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SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE AND THE EUROPEAN MIGRATION SYSTEM. EAST-WEST MOBILITY IN FLUX

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Purpose of this special issue on migration of the Romanian Journal of European Studies (RJES) is to look at the ongoing transformations of the European migration system in relation to the European integration processes involving South-Eastern Europe.

The 2004 European enlargement and its completion with the Romania and Bulgaria accession in 2007 reshaped the European migration space while contributing to a substantial increase of East-West mobility. On the one hand, the granting of free movement to the new members from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the ease of communication and transportation facilitated these transformations in the migration realm allowing different types of mobility inside the European continent. On the other hand, the new enlarged borders demarcated the EU polity both in the East and in the South by widening the gap between the included and excluded members.

The European migration system includes now the eight CEE countries that joined the EU in 2004 as well two South-Eastern European (SEE) countries, Romania and Bulgaria, which acceded in 2007. The long-standing EU candidacy of Croatia and Turkey along with the more recent from Macedonia as well as the pending accession requests from other Western Balkan countries, bring further attention to South-Eastern Europe and its specificities in term of migration and asylum flows as a result of the collapse of the former Yugoslavia, the ethnic conflicts and borders reshaping which took place in the region starting from the 1990s.

Pending issues in the European policy making processes are also related to the countries which, for the time being, are not EU candidates but they are old SEE neighbours as Ukraine or Moldova. They represent the new EU external borders in the East and South-East of the continent and pose several migration related challenges in view of their geopolitical role and strategic position in between the EU and Russia.

East-West mobility will change again in a future to come because of economic, demographic and policy factors as the reshaping of the Schengen area, the ongoing visa liberalisation involving several SEE countries and their progressive accession to the EU. The current financial crisis is then concurring in sparking off multifaceted return migration flows that require further investigation.

Return migration certainly falls into the post-enlargement most interesting migration typologies. Other concurrent typologies frame the European migration space both in the East and in the South. The new Schengen borders generate circular, transit and irregular flows. The lack of coordination between countries in applying policy and legislative instruments for the governance of these flows - for instance, the absence of consultation mechanisms for the adoption of

immigrant regularisations or the coercive use of one time prescription like the expulsion orders - are just examples which bring to the surface the urgent need of more coherence between the national and supranational level and a rights based approach in migration policy-making.

Thanks also to the EU enlargement processes, the unidirectional perspective of some migration analyses leaves room for investigation into migration patterns which include East-West, East-East, and West-East typologies. The resulting impact of these patterns require tailored policies and pertinent legislation re-approaching in a real and effective governance of migration old and new EU members, non-EU members, accession countries and so far neglected EU neighbours.

The RJES would especially welcome contributions related to the above topics and the following themes:

- *Theoretical questions related to the European migration system and South-Eastern Europe*

How to frame in analytical terms the transformations in direction and magnitude of migration affecting the European continent? Can we possibly talk about a single “European migration system” by comprising which countries and region? Or is it still more appropriate to think of several “European migration subsystems” to whom South Eastern Europe belong to?

- *New and old typologies of migration flows and their conceptualisation*

Irregular and transit, circular and return migration: which policy responses for which type of flows? Forced migrants and IDPs in SEE: which policy for which sustainability? Transnational patterns of migration in between East and West: which are the features of the SEE migrant diaspora and returnees in the European countries of destination and countries of origin?

- *The migration patterns and integration processes of the CEE and SEE countries in comparison*

How to relate the recent South-Eastern European migration experience with that of other Central and Eastern European countries? Does a common framework for comparison exist in terms of characteristics and potential of migration flows from the region? What SEE countries can learn from the CEE process of acquisition of the *acquis communautaire* in migration?

- *The EU external borders and migration through the SEE region*

What is the impact of the EU border reshaping on the SEE candidate and neighbouring countries? Which is the extent of the migration imbalances, irregular flows, smuggling and human trafficking at the EU threshold?

- *Symmetries and asymmetries of the EU immigration policy with particular reference to the SEE region*

What is the impact of the EU immigration policy in relation to the SEE migration and asylum patterns? How to overcome the EU “institutional isomorphism”? Which are the pertinent policy solutions for the migration challenges and specificities of the SEE region?

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