



ICMPD International Summer School on Migration

Background

The “**International Summer School on Migration**” is organised within the framework of EU-funded project “Strengthening Development Impact of Migration in Georgia” ([STREAMinG 2](#)) and the [Prague Process](#). These initiatives are implemented by the [International Centre for Migration Policy Development](#).

The International Summer School, taking place in **Armenia from 29 June to 5 July 2025**, aims to further develop and foster **critical academic exchange and reflection on migration issues** among master students and young professionals of different disciplines.

The one-week programme focuses on **research-oriented, multidisciplinary and innovative academic courses** addressing **migration situations and policies in the EU and its Eastern neighbourhood**. Recognising that frontal teaching hardly leads to the effective achievement of learning objectives, the Summer School provides the opportunity for participants to join different workshops led by prominent migration experts alongside lectures. Teaching is accompanied by research, practical exercises, and interactive discussions.

International academic experts from institutions such as the Migration Observatory at the University of Oxford, University of Sussex, University Leiden, the Maastricht University Graduate School of Governance and ICMPD will lecture and mentor students. Topics covered include an introduction to **migration studies, migration and development, migration and economy, perception of migrants, media and migration, migration law, migration data**, among others. Participants who successfully complete the programme will be awarded with the **ICMPD International Summer School Certificate**.

The Summer School is open to **up to 35 students** from diverse disciplines (see eligibility criteria below). Young professionals working on migration issues are strongly encouraged to apply as well. The Summer School will be held in English language, thus **a proficient command of English is required**.

All participants will receive full board and lodge free of charge. Travel costs are equally covered and arranged by ICMPD. No participation fee will be charged.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Citizens from **Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine** (including those residing in the EU) are eligible to apply.
- Strong interest in migration-related topics covered by the curriculum of the international summer school (see below and refer to the application form).
- Proficient knowledge (written and oral) of the English language; as a guide, non-native English speakers should be able to obtain a score of 7.00 in ELTS/IELTS or 570 in TOEFL (however, provision of certificate is desirable, but not obligatory).
- Students of media, international law, migration law, human rights, economics, migration studies, history, demography and social and political sciences or a related field.
- Professional staff of state institutions involved in migration management.
- Members of civil society organisations working in the field of migration.

Documents required for applying to the Summer School (all in English):

- [Completed online application form](#)
- CV (in Europass format)
- Recommendation letter from university or workplace
- English language certificate (optional, if available)

Please **submit your application** together with the accompanying documents **via the [following link](#)**. **The deadline for applications is 8 May 2025.**



The ICMPD selection committee reserves the right to conduct telephone interviews with potential candidates to assess English proficiency and interest in migration-related topics. The Summer School selection procedure will be completed by **24 May 2025**. Only selected candidates will be contacted by this date. A waiting list may be created based on the overall number of applications and the availability of selected candidates. Some candidates on the waiting list may be contacted after the deadline.

Curriculum

The Summer School programme includes lectures and/or workshops on the following topics (Summer School applicants should indicate their interest in individual topics in the application form):

- **Introduction to Migration Studies**
 - Main forms of migration, main theories of migration studies, links between migration studies and other disciplines, recent global migration trends, impact of development on migratory movements and vice versa, role of economic, social, demographic, political environmental, and other factors of population movements.
 - Migration history, including introduction to early human migration, industrialisation, colonisation, transatlantic migration, mass migration of the 19th and early 20th centuries, current migration trends.
- **Migration Research Methods**
 - Introduction to research methods, methodological challenges in migration research, ethics in research/ethical action scenarios, introduction to migration data sources and use, data collection, quantitative and qualitative approaches, data analysis, quantitative and qualitative approaches and intuitions.
- **Migration and Development**
 - Academic and policy approaches, migration and sustainable development goals (SDGs), role of remittances, skilled migration and diaspora. Main research methods applied to study the links between migration and development and examples of completed or on-going research; integration of foreigners.
- **Migration and Economy**
 - Overview of the economic factors influencing migratory movements and vice versa, economic and other related effects/consequences (labour market, health situation, poverty, etc.) of emigration and immigration. Main research methods applied to study the links between migration and economy and examples of completed or on-going research.
- **International migration law including asylum and human rights/security nexus**
 - Family reunification, rights of the child, rights to private life. Human rights during the irregular migration procedures: deportation and detention. Overview of the ECHR case law. Citizenship.
 - Overview of recent global trends in asylum and forced displacement, asylum in international law and national legislation, solutions to forced displacement, case studies.
- **Migration and Media**
 - Understanding of media's functioning, media landscape and its changes, links between media, policy and public perceptions, migration in media, public information on migration strategies.