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The Centre focuses on researching migration and integration processes of immigrants. Besides simply monitoring these processes, the Centre's research activities focus on analyzing the causes, mechanisms and effects of international migration and the integration of foreigners in Czechia in a broader Central European context with emphasis on post-Soviet and Vietnamese immigrants. Internal migration and other forms of population mobility are secondary research focuses. The geographic aspects of these issues are emphasized, while at the same time interdisciplinary approaches to research are respected considering the complexity of the phenomena being researched. Both quantitative and qualitative methods are used, mostly in combination with each other. Findings are published in both Czech and foreign scholarly journals.

In the past five years research findings have been published in 3 books and 2 special issues of the „Geografie“ journal devoted to migratory and integration issues (4/2011, 2/2007).





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- **GEOMIGRACE team members work on the following pivotal research topics, which are often covered by the Centre's projects:**
 - 1) theoretical, conceptual issues linked to the processes of migration and integration, and their general framework;
 - 2) describing and trying to partially explain (or even predict future trends) in migration and the integration of foreigners into Czech society, including placing the issue into a wider European framework
 - 3) irregular/illegal migration and unauthorized economic activities undertaken by immigrants in Czechia;
 - 4) the integration of foreigners into society, encompassing research on different models, forms, contexts (especially based on economic environment) and target groups in both Czechia and abroad;



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- 5) demographic and socioeconomic aspects of international migration embodied in the concept of “replacement migration” (in close cooperation with demographers at the Faculty of Science, Charles University)
- 6) the spatial distribution of foreigners in Czechia and related phenomena
- 7) environmental migration
- 8) real and potential migration and the mobility of the Czech population from their native country
- 9) health risks and the lifestyle and health of migrants
- 10) migration statistics
- 11) migration policy





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Team members also use research findings in the classroom, especially in the courses International Migration, Geography of Migration and Integration of Foreigners and Social Geography.

At this moment - 10 postgraduate students, other 4 have already successfully finished their studies

Team members have also established cooperation with institutes abroad.

Since Summer 2012 the GEOMIGRACE team has been a member of the IMISCOE network.



Selected research projects

Migration and Development – Economic and Social Impacts of Migration on the Czech Republic and Ukraine (With a Focus on the Analysis of Remittances)

Main investigator: Dušan Drbohlav

This project is focused on the economic and social impacts of migration on Czechia and Ukraine. The remittances of Ukrainian workers in Czechia are examined, especially amounts, types and how they are acquired, and as well as how this money is used by the families of migrants. A wide spectrum of quantitative and qualitative methods is used in both Czechia and Ukraine, including the use of daily journals mapping the income and expenses of migrants in detail. Research findings can be classified as being both basic and applicable in nature, as they include Czech migration policy proposals as well as remittance statistics.



Selected research projects

The Migratory Patterns of Immigrants (and Natives) in Czechia: Concentration or Diffusion Processes?

Main investigator: Eva Janská

The aim of this research project is to analyze the impact of international and internal (or secondary) migration of foreigners on the socio-spatial structure and settlement structure of Czechia. The project attempts to identify the most important factors affecting internal mobility of select groups of foreigners in Czechia and to analyze the relationship between integration and mobility levels. Quantitative and qualitative research methods are used to study selected samples of foreign immigrant groups in Czechia, especially interviews and surveys. Data from the Registry of Inhabitants and the 2011 Census will also be used.





Selected research projects

IDEA – Mediterranean and Eastern European Countries as New Immigration Destinations in the European Union (Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission, 2007–2009)

Main investigator in Czechia: Dušan Drbohlav

Eleven research teams from 9 European countries participated in this project which was coordinated by Warsaw University (prof. M. Okolski). There were three main aims of the project: a) to reconstruct migration patterns for each country; b) to identify the main features of the migration policies of these countries, to systemize them and to evaluate their effectiveness; and c) to propose an analytical tool for forecasting immigration in order to increase the reliability of projecting the future inflow volume of immigrants to the EU. The concept of “migration cycles” was rediscovered and utilized in this project, and one of the Czech research reports became the basis of the book *Migrace a (i)migranti v Česku* (Migration and (Im)migrants in Czechia).





Selected research projects

PROMINSTAT – Promoting Comparative Quantitative Research in the Field of Migration and Integration in Europe (Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission, 2007–2010)

Main investigator in Czechia: Dušan Drbohlav

This project dealt with statistical databases of migration, integration and discrimination in 29 European countries (the EU-27 plus Norway and Switzerland). The aim was to improve existing on-line databases for all manner of users. It was also intended to enhance comparability of statistical data and understanding of indicators. Analyses were conducted for each country and classified into 12 thematic areas: 1) general demographic data, 2) migration flows, 3) the legal status migrants, 4) citizenship, 5) political participation, 6) employment, 7) income, 8) housing, 9) irregular migration, 10) education, 11) family, 12) health and also the two intersecting topics of integration and discrimination.



Selected research projects

Trafficking and Forced Labour for Other Purposes than Prostitution: The Czech Case (Czech Science Foundation, Eurocores – ECRP, 2007–2009)

Main investigators in Czechia: Dušan Drbohlav and Dagmar Dzúrová

The main aim of this project was to analyze illegal migration from Czechia to Austria and Germany (before Czechia joined the Schengen Area). By using unique data acquired from the Foreign Police in combination with other databases, links between the “behavioral” aspects of illegal border crossings (how many migrants, how they were organized, what type of migrants) and physical geographic features of the areas in which such crossing occurred (such as terrain, weather, etc.) were established. Thus it is possible to comprehensively analyze the conditions for the illegal crossing of the Czech border.



Selected research projects

- 2010 "Odstraňování bariér a zvyšování úrovně bezpečnosti u zahraničních pracovníků", ve spolupráci s výzkumným ústavem bezpečnosti práce, MPSV ČR, 2010
- 2007 – 2009 Projekt „CLANDESTINO: Undocumented Migration: Counting the Uncountable Data and Trends Across Europe“. Financován Evropskou komisí v rámci 6.RP , tematická priorita 8.1 („Policy-related Research, Scientific Support for Policies“). Odpovědní řešitelé za ČR D. Drbohlav a L. Medová.
- 2006 – 2008 Projekt MPSV ČR „Riziko možného odlivu kvalifikovaných odborníků z České republiky do zahraničí“, č. 13 019/04 – DP2, hlavní řešitelka J. Vavrečková 2008
- 2005 – 2008 Projekt MPSV ČR, „Mezinárodní migrace a nelegální pracovní aktivity migrantů v Česku v širším evropském kontextu“ financovaného, č. 1J/PR/03327, hlavní řešitel D. Drbohlav.





Publications – books

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DRBOHLAV, D. (ed.): Nelegální ekonomické aktivity migrantů (Česko v evropském kontextu). (Irregular Economic Activities of Migrants/Czechia in European Context) Praha, Karolinum 2008. (in Czech)

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GRABOWSKA-LUSINSKA, I., DRBOHLAV, D., HARS, A., (eds.) (2011): Immigration Puzzles; Comparative Analysis of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland before and after Joining the EU. Saarbrücken, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing. (in English)



Publications – chapters in books (selection), published abroad

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- DRBOHLAV, D., MEDOVÁ, L. (2010): Czech Republic: Irregular Migration – „Old Wine in New Bottles“. In: Irregular Migration in Europe, Myths and Realities. Triandafyllidou, A. (ed.). Farnham, Burlington, Ashgate Publishing Limited 2010, pp. 71-92.
- DRBOHLAV, D., LACHMANOVÁ, L.: (2008) Irregular Activities of Migrants in the Czech Republic: a Delphi Study about Adaptations in a Globalising Economy. In: Evolution of Geographical Systems and Risk Processes in the Global Context. Dostál, P. (ed.), Prague, Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science, P3K, pp. 129- 156.
- JANSKÁ, E., DRBOHLAV, D.: (2008): The Czech Republic. In: Hönekopp, E., Mattila, H. Permanent or Circular Migration? Policy Choices to Address Demographic Decline and Labour Shortages in Europe. Budapešť, International Organization for Migration, pp. 35-72.



Publications – articles (selection), published abroad

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- ČERMÁKOVÁ, D., NEKORJAK, M. (2009): Ukrainian Middleman System of Labour Organization in the Czech Republic. Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie, Vol., 100, No. 1, pp. 33-43.
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