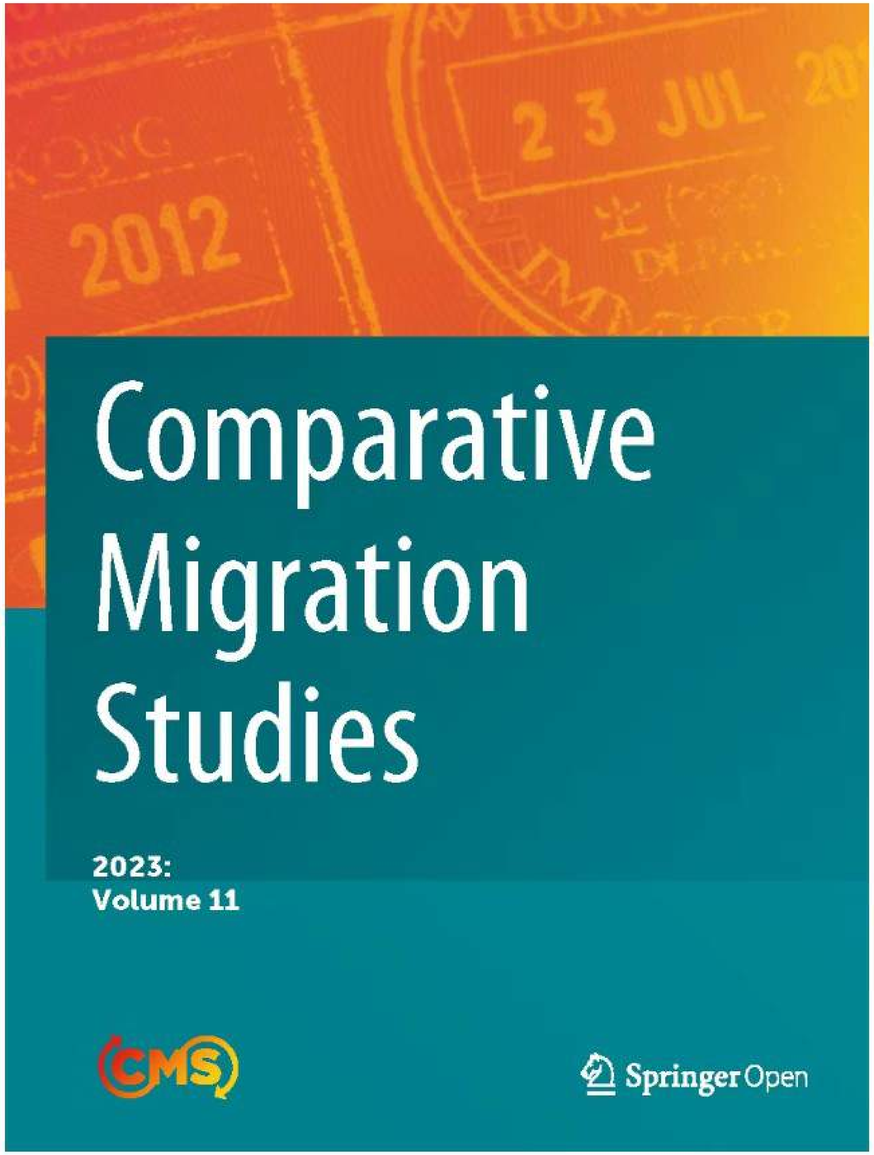
- Between contexts, countries, cities, regions, groups, organisations, periods, etc...



What we stand for:

Our history:

- **Comparative**: to break 'methodological nationalism'
- **New research frontiers**: looking not for what gets most referenced now, but what will get most referenced in 10 years from now



What we stand for:

Journal **by academic community for the academic communiy**

Association with the International Migration Research Network **IMISCOE**

What we stand for:

Open Access publishing

- All articles freely available via **SpringerLink** and www.comparativemigrationstudies.com
- Everyone gets to read your work for free! No paywalls!!

What we stand for:

Open Access publishing

- Article processing fees: **£1040 / €1240 / $1490**
- But: Global South Fee waiver system, see: https://www.springernature.com/gp/open-science/policies/journal-policies/apc-waiver-countries

Low-income locations: full APC waiver

Afghanistan	Gambia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Liberia	Somalia
Central African Republic	Madagascar	South Sudan
Chad	Malawi	Togo
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Mali	Uganda
Eritrea	Mozambique	Ukraine*
Ethiopia	Niger	Yemen

*Discount temporarily increased to 100% following Russian invasion. This applies to titles within Springer Nature standard workflows, and excludes titles where Springer Nature does not directly invoice authors, for example translated titles.

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Lower-middle-income locations with GDP below $200 billion (USD): 50% APC discount

Angola	Honduras	Samoa
Benin	Jordan	Sao Tome and Principe
Bhutan	Kenya	Senegal
Bolivia	Kiribati	Solomon Islands
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Sri Lanka
Cambodia	Laos	Tajikistan
Cameroon	Lebanon	Tanzania
Comoros	Lesotho	Timor-Leste
Congo (Republic)	Mauritania	Tunisia
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia	Uzbekistan
Djibouti	Morocco	Vanuatu
Eswatini	Nepal	Zambia
Ghana	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Guinea	Palestinian Territories	
Haiti	Papua New Guinea	

What we stand for:

Open Access publishing

- Institutional arrangements for OA fees (check our website)
- Discretionary fee waiver system: Apply to IMISCOE

IMISCOE

Global Editorial Board:

- Pieter Bevelander
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Have you published before, and if so, where have you published?

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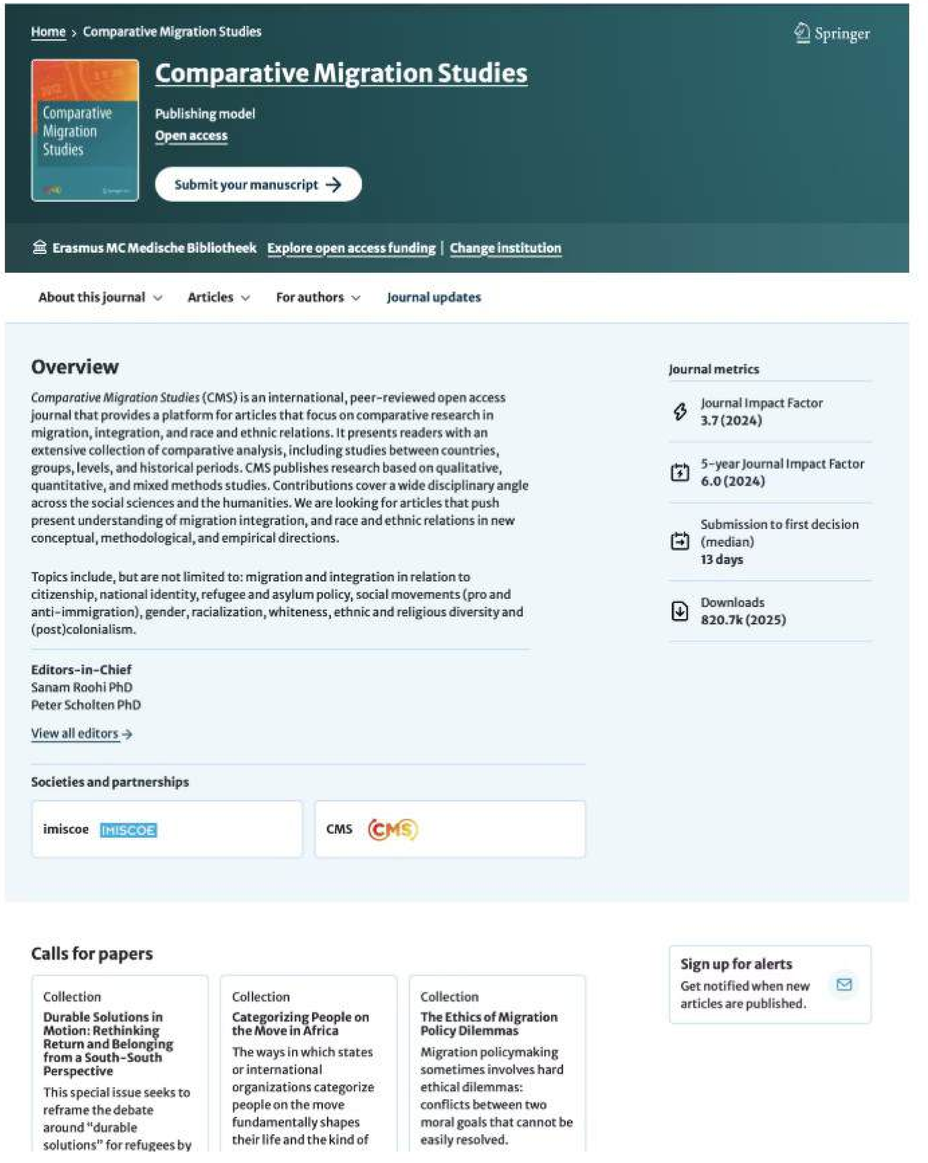
What we publish

- Individual articles (max 8000 words)
- Special issues (2 calls for special issues per year)
- Thematic comment series (organized by the editorial board)
- Paper clusters (3-4 articles clustered per theme)



What we publish

- Article has to be original!
- Any discipline goes;
  - migration studies
  - but also studies on migration/diversity from : demography, history, political sciences, law, health, etc.
  - cross-disciplinary work much encouraged!
- Methodologically solid; rigorous, valid, transparent, a little bit innovative....

DEMOGRAPHY						
Journal name	Edition	Total Citations	2024 JIF	JIF Quartile	2024 JCI	% of Citable OA
POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW	SSCI	6,014	4.8	Q1	2.19	56.10%
Comparative Migration Studies	SSCI	1,631	3.7	Q1	1.89	100.00%
DEMOGRAPHY	SSCI	9,329	3.6	Q1	1.83	89.96%
PERSPECTIVES ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	SSCI	1,294	3.5	Q1	1.84	57.14%
JOURNAL OF ETHNIC AND MIGRATION STUDIES	SSCI	10,838	3.1	Q1	1.77	50.00%
STUDIES IN FAMILY PLANNING	SSCI	1,843	3.1	Q1	1.01	46.05%
JOURNAL OF POPULATION ECONOMICS	SSCI	3,324	3.0	Q1	1.44	47.95%
Migration Studies	SSCI	1,076	2.7	Q1	1.10	48.41%
European Journal of Population-Revue Europeenne de Demographie	SSCI	1,794	2.6	Q1	1.24	92.52%
Population Space and Place	SSCI	3,516	2.6	Q1	1.04	56.69%
POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT	SSCI	1,967	2.5	Q1	1.03	39.47%
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW	SSCI	4,961	2.4	Q1	1.19	30.68%
POPULATION STUDIES-A JOURNAL OF DEMOGRAPHY	SSCI	2,082	2.2	Q2	1.04	57.78%
Refugee Survey Quarterly	ESCI	906	2.2	Q2	0.83	49.32%
INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION	SSCI	3,384	2.1	Q2	0.81	51.46%
EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF MIGRATION AND LAW	SSCI	499	2.0	Q2	1.38	30.65%
Demographic Research	SSCI	3,909	2.0	Q2	1.05	99.59%
Journal of the Economics of Ageing	SSCI	707	2.0	Q2	0.74	37.76%
Journal of Refugee Studies	SSCI	3,138	1.9	Q2	1.11	49.45%
Journal of International Migration and Integration	ESCI	1,919	1.8	Q2	0.75	46.24%
GENUS	ESCI	722	1.7	Q2	1.08	100.00%
Comparative Population Studies	ESCI	359	1.6	Q2	0.82	100.00%
Asian Population Studies	SSCI	541	1.6	Q2	0.79	23.64%
POPULATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REVIEW	SSCI	2,078	1.5	Q2	1.03	34.07%
Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies	SSCI	1,113	1.5	Q2	0.72	33.13%
POPULATION	SSCI	728	1.5	Q2	0.39	0.00%
Frontiers in Human Dynamics	ESCI	409	1.3	Q3	0.68	99.39%
Mathematical Population Studies	SSCI	263	1.3	Q3	0.56	0.00%
JOURNAL OF POPULATION RESEARCH	ESCI	469	1.2	Q3	0.75	50.00%

Rang (h5-median)	Publicatie	h5-index	h5-median
1	Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies	74	101
2	Ethnic and Racial Studies	50	70
3	Comparative Migration Studies	36	60
4	International Migration Review	41	59
5	Journal of Refugee Studies	39	55
6	Mobilities	33	53
7	Population, Space and Place	39	52
8	Journal of International Migration and Integration	34	49
9	Identities	26	49
10	International Migration	40	48
11	Global Networks	34	46
12	Citizenship Studies	28	43
13	Frontiers in Human Dynamics	24	43
14	Migration Studies	33	42
15	Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies	29	42
16	Migration Letters	20	33
17	Ethnicities	25	32
18	Migration and Development	22	31
19	Journal of Intercultural Studies	19	28
20	European Journal of Migration and Law	19	26

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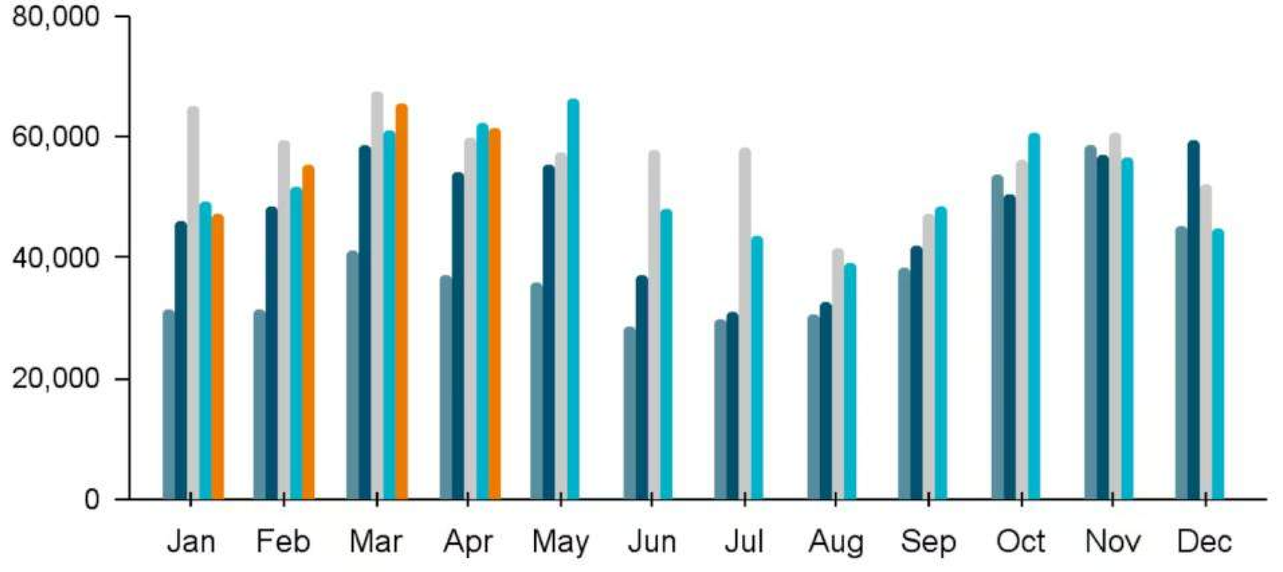
JOURNAL METRICS

2024 SPEED	2024 USAGE	IMPACT
Submission to first decision (average) **97.5** days	Downloads **632,820**	Impact factor **4.3** (2023)
Acceptance to publication (average) **19.3** days	Social media mentions **466**	5 year Impact factor **N/A** (2023)
		CiteScore **6.6** (2023)
		Source normalized impact per paper **2.257** (2023)
		h5 Index **38** (2023)

2.1 Successful Full-Text Article Requests

Full-Text Article Requests 2021 – 2025(YTD)



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2021	31,362	31,349	41,336	37,021	36,048	28,721	29,772	30,767	38,381	53,830	58,501	45,296
2022	46,276	48,681	58,668	54,097	55,471	37,207	31,134	32,760	42,190	50,501	56,863	59,511
2023	65,190	59,562	67,710	60,022	57,358	57,727	58,204	41,594	47,103	56,076	60,518	52,319
2024	49,260	51,894	60,940	62,241	66,430	48,246	43,738	39,132	48,698	60,502	56,738	45,001
2025 (YTD)	47,320	55,514	65,553	61,387								

Totals	
2021	462,384
2022	573,359
2023	683,383
2024	632,820
2025 (YTD)	229,774

What we publish

- Track record in publishing articles on migration to/within/from Africa

Flahaux and De Haas *Comparative Migration Studies* (2016) 4:1
DOI 10.1186/s40878-015-0015-6

Comparative Migration Studies
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE Open Access

African migration: trends, patterns, drivers

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The first Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award was awarded to Marie-Laurence Flahaux and Hein De Haas for this paper in 2014 (https://www.imiscoe.org/news/network-news/259-first-rinus-penninx-best-paper-award).
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Abstract

Africa is often seen as a continent of mass migration and displacement caused by poverty, violent conflict and environmental stress. Yet such perceptions are based on stereotypes rather than theoretically informed empirical research. Drawing on the migration and visa databases from the Determinants of International Migration (DEMIG project) and the Global Bilateral Migration Database (GBMD), this paper explores the evolution and drivers of migration within, towards and from Africa in the post-colonial period. Contradicting common ideas of Africa as a 'continent on the move', the analysis shows that intra-African migration intensities have gone down. This may be related to state formation and the related imposition of barriers towards free movement in the wake of decolonisation as well as the concomitant rise of nationalism and inter-state tensions. While African migration remains overwhelmingly intra-continental, since the late 1980s there has been an acceleration and spatial diversification (beyond colonial patterns) of emigration out of Africa to Europe, North America, the Gulf and Asia. This diversification of African emigration seems partly driven by the introduction of visa and other immigration restrictions by European states. Contradicting conventional interpretations of African migration being essentially driven by poverty, violence and underdevelopment, increasing migration out of Africa seems rather to be driven by processes of development and social transformation which have increased Africans' capabilities and aspirations to migrate, a trend which is likely to continue in the future.

Keywords: International migration, Development, Post-colonialism, State formation, Migration determinants, Africa

Introduction

Africa is often seen as a continent of mass displacement and migration caused by poverty and violent conflict. Influenced by media images of massive refugee flows and 'boat migration', and alarmist rhetoric of politicians suggesting an impending immi-

1.2 Author Region of Origin of Manuscripts Submitted (time span November 2024 – May ytd

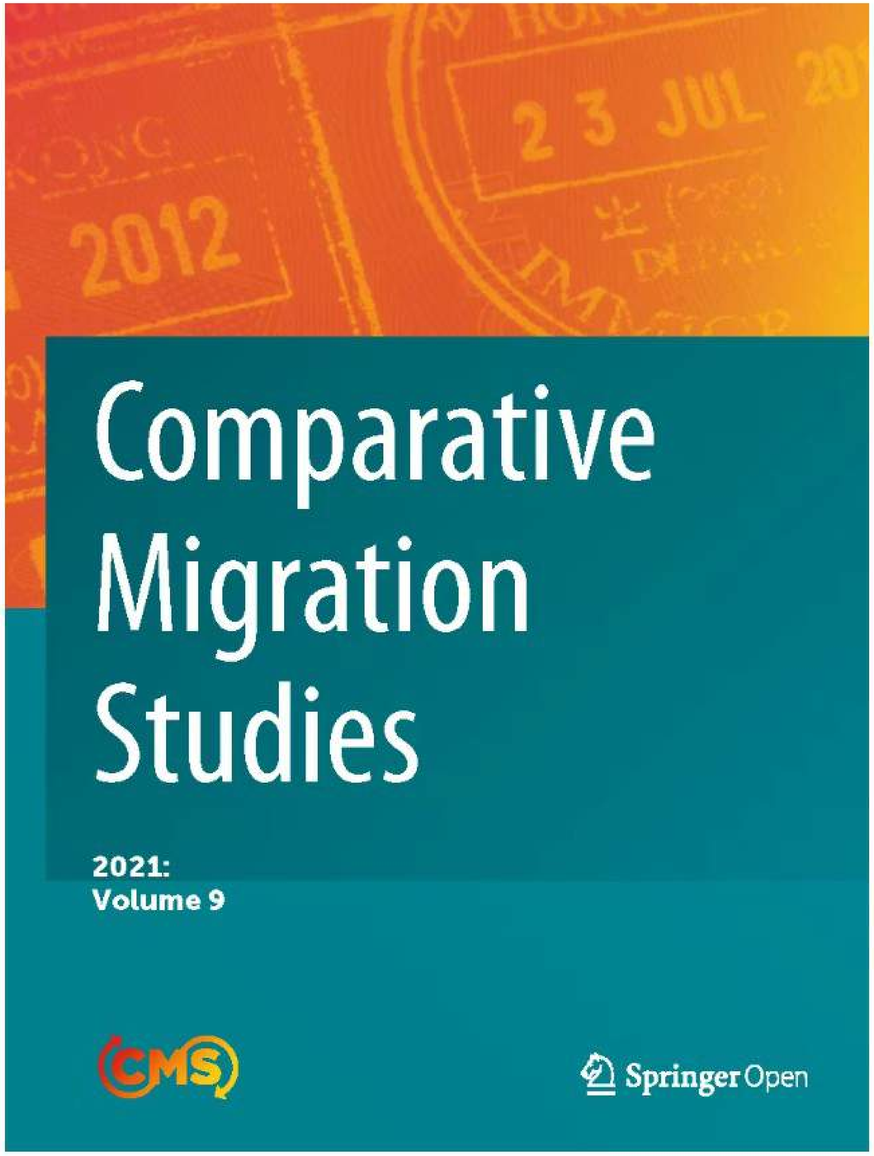
but... we need you!!!

From idea to submission with CMS

How to publish with CMS

Step #1 - Before publication

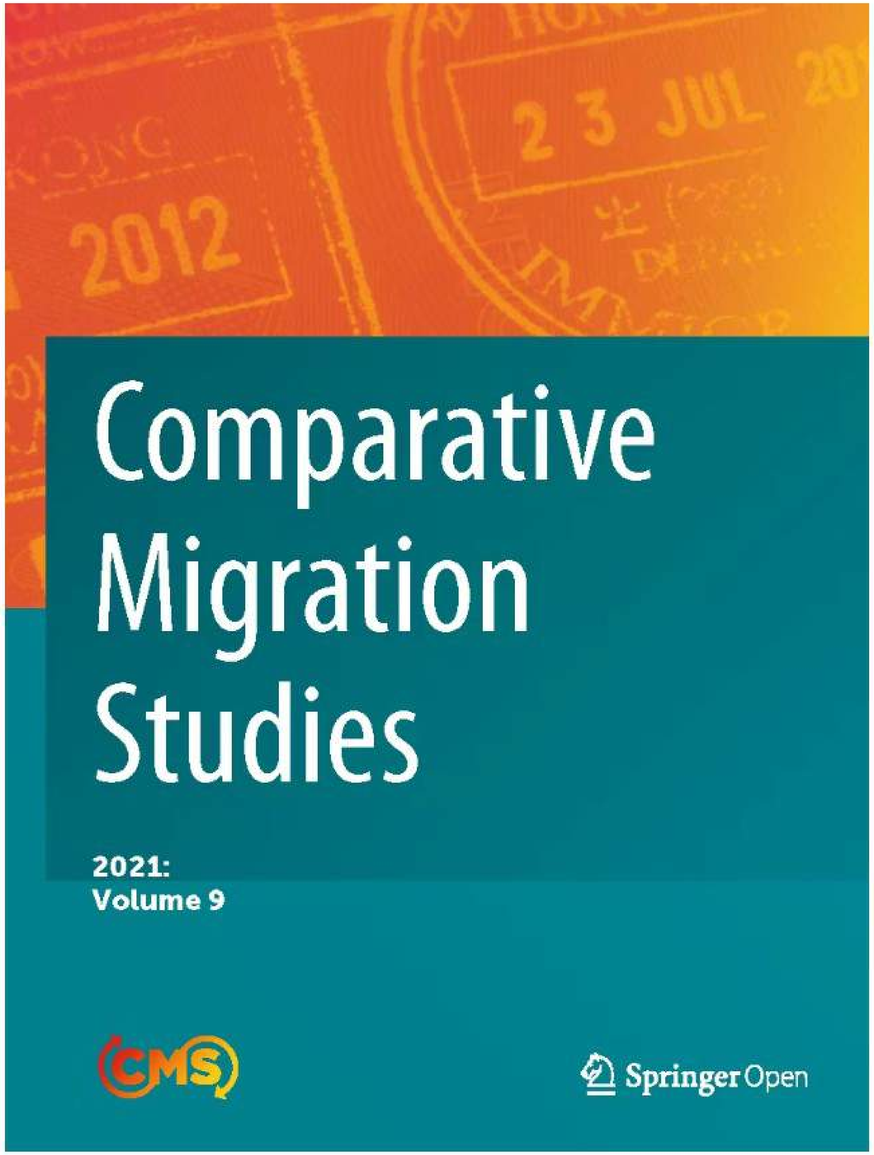
- Who; you! Solo/co-authored/PhD-postdoc-prof
- Why: you have an original piece or research you want to share!
- Why: you want your work to be read, to be shared with the broader academic community



How to publish with CMS

Step #1 - What to publish

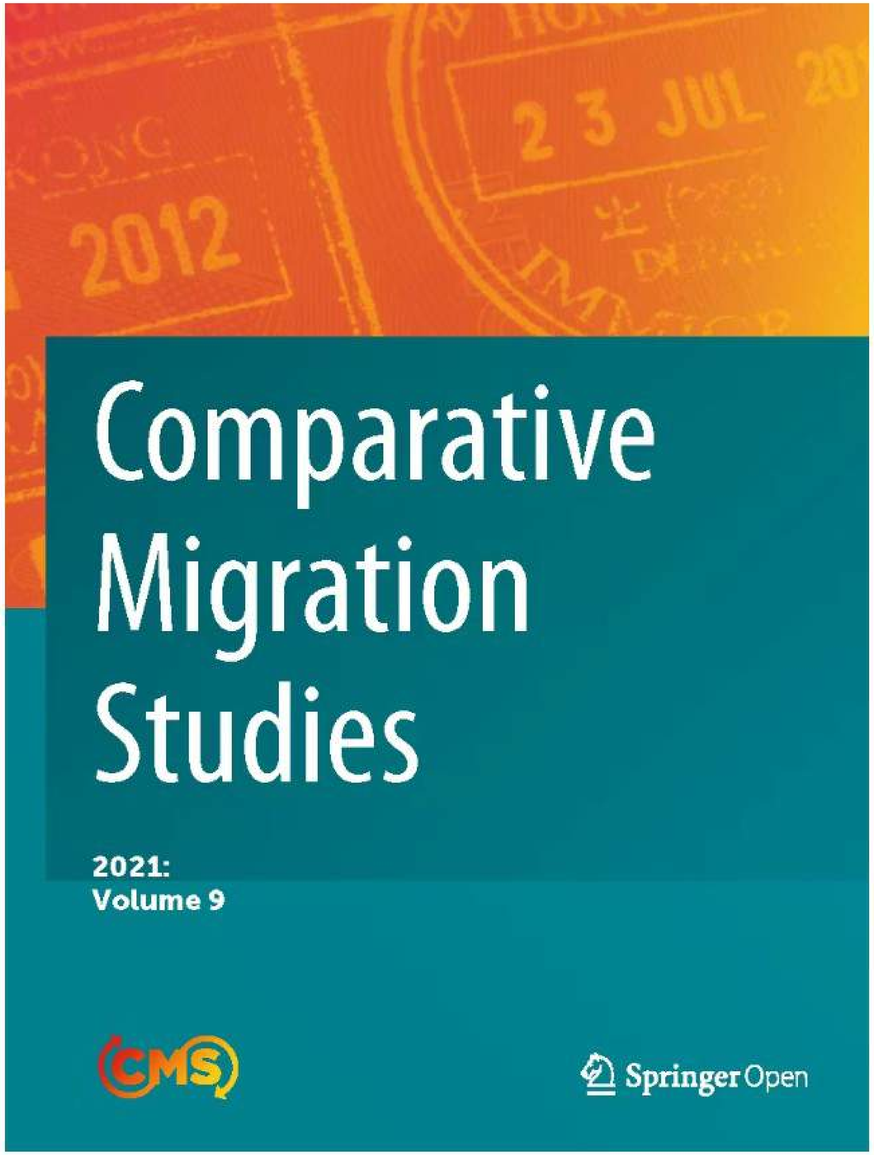
- What: you article must have a serious conversation with the broader global body of knowledge
- What: get your core message straight!!!
- What: 8000 words (use them!)
- What: you article has to be fully complete, no sloppy writing!



How to publish with CMS

Step #3 - Getting ready for publication

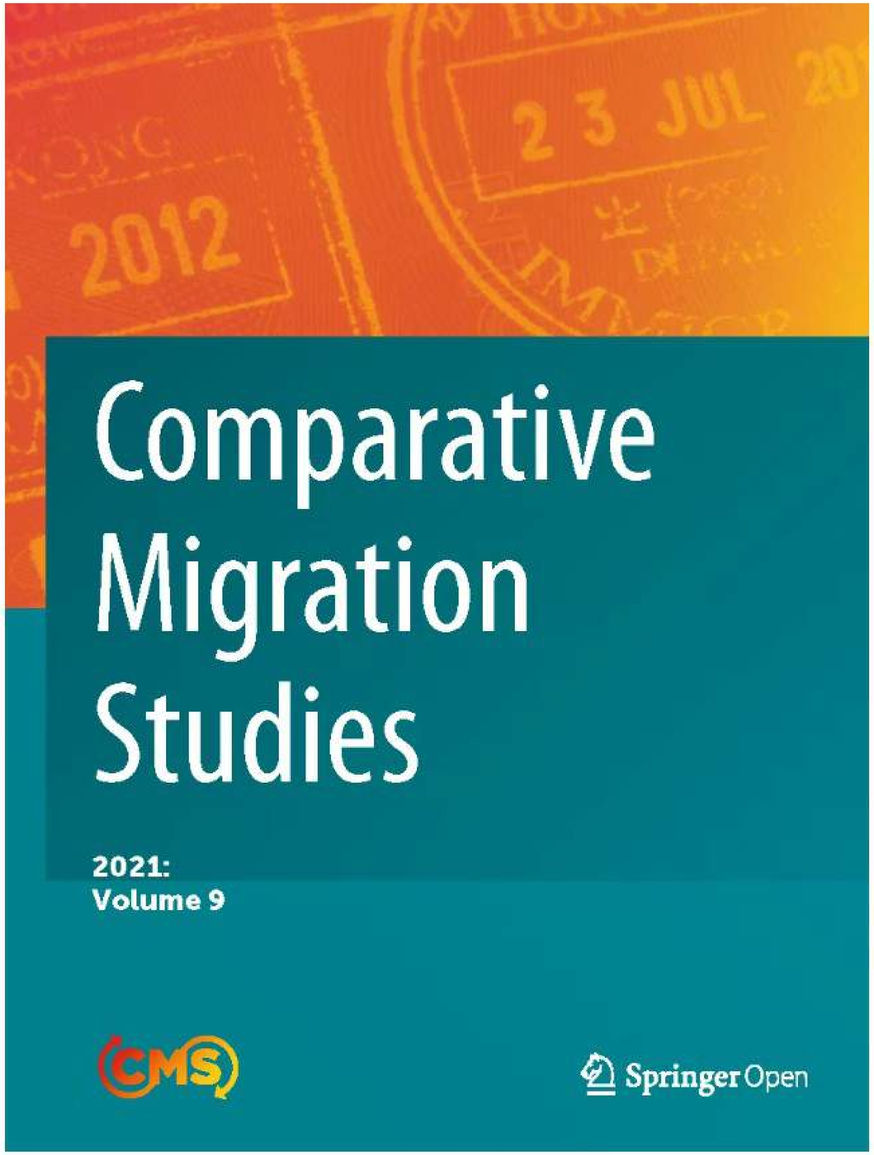
- How: ask as much **advise** as you can get! Always let your draft text be checked by others.
- How: present your work at **academic conferences**
- How: think about how to best reach out to your **audience**
- DO NOT SIMPLY PICK A JOURNAL BECAUSE OF RANKING!
- DO NOT USE **AI** AT ALL IN ANY PRIMARY WRITING OR RESEARCHING PROCESS



How to publish with CMS

Step #4 - Submitting

- Don't submit unless you feel you're fully ready
- Read the author guidelines on our website
- Go through our submission portal www.comparativemigrationstudies.com
- Follow all the admin checks in the system; take your time



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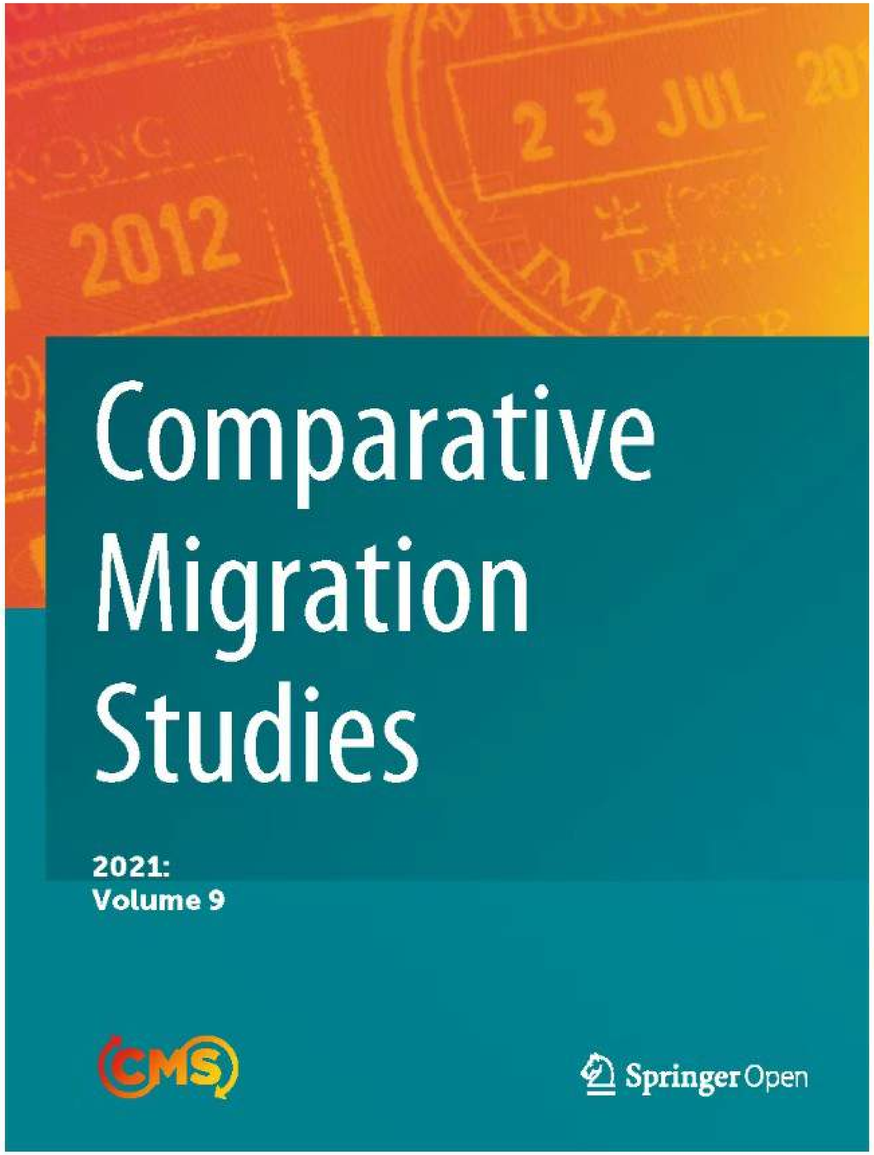
Step #5 - After submission

- Desk Review!
- Double-blind-peer-review
- 3-4 months; if longer, stay in touch with editor!
- Write a good response-to-the-reviewers; take your time!
- DON'T BE DISCOURAGED TOO FAST, ALSO NOT FROM DESK REVIEW
- RESPECT THE REVIEWERS
- MAKE YOURSELF BETTER



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Step #6 - DISCUSSING THE TABOO

- HOW TO DEAL WITH REJECTION

How to publish with CMS

Step #6 - Second round until acceptance

- R&R, Major revisions, Minor revisions.
- Second version; again to reviewers
- Again; take your time, seriousness over speed

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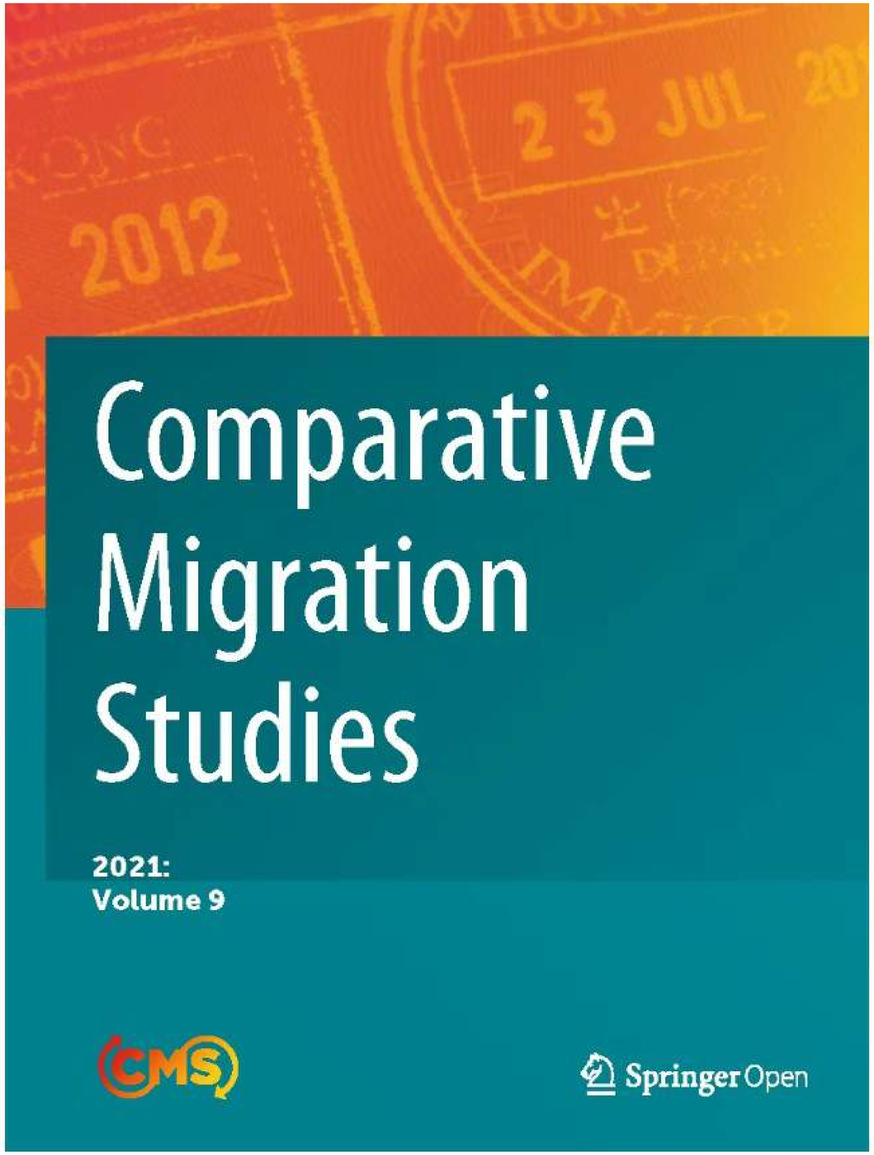
Step #7 - After publication

- After care
- Social media
- Your research partners
- Your network
- Sharing the Open Access version!



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