



# **TRANSMIC TRAINING SESSION**

## **THE NEXUS BETWEEN ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE AND EU POLICIES ON MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP**

### **ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

8 – 18 June 2015

***Venues:***

Centre for European Policy Studies  
Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels

Maastricht University Brussels Campus  
Avenue de l'Armée 10, 1040 Brussels

## **RATIONALE AND SCOPE**

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TRANSMIC PhD and Post-Doc projects cover the rapidly-evolving field of transnational migration and citizenship addressed from the perspective of circularity of rights and responsibilities. They address to different degrees topical public policy questions on these issues. Some TRANSMIC projects aim at examining concepts such as 'circular migration', 'migration and development nexus', 'remittances policies' or the 'global approach to migration and mobility' (GAMM) which stand close to current European Union (EU) public policies and priorities. These same policy concepts raise however a number of conceptual, methodological and ethical challenges for researchers when assessed from different scholarly disciplines and perspectives. If TRANSMIC projects aim at engaging with policy discussions and reach conclusions with relevance for public policy, ensuring the policy relevance of academic research will pose a series of multi-faceted dilemmas which call for closer reflection and critical assessment.

What are the issues and dilemmas characterizing the nexus between academic research and policy? The central objective of this Training Session is to provide the TRANSMIC fellows with a better understanding of the links between academic research and public policy making, as well as the main sources of knowledge on migration and citizenship policies. Particular focus will be paid to the EU and other relevant international and regional actors such as the United Nations and the Council of Europe. The following questions will be particularly explored:

- How to make academic knowledge accessible and attractive to a policy audience, and how to formulate research results in a policy format?
- How to understand evidence-based policy making?
- Should scholarly research on migration and citizenship be policy relevant or irrelevant?
- What are the main sources of knowledge on policy and legal instruments with relevance for migration and citizenship studies?

A further objective of this Training Session will be to attract Brussels policy interest to the TRANSMIC project and to the research of the fellows, as well as actively engage with EU policy makers with expertise on migration and citizenship. A selection of EU policy makers will be invited to speak in the Training. This will be combined with a Policy Seminar on 'Circular Migration in the EU' and a Policy Workshop where TRANSMIC fellows will interact with Brussels-based policy makers.

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