



In 2024, nearly half of the world's population across 80 countries headed to the polls, including in some of the most powerful, populous, and fragile countries.

This year of elections, the *Mixed Migration Review 2024* dives into the politics of mixed migration and the salience of migration issues in politics.

How is migration instrumentalized both domestically and internationally? In what ways do rising populist movements rely on maintaining migration as a perceived threat? What role does modern media play in shaping migration narratives? How do governments balance restricting asylum and migration with the growing demand for migrant labour? Through interviews with global and regional thinkers, expert essays, thematic snapshots, and personal migrant stories, the 2024 MMR addresses these and other critical issues.

As always, the Mixed Migration Review 2024 will also document the best and worst behaviour by authorities in relation to mixed migration in the annual *'Resisting and Normalising the extreme'* features

Learn more about the report at the virtual launch of the #MMR2024 on **December 5th, 14:00-15:30 CET**.

Join our webinar with experts, journalists, and academics who will debate and discuss some of today's most pressing mixed migration issues globally. We look forward to your participation!

Discover the Agenda and panellists' biographies below.



Agenda

14:00 – 14:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Raphaela Schweiger**, Director of Migration, Immigration Society & Global Issues, Robert Bosch Stiftung
- **Bram Frouws**, Director, Mixed Migration Centre

14:15 – 15:10

Panel Discussion

The politics of migration narratives: shaping perceptions, policies, and real-life consequences

How are populist movements capitalizing on migration narratives, and what strategies exist to counter this trend? What role does media play in shaping migration narrative, and linking migration issues to national and international political agendas? How are migration narratives influencing public opinion and shaping migration policies? What are the real-life consequences of politicized migration narratives for migrants and first respondents?

Moderator: Roberto Forin, Deputy Director of the Mixed Migration Centre

Panellists:

1. **Andrew Geddes**, Professor of Migration Studies and director of the Migration Policy Centre
2. **Daniela Mohor**, Latin America editor-at-large for The New Humanitarian
3. **Francisco Javier Bokesa Abia**, Councillor Delegate for Citizen Participation and Foreign Cooperation in Fuenlabrada, Spain
4. **Sophie Beau**, Cofounder and general director of SOS Méditerranée.

15:10 – 15:30

Q&A with the audience

Panellists



Francisco Javier Bokesa Abia

Councillor Delegate for Citizen Participation and Foreign Cooperation in Fuenlabrada, Spain

Francisco Javier was born in Madrid on October 27, 1984, to parents from Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea. He has lived in Fuenlabrada since 1989. He holds a degree in Economics from Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, a Master's in International Business from the London campus of Grenoble Ecole de Management, and a Master's in Development Economics from Universidad Carlos III of Madrid. Javier worked in the private sector in both London and Madrid. A member of the PSOE – the Spanish Socialist Worker's Party - and the Local

Committee, he also served as president of the Bubi Sociocultural Association, was a representative for the Steering Group of the Coexistence Forum and is a member of the LGBT organization Fuenla Entiende.



Sophie Beau

Co-founder and general director of SOS MEDITERRANEE @SOSMedIntl / X

Sophie Beau has over 25 years of experience managing humanitarian and social programs for vulnerable populations in France and abroad. She is the co-founder of SOS MEDITERRANEE, an international humanitarian organization dedicated to saving lives at sea, with teams operating in Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. She serves as General Manager of the French branch of the network. Sophie holds a master's degree in anthropology and a postgraduate diploma in political science.



Andrew Geddes

Professor of Migration Studies and director of the Migration Policy Centre

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Andrew Geddes is Professor of Migration Studies and Director of the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute in Fiesole, Italy. During his career, he has led and participated in a number of major projects on aspects of international migration working with a wide range of academic and non-academic partners. Between 2024 and 2027, he is coordinating an EU-funded Horizon Europe project with 12 partner organisations that aims to build stronger relations between migration research, policies and practices (more information at www.migrationresearchtopolicy.eu).

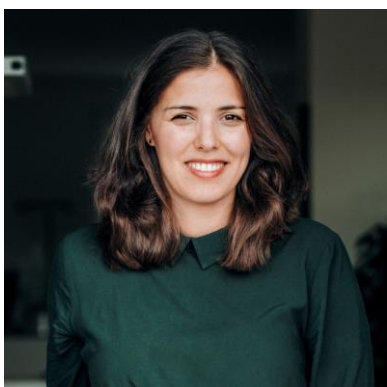


Daniela Mohor

Latin America editor-at-large for The New Humanitarian.

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Daniela is an award-winning journalist with extensive experience in print and digital media. She coauthored the nonfiction book *La búsqueda* in Chile and has a strong focus on stories related to international relations, social issues, human rights, migration, the environment, and gender. She serves as Latin America & Caribbean Editor-at-Large at The New Humanitarian and has contributed to various U.S. and Latin American media outlets in both English and Spanish.



Dr. Raphaela Schweiger

Director of Migration, Immigration Society, Global Issues, at Robert Bosch Stiftung.

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Raphaela Schweiger is the Director of the Robert Bosch Stiftung's migration and immigration society programs, where she works at the intersection of local, national, regional, and global efforts. Her expertise covers critical issues of migration, inclusive societies, digital technologies, and global governance. Her programmatic initiatives address challenges such as racism and discrimination, social integration, refugee and migrant protection, climate mobility, and the impacts of technological change on migration. Raphaela also serves as Chair of the European Philanthropic Initiative on Migration (EPIM) and is a 2023 Yale World Fellow. She holds a Dr. Phil. from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, with studies in political science, law, and peace and conflict studies conducted in Munich, Frankfurt am Main, and Madrid.