

Crossings

A Summer School on

Human Mobilities and Its Consequences Across the Mediterranean, 1400-2022

COST-Action PIMO

People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement Across the Mediterranean (1492-1923)

Work Group 4 – People

NIMAR Rabat (Morocco), 22-26 May 2023

COST-Action PIMO (People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement Across the Mediterranean (1492-1923)), WG 4– People, convenes a summer school between May 22 and May 26, 2023, at the NIMAR (The Netherlands Institute in Morocco), in Rabat, Morocco.

The Netherlands Institute in Morocco (NIMAR) is part of the Faculty of Humanities of Leiden University. NIMAR offers educational programs and promotes scientific research in the field of Islam, languages and culture, migration, identity and heritage and urban studies.

Due to its strategic geographic location, Morocco constitutes a bridge between Europe and Africa. Its long-lasting economic, religious, cultural and political relations to both sides of the Mediterranean, and the variety of cross-border mobilities in past and present, make Rabat a perfect fit to accommodate the *Crossings* conference.

This summer school provides training for young career scholars (PhD's and Postdoctoral candidates) in two specific areas: establishment and development of a career in academia and translation of academic skills into a broad (global) labour market. In order to fulfil these two goals, this summer school offers tailor coaching sessions on the following activities:

- 1) Academic Activities
 - a. How to set up and develop a research project (PhD, Postdoctoral project, Grant)
 - i. Applied to individual projects
 - ii. Work within the cohort
 - b. Academic Publishing
 - c. Networking
- 2) Labour Market Skills
 - a. How to translate PhD and Postdoctoral skills into Labour Market requirements
 - b. Activities in the broad labour market (some practical examples)
 - i. Public History
 - ii. Addressing global societal challenges

We are looking for participants that may be interested in global questions regarding mobility and migration, with particular emphasis to the Mediterranean or in comparative perspective with the Mediterranean for the period between the 15th and the 21st century. We are looking for young researchers that are willing and able to bridge the historiographical gap between Western and Global South historiographies and approaches. The six core areas of discussion and intervention are: **Migration and Trafficking; Conflict** (institutional, political etc); **Slavery and Labour Exploitation; Culture and Religion; Identities; Memory and Heritage.**

The summer school is organized in a 5-day activity planning. Day 1 through 3 will privilege discussions and the development of practical tools to address the challenges of writing a PhD dissertation and/or Postdoctoral outputs, fulfil the demands of an academic career planning and the adaptation of such skills into the global labour market, and develop a creative project, with practitioners, regarding public history. Days 4 and 5, members of the summer school are invited to attend and participate as junior speakers at the conference *Crossings* organized within the same COST-Action PIMO scheme.

In the end of the summer school, participants will have produced the following outputs:

- 1) Research proposal and plan for individual research – supervision towards publishable version for open access publication in peer reviewed journal
- 2) Provide and receive feedback within a cohort
- 3) Produce a creative piece of public history in joint venture with practitioners – to be possibly used in *curriculum vitae* portfolio for future job applications
- 4) Presentation at scientific conference (if academically viable, supervision towards submission for academic publication with papers of senior participants)

If this coaching/traineeship approach fits your goals and aids your future intellectual development, we are looking for your application. Applications follow the schedule below:

- December 12, 2022: send your cv, concept of PhD dissertation and/or Postdoctoral project and motivation letter to Cátia Antunes (c.a.p.antunes@hum.leidenuniv.nl)
- December 20, 2022: selection and communication to applicants
- February 15, 2023: developed concept of PhD dissertation and/or postdoctoral project (clear instructions for the formatting of this document will be advanced upon selection on December 5)
- March 15, 2023: proposal (abstract c. 1000 words) for presentation at conference *Crossings*
- Summer school: May 22-24, 2023, NIMAR, Rabat, Morocco
- Conference *Crossings*: May 24-26, 2023, NIMAR, Rabat, Morocco