

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

About a year ago, we learnt that WEMov was selected by the COST agency. This great news came in the middle of a sanitary crisis that is still affecting us all. The network was then launched in very unusual circumstances, but we collectively turned this situation into an opportunity, met regularly and made it a success. We have achieved a lot since the kick-off meeting last September, and this first newsletter is the perfect illustration of our resilient involvement in the timely and important collective mission before us. We plough on and uncover the presence and economic participation of migrant women in the construction of Europe through a variety of fascinating projects. You have brought worth to this challenge by generously sharing ideas, skills and expertise, which is what has made our network a success right from its inception. Our website is almost ready; sub-WGs are working at collecting primary sources, data and landmarks; organizing exhibitions and walking tours; creating a MOOC; unveiling unknown stories; planning interviews and documentaries; co-teaching is being set up; and our communications team is dynamically disseminating information about our mission. Importantly, beyond the collective work, we are making lasting friendships and cooperation that will stand the test of time, and these are sealed by fun gatherings such as our Christmas and Carnival zoom cocktails, as well as the ECI's weekly writing group.

I want to particularly thank the Core Group, WEMov's backbone, for its constant support and steadfast involvement in making this project a success. On a personal note, I am learning a lot thanks to what each one of you brings in to this network. Your active participation and support are my driving force. Let's keep on the move!

Marie Ruiz (Université de Paris)

Chair of COST Action Women on the Move (CA19112)



WORKING GROUP NEWS



News from

- **WG1** By Joana Pujades Mora (Open University of Catalonia, Spain)
- **WG2** By Maija Ojala Fulwood (University of Turku, Finland)
- **WG3** by Nicoleta Roman (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History, Bucharest, Romania) & Beatrice Zucca (Cambridge University, UK)
- **WG4** by Sónia Ferreira (Centro em Rede de Investigação em Antropologia, Lisbon, Portugal) & Miguel Oliveros Mediavilla (Universidad Antonio de Nebrija, Madrid, Spain)

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INTERVIEW



Peacebuilding, gender and migration

Costa Rica's United Nations mandated University for Peace is WEMov's first stakeholder. The institution is represented by Adriana Salcedo and Uzma Rashid. **Dr Uzma Rashid** currently serves as Associate Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies and Coordinator of the MA in Gender and Peacebuilding at the University for Peace. **Dr Adriana Salcedo** is Assistant Professor in the Department for Peace and Conflict Studies and Coordinator of the MA in International Peace Studies. (Zoom, 16 February 2021)

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WEMOV'S TALENT

This section is reserved for presentations of WEMov's early career investigators (ECIs). For this first newsletter, we chose to feature our two colleagues in charge of drafting the newsletter.

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Teresa Bernardi

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Padua (Mobility and Humanities Centre)/ANR project "Marriage and Mobility in Venice (late 16th–18th centuries) – Processetti".



Heidi Rodrigues Martins

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SHORT STORY



Emma and Olivia: An immigrant's album by Katelin Marit Parsons

My grandmother had no memory of the book that I found in her basement when I was fifteen years old. The elaborate handwritten title-page declared that it was the property of Emma Millard.

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IN THE NEWS

WEMov has been featured in several announcements and media accounts, such as the Université de Paris's January newsletter or the University of Murcia's website. In the Fall, Chair Marie Ruiz gave an interview to one of its earliest funding partners, the French institute for gender studies, *Institut du Genre*. Vice-Chair Susana Martinez also wrote a presentation of WEMov published in *Murcia Diario* on 16 January 2021.

Additionally, the work of some of our fellow WEMov participants has been featured in the press, and such is the case of Francesca Falk (Bern University, Switzerland) whose interviews have been published in *Corriere dell'Italianità* (3 September 2020); *Eidgenössische Migrationskommission* (30 April 2020); *Republik* (1 September 2020); *Uniaktuell – das Online-Magazin der Universität Bern* (4 June 2020); and *Work* (29 March 2020).

The detail of these media accounts will soon be found on our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- *"Women on the Move: Berdyansk Context", a public lecture and outdoor exhibition by Igor Lyman*
- *"Woman labor mobility – past and present" project granted by the National fund of Scientific Research of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science*

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