

MONASH MIGRATION AND INCLUSION CENTRE

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 2022

NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



In what has been one of the most challenging periods for universities, MMIC has continued to press ahead as evidenced by the excellent achievements of our colleagues presented in our 2021 Annual Report. I am sincerely grateful to our researchers, graduate students and partners for their collaboration and commitment to impactful research.

In 2021 Australia began to open up to the world and we watched with interest to see the unfolding changes to migration policy and migration flows that we know will continue as the world navigates the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 Scanlon Social Cohesion Report, featured on our [webpage](#), revealed significant increases in Australians' agreement with the proposition that 'multiculturalism has been good for Australia'. Indeed 86% of the survey participants agreed with this statement. Yet this report also uncovered that a sizeable minority of those born overseas continue to experience ethno-racial discrimination.

Migrants are essential to the social, economic and cultural life of Australia. Enhancing the conditions for migrants from all backgrounds to settle well in this country benefits everyone. As stated in Monash University's Strategic Plan, Impact 2030, "thriving communities hold the promise of the 'good life' we seek". The challenge of building and sustaining thriving communities underscores much of the work we will do and will continue do in the coming years as detailed in our 2022-2025 [strategic plan](#).

I am proud to present this annual report that reflects all of our impact and achievements in 2021, during what proved to be another challenging year for migration and inclusion research. Despite these challenges, we continued to deliver high level public engagement and quality research, establish and maintain existing and valued partnerships from across academia and industry, and offer a number of professional development and prize opportunities to our Next Generation Network.

Professor Rebecca Wickes

Director

Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre

ABOUT US

MMIC was established in 2018 and is located in the Faculty of Arts at Monash University. The Centre is committed to advancing equity and opportunity for individuals and communities in societies shaped by migration. MMIC seeks to transform research, policy and public debate on the local, national and global impact of migration.

The Centre harnesses the migration and inclusion research strengths from across the University, including internationally acclaimed scholars and the next generation of academics, to assemble transdisciplinary research teams to address current and emerging issues in the area of migration and social, economic and cultural inclusion.

The Centre hosts a diverse range of scholarship and aspires to be an international leader on migration and inclusion research. MMIC is well positioned to contribute to future policy discussions in Australia, the Asia-Pacific, Europe and the rest of the world.

In 2021 we reviewed and then restructured some of our key research themes to welcome and include the expertise of new key academic Research Leads. Additionally, the result of this restructure has worked to better reflect the research direction of some of our established Leads, including the establishment of the Migration, Borders and Policy Observatory and a new partnership with Monash University Malaysia (MUM). Our key research themes now include:

- Language, citizenship and inclusion
- Community resilience and cohesion
- Governing human migration and mobility
- Identity and belonging
- Migration in the Asia region
- The Migration, Borders and Policy Observatory

MMIC supports a network of over 30 academics from a range of disciplines and a dedicated Postdoctoral Research Fellow. We host the Next Generation Network with a membership of 223 postgraduate and early career researchers from a range of disciplines including sociology, law, health, criminology, geography, education, design, and politics. MMIC has built strong industry research partnerships with the Scanlon Foundation, Welcoming Cities, Wyndham City Council, Harmony Alliance: Migrant and Refugee Women for Change, Department of Justice and Community Safety and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

2021 AT A GLANCE

ACHIEVEMENTS	STATISTICS
Academic network membership	Members: 44
Next Generation Network (NGN) membership	Total members: 223
	New members in 2021: 30
	Monash based members: 123
Income awarded in 2021	\$4,308,414
Publication outputs	Publications: 34
Media	Mailing list subscribers: 881
	Twitter followers: 2,463
	Media engagements (radio, television, newspaper, Op-Eds): 35
Partners	Industry partners: 18
Funders in 2021	ARC, Wyndham City Council, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Department of Justice and Community Safety Victoria, Paul Ramsay Foundation and Metal Manufactures Pty Ltd

CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH A TRANSDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

MONASH PARTNERSHIPS

The MMIC academic network harnesses the migration and inclusion research strength and expertise from across Monash University, supporting transdisciplinary approaches to project innovations and working in partnership with academics from the **Faculties of Arts, Education, Business and Economics (BUSECO), ActionLab, Faculty of IT, the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, BehaviourWorks, XYX Lab from the Monash Art, Design and Architecture and the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre**. This year we established a collaborative research partnership with our colleagues at **Monash University Malaysia**. MMIC researchers collaborate on multidisciplinary research to understand and respond to contemporary migration and inclusion challenges through a number of projects as presented below.

PROJECT:

CO-DESIGNING AND SCALING EFFECTIVE COVID-19 COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN VICTORIA.

Building on our research partnership with **ActionLab, Faculty of IT, BehaviourWorks, and the Faculty of Public Health, Nursing and Preventive Medicine** in 2020, MMIC completed the research project '[Co-designing and scaling effective COVID-19 communication strategies for young people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Victoria](#)'. The project was funded by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Victorian Government and examined digital communication and engagement with a focus on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) young people and five key organisations in Victoria working with them. It resulted in a final report and a series of co-designed digital playbooks to improve and support community engagement on accessing COVID-19 information provided by the Victorian Government.

PROJECT:**FEELING SAFE IN PUBLIC PLACES: CO-DESIGNING COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS**

Leading a transdisciplinary team with colleagues from **Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) XYX Lab and the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre**, MMIC was awarded research funding from the Victoria Government's Building Safer Communities Program for the project 'Feeling safe in public places: Co-designing community safety strategies in Local Government Areas'. The project will be completed in 2023.

The project centres on a co-design approach, bringing together representatives from local government and community sectors, including representatives from [Melton City Council](#), [Monash City Council](#), [Wyndham City Council](#), [Welcoming Cities](#), local business owners and local community members including women and migrants, who have deep community knowledge, understandings and experiences of safety and inclusion in public places. Through collaboration with these different stakeholders, the project aims to create an evidence base of women and migrant's experiences of safety that can lead to effective crime prevention practices that are place-based and socially and culturally relevant.

PROJECT:**EVALUATION: WYNDHAM CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAM**

Commencing in 2019, MMIC is leading the evaluation of Wyndham City Council's (WCC) Social and Economic Inclusion Program with a research team that includes colleagues from the **Faculty of Education and BUSECO**. The Evaluation has received a 12 month extension following the impacts of COVID-19 on the implementation of the Program and impacts on data collection for the Evaluation, and will conclude in 2023.

The evaluation is multi-scalar and considers the interconnectedness and complexity of WCC's strategic initiatives to improve social and economic inclusion (SEI) in the Wyndham Municipality, including during times of crisis with the event of COVID-19 from March 2020. This approach will involve the evaluation of WCC policies and engagements both before and during COVID-19; the evaluation of the efficacy of the Opportunity Wyndham leadership group in their capacity to build networks and promote SEI in the Municipality; and a process evaluation of the WCC Flagship economic and social inclusion project: The Fresh Start Employment Pathways (FSEP) Program.

PROJECT:**TOWARDS AN ART AND DESIGN INTERVENTION: ISSUES IMPACTING MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN IN MALAYSIA DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

In partnership with [Monash University Malaysia, School of Arts and Social Sciences](#) and Malaysian-based artists, activists and NGOs, the Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre hosted two online dialogue events in late 2021 to develop an evidence based methodology for an arts intervention on issues impacting migrant and refugee women in Malaysia during COVID-19.



PROJECT:

HACKATHON 2021: INCLUSIVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN VICTORIA

Each year, MMIC partners with other Centres and Faculties across Monash University to host a hackathon event. Our hackathons provide an opportunity for postgraduate and early career researchers (ECRs) to work with industry partners and address real world problems related to inclusion for migrant communities in Victoria. The hackathon participants take a trans-disciplinary, collaborative and cross-sector approach, and together create an engaging learning environment to devise strategies that are innovative, adaptable and scalable.

This year we partnered with the [Health and Social Care Unit](#) (HSCU) in the **School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine**, under the leadership of [Professor Helen Skouteris](#). The focus of the hackathon was on inclusive access to public health services for migrant and refugee community members in Victoria.

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

MMIC has strong links with industry, with whom we collaborate to respond to pressing migration and inclusion challenges. Our new and sustained industry partnerships in 2021 include:

- With the **Harmony Alliance Australia: Migrant and refugee women for change**, as we launched the '[Migrant and refugee women in Australia: The safety and security study](#)' at the National Press Club in Canberra, June 2021. Led by researchers Marie Segrave, Rebecca Wickes and Chloe Keel from Monash University's Migration and Inclusion Centre (MMIC) and Harmony Alliance Australia, this landmark national study reveals the experiences and needs of women across Australia's diverse migrant and refugee communities. The report draws on survey responses from almost 1,400 migrant and refugee women across Australia, providing a unique snapshot from this sample of women across Australia. It is the first national study to capture the diversity of migrant and refugee women, including residency / visa status, and to examine controlling behaviours related to the visa and migration status of women.
- Our continued partnership with **Wyndham City Council** for our Evaluation of their Social and Economic Inclusion Program and their partnership as one of three local councils in our 'Feeling safe in public places: Co-designing community safety strategies in Local Government Areas' project with **Melton and Monash City Councils**.
- A new partnership with the **Department of Families, Fairness and Housing** who funded our research project 'Co-designing and scaling effective COVID-19 communication strategies for young people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Victoria' and supported the [public launch of the project report and digital playbooks](#) in November.
- A continuation of our established partnership with the Victorian Government **Department of Justice and Community Safety**, from our new project 'Feeling safe in public places: Co-designing community safety strategies in Local Government Areas', funded by the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program.
- Our ongoing relationship with the **Scanlon Foundation**, including engagement with CEO, Anthea Hancocks, as MMIC Advisory Board Chair and co-supervisor of a Monash Diversity and Inclusion GRIP student. MMIC academic affiliate, Professor Andrew Markus continues to draft the Scanlon Foundation's '[Mapping Social Cohesion in Australia](#)' annual report, this year marking the 15th report (the 3rd during the COVID pandemic).
- Our ongoing partnership with **Welcoming Cities** and **Welcoming Australia**, particularly around our '[Racism: it stops with...?](#)' webinar event that we hosted in partnership during National Unity Week. Welcoming Cities is another industry partner we are pleased to have on our 'Feeling safe in public places: Co-designing community safety strategies in Local Government Areas' project team.
- Partnerships with the **Centre for Multicultural Youth (La Mana)**, the **Huddle**, **Australian Karen Organisation**, **YLab** and **Migrante Melbourne** who were involved in the co-design of a series of digital playbooks with our colleagues at ActionLab for the project 'Co-designing and scaling effective COVID-19 communication strategies for young people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Victoria', funded by the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.
- Industry partners who contributed their time to engage with our hackathon 'Inclusive access to public health services for migrant and refugee community members' as mentors or critical friends, working with NGN members to develop innovative solutions to this industry challenge. We thank **VicHealth**, **Jewish Care**, **Queen Elizabeth Centre**, **Incubate Foundation**, **Water Wells Project** and **Dream Harmony**.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

MMIC continues to develop and collaborate with international university partners, providing opportunities for collaborative research and for postgraduate learning and exchange.

- MMIC continues its membership of **IMISCOE** (International Migration Research Network) that provides our researchers with the opportunity to create international research partnerships, postgraduate connections and initiatives and publishing platforms for migration and inclusion research.
- In our international research partnership with Professor Anna Triandafyllidou, the **Canadian Excellence Research Chair (CERC) on Migration and Integration at Ryerson University, Canada**, we continue to foster the established exchange fellowship program with Ryerson University for postgraduate students associated with both research centres. MMIC was included in a funding application to the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, led by Ryerson and also including Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand for a project titled, 'A comparative study of small and mid-sized cities in Canada, Australia and New Zealand'.
- The [Network of Excellence on Regional Liveable Diversity](#) (NoE) includes academic partners from **Ryerson University, the University of Bologna, Erasmus University Rotterdam and the Max Planck Institute**. This year the NoE delivered its [final report, 'Regional Liveable Diversity and data visualisation'](#) presenting a comparative insight into regional ethnic diversity across five countries.
- The Migration, Borders and Policy Observatory has maintained a strong partnership and connection to **Border Criminologies**, based at Oxford University, and the **Crimmigration Control International Network of Studies** (CINETs), a global group of scholars researching the phenomenon of crimmigration. These partnerships include conference, networking and visiting fellowship opportunities for postgraduate students researching migration and borders and for academic collaboration.
- In 2021, the Language, Citizenship and Inclusion thematic research area hosted the **Linguistic Justice Society** (LJS) Roundtable with the aim to establish the MMIC Language, Citizenship and Inclusion research theme as the Australia/New Zealand 'hub' of the LJS. The Roundtable aimed to bring together the recently founded [Linguistic Justice Society](#) and [MMIC Language, Citizenship and Inclusion research theme](#) academics from different disciplines whose research centres around language-related issues relevant to migration, inclusion and social cohesion in multicultural societies.
- In 2021, we were pleased to establish a research partnership with migration and inclusion research colleagues at Monash University Malaysia. This partnership has been formalised by the establishment of a new Research Theme '[Migration in the Asia Region](#)' under the leadership of Dr Ting-Fai Yu. From our newly established partnership with Monash University Malaysia, colleagues from MMIC and MUM participated in an online Arts and Migration Dialogue series with academics, artists, activists and NGOs in Malaysia on issues impacting migrant and refugee women in Malaysia during COVID-19.

LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSTGRADUATE AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

Postgraduate and early career researchers (ECRs) are central to the vision and mission of the Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre. As emerging scholars, postgraduates and ECRs contribute to innovative research, applied projects, and community engagement. The MMIC Next Generation Network (NGN) hosts postgraduate candidates and ECRs engaged in research related to migration, diversity or social inclusion.

The NGN is a platform for members to engage with other early career researchers, established scholars, policymakers, and industry practitioners. The NGN hosts events each year providing an opportunity for members to present their work and learn from senior academics and practitioners through masterclasses, workshops and symposiums.

Under the leadership of Dr Charishma Ratnam, the NGN membership continued to grow in 2021. We curated two key events for our NGN members: a symposium entitled 'Looking back, looking forward: A human centred approach to migration' and the annual Hackathon, which focused on innovative solutions for more inclusive health care access for refugees and migrants in Victoria.

We introduced prize opportunities to the Network, including a best presentation prize at the symposium and a best paper prize. We were pleased to launch a new [interdisciplinary study program in human migration studies](#), for Master's students in Public Policy, International Relations, and International Development Practice.

SYMPOSIUM 'LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD: A HUMAN CENTRED APPROACH TO MIGRATION'

MMIC hosted its first NGN symposium in July. The theme of the symposium was '[Looking back, looking forward: A human centred approach to migration](#)'. This theme was chosen to provoke conversation between the next generation of migration scholars and research 'Masters' (professorial academics and community leaders). We were joined by four 'Masters' for the day – [Professor Stephi Donald](#), [Emeritus Professor Joseph Lo Bianco](#), [Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus](#) and [Annette Xiberras](#). The Masters shared their research and community leadership experiences with the participants, reflecting on the key lessons they have learned over their



extensive careers. They also provided critical feedback to NGN members who presented some of their own research and challenges during the full day event.

We congratulate Satrio Nindyo Istiko, [awarded the best presentation prize](#), for his paper titled 'Exploring sexual health literacy as social practices within migrant networks: A temporally informed method'. This paper drew from his wider postgraduate study that explores how newly arrived Asian-born gay, bisexual, and men who have sex with men in Queensland use their migrant networks to access, distribute, understand and turn sexual health information into choices and actions. Alexandra Ridgway was awarded a special commendation for her presentation, 'Centering Migrant Voices: Problem-Centred Interviewing as Human- Centred Interviewing'.

HACKATHON: INCLUSIVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FOR MIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN VICTORIA

For our 2021 hackathon, we welcomed a number of postgraduates and ECRs from a range of academic and practitioner backgrounds in the disciplines of the Arts, Public Health and Health Sciences. We partnered with the [Health and Social Care Unit](#) (HSCU) in the School of Preventive Medicine, Monash University, under the leadership of [Professor Helen Skouteris](#).

This hackathon identified real-world problems related to health and inclusion for migrants and refugees in Victoria, and the participants worked towards developing innovative solutions through an interdisciplinary, collaborative and cross- sector approach. The hackathon was an opportunity for public health industry stakeholders to strengthen their partnership with Monash University and connect with the next generation of thought leaders. These partnerships enabled researchers to apply academic knowledge, theory and skills, and to have real-world impact on some of our most vulnerable community members. Collaborations between researchers and industry led to cutting-edge innovations that can be adaptable and scalable, with potential for wide reach.

We were fortunate to work with a number of public health industry stakeholders who served as mentors or critical friends including from [VicHealth](#), the [Queen Elizabeth Centre](#), [Dream Harmony](#), [HSCU](#), [Jewish Care](#) and [The Water Well Project](#). Through their participation in the hackathon, our partners had the opportunity to strengthen their engagement with Monash University and connect with the next generation of migration and inclusion thought leaders.

The hackathon groups worked on the following industry identified challenges and their final pitch presentations can be viewed on the MMIC NGN [website here](#):

- Healthy eating and active living for socio-economically disadvantaged community members
- Equitable and timely access to accurate COVID-19 information for hardly reached CALD communities in rural Victoria
- Safe sleeping practices for new parents, which is a common (and positive) experience in many CALD communities but not recommended by current Australian guidelines
- Challenges facing refugees as they attempt to access health care in Victoria

BEST PAPER PRIZE

Dr Goshu Teferea was awarded the MMIC inaugural Best Paper Prize, '[Pre-arrival temporalities of displacement in refugee migration: The case of resettled Ethiopian refugees in Australia](#)', which was published in *Population, Space and Place* in February 2021. The paper examines how temporality can shape refugee experiences of displacement. Dr Tefera's discussions of four temporal features – spontaneity, disorientation, transposition and incessancy – strengthen understandings of the intersection between time, process, experience and place. It was the unanimous decision of the panel that this paper makes an outstanding contribution to migration studies scholarship.

Two commendations were awarded to Dr Charlie Young for her paper '[Interlocking systems of oppression and privilege impact African Australian health and well-being in greater Melbourne: A qualitative intersectional analysis](#)', published in *Social Issues* in December 2020, and to Jae Roh for her paper '[Disclosing Racism, Awareness-Raising and Seeking Support: Korean Women Migrants' Use of Online Cafés](#)', published in the *Journal of Intercultural Studies* in September 2021.

ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT

Our public, stakeholder and academic engagement and impact efforts in 2021 continued online with a series of webinars. These included a number of report launches, a special webinar feature for National Unity Week in October hosted in partnership with Welcoming Australia and a number of webinar panels including academics and practitioners discussing relevant issues associated with MMIC research achievements. All of our webinars can be viewed on the MMIC website [here](#).

Webinar highlights include:

[Launch of the 'Migrant and refugee in Australia: The safety and security study' at the National Press Club in Canberra in June 2021](#). Lead authors Associate Professor Marie Segrave and Professor Rebecca Wickes attended the launch to make comments on the research findings that followed the keynote presentation 'Australia re-imagined' by Nyadol Nyaon, Chair of Harmony Alliance: Migrant and refugee women for change, lawyer and human rights advocate.

In partnership with Welcoming Australia, MMIC hosted the ['Racism: It stops with...?' webinar](#) during National Unity Week in October. The panel discussion was on the topic of progressive, positive and inclusive responses to racism. The event was hosted by Dr Susan Carland (Monash University) and featured panellists Professor Jacinta Elston Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), Monash University, Nyadol Nyaon (Chair, Harmony Alliance, lawyer and human rights advocate), Div Pillay (CEO, MindTribes and Monash Alumna) and Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus (Monash University).

[Launch of our report 'Co-designing and scaling effective COVID-19 communication strategies for young people from CALD communities in Victoria'](#), in partnership with ActionLab Monash and the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing in November. The report was officially launched by Josh Bull MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Victorian Government.



WEBINARS

EVENT TITLE	DATE	PANELLISTS
Political participation from abroad: new perspectives and challenges	February	Hosted by Professor Rebecca Wickes (MMIC) with panellists Dr Matteo Bonotti (MMIC), Dr Chiara De Lazzari (MMIC), Mr Francesco Pascalis (President, COMITES Victoria and Tasmania), Dr Lucy Pedroza (Centre for International Studies, El Colegio de México), Dr Banu Sanay (Macquarie University)
Coronavirus and its impact on international students	February	Associate Professor Helen Forbes-Mewett (MMIC) featuring Associate Professor Catherine Gomes, RMIT
COVID passport: A ticket to open borders and greater mobility?	March	Hosted by Associate Professor Marie Segrave (MMIC) with panellists Associate Professor Sanja Milivojevic (Latrobe and Border Criminologies, Oxford University), Professor Luiza Bialasiewicz (University of Amsterdam, Co-director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies), Bandana Pattanaik (GAATW) and Dr Siru Tan (MMIC)

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EVENT TITLE	DATE	PANELLISTS
The uncertain future of immigration to small and mid-sized cities	May	In partnership with Ryerson University. Professor Rebecca Wickes (MMIC), Associate Professor Anna Ziersch, (Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute, Flinders University), Dr Clemence Due, (Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University of Adelaide), Professor Ather Akbari, (Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary's University), Dr Melissa Kelly, (Research Fellow, CERC Migration and Integration)
Launch 'Migrant and refugee women in Australia: The safety and security study', National Press Club Canberra	June	Included discussion and Q&A with report co-authors Associate Professor Marie Segrave and Professor Rebecca Wickes.
ABC Big Ideas panel 'Should there be limits on free speech?'	September	Moderated by Dr Ben Wellings (Monash University) with panellists Dr Matteo Bonotti (MMIC), Dr Louise Richardson-Self (University of Tasmania), Dr Jonathan Seglow (Royal Holloway, University of London), and Dr Suzanne Whitten (Queen's University Belfast)
Visualising Human Diversity	October	Associate Professor Alan Gamlen (MMIC)
Racism: It stops with...?	October	Hosted by Dr Susan Carland (MMIC) with introductions from Professor Rebecca Wickes (MMIC), Aleem Ali (CEO, Welcoming Australia) and panellists, Emeritus Professor Andrew Markus (MMIC), Professor Jacinta Elston (Pro-Vice Chancellor (Indigenous) Monash University), Div Pillay (CEO MindTribes and Monash Alumna) and Nyadol Nyon (Chair, Harmony Alliance: Migrant and refugee women for change, lawyer and human rights advocate)
Report launch 'Co-designing and scaling effective COVID-19 communication strategies for young people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Victoria'.	November	Hosted by Professor Rebecca Wickes (MMIC), report launched by Hon Josh Bull MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Victorian Government, with panellists Dr Charishma Ratnam (MMIC), Dr Delvin Varghese (ActionLab), Tyson Tuala (Centre for Multicultural Youth) Ko Yeh (Australian Karen Organisation) and Gerry Goswell (Acting Executive Director, Multicultural Affairs, Youth and Equality, Victorian Government)

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EVENT TITLE	DATE	PANELLISTS
Safety and Security of Migrant and Refugee women in Australia	November	Hosted by Paul Barclay, ABC Radio Big Ideas with panellists, Professor Rebecca Wickes, (MMIC), Dr Kudzhai Kanhutu, (Infectious diseases specialist and head of unit for Hospital in the Home, Royal Melbourne Hospital), Dr Sana Ashraf, (Senior Policy Officer at Harmony Alliance: Migrant and Refugee Women for Change), Aurore Delcourt, (Prevention of Violence Against Women Program Manager, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health)
Political Parties in Multilingual and Multiethnic Societies	December	Hosted by Dr Matteo Bonotti (MMIC) with panellists, Dr Nenad Stojanović (University of Geneva), Associate Professor Cera Murtagh (Villanova University), Professor Wilfried Swenden (University of Edinburgh), Dr Michael Breen (University of Melbourne), Assistant Professor Madhavi Devasher (University of New Hampshire), Professor Benjamin Reilly (University of Western Australia)

SEMINARS

EVENT TITLE	DATE	PRESENTER
Grattan Institute Round Table with Henry Sherrell on 'Re-thinking permanent and skilled migration after the pandemic' report	August	Henry Sherrell, Grattan Institute and co- author of the report
Migrant Decision-making: The choice of Malaysia as a Popular Destination by Nepali Migrants' (series presented by Monash Malaysia)	November	Sharmini Nathan (MMIC and Monash University Malaysia)

FUNDING SUCCESS IN 2021

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDER	MMIC LEAD / RESEARCHER	AMOUNT
CATEGORY 1			
Domestic and family violence and border related harm	ARC	Associate Professor Marie Segrave	\$1,049,420
Understanding the humanitarian activities of Australia-based migrants in crisis abroad	ARC	Associate Professor Alan Gamlen	\$360,000
CATEGORY 2			
Feeling safe in public places: Co-designing community safety strategies in Local Government Areas	Victorian Government, Department of Justice and Community Safety	Professor Rebecca Wickes, Dr Charishma Ratnam, Rebecca Powell, Professor Alex Piquero	\$296,994
Fire to flourish: Bushfire Resilience Program, Building Community Capability in Disadvantaged Contexts	Paul Ramsay Foundation and Metal Manufactures Pty Ltd	Professor Rebecca Wickes	\$2,600,000
Australian urban superdiversity: Developing an accessible geostatistical visualisation tool	Monash Data Futures Institute Seed Grants	Associate Professor Alan Gamlen	TBC
Arts and migration dialogues	Monash University Malaysia, School of Arts and Social Sciences Seed Funding	Professor Stephanie Hemelryk Donald, Dr Francesco Ricatti, Rebecca Powell	\$2,000
TOTAL			\$4,308,414

OUR PEOPLE

ADVISORY BOARD

Membership of the MMIC Advisory Board was restructured in 2021 in consultation with our Advisory Board Chair, Anthea Hancocks, CEO Scanlon Foundation. We are pleased to introduce our new Advisory Board below.

CHAIR

Anthea Hancocks, CEO, Scanlon Foundation

MEMBERS

Professor Alex Piquero, Adjunct Professor, Monash University and the University of Miami

Professor Andrew Markus, Emeritus Professor, Monash University's School of International, Historical and Philosophical Studies

Professor Jane Wilkinson, Monash University, Faculty of Education

Professor Helen Skouteris, Monash University, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Veronica Finn, Senior Manager – Social Policy, Migration Council Australia

Chris Christoforou, Director Operations, Yoorrook Justice Commission

Jiembra Shiels, CEO, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria

MMIC EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE

The [MMIC Executive Directorate](#) was restructured in 2021 with the departure of Associate Professors Marie Segrave and Helen Forbes-Mewett. Marie and Helen continue their association and commitment to the Centre in their Research Lead roles. We welcomed Dr Francesco Ricatti and Dr Charishma Ratnam to the Executive. Francesco is our new Deputy Director, with a focus on building our international research collaborations and partnerships and Charishma is our Early Career Research Director.

Professor Rebecca Wickes, Director

Dr Francesco Ricatti, Deputy Director

Dr Charishma Ratnam, Director, Early Career Research

Rebecca Powell, Research and Centre Manager

RESEARCH LEADS

Dr Matteo Bonotti: Language, citizenship and inclusion

Professor Rebecca Wickes: Community resilience and cohesion

Professor Dharma Arunachalam and Associate Professor Alan Gamlen:
Governing human migration and mobility

Associate Professor Helen Forbes-Mewett: Identity and belonging

Dr Ting-Fai Yu: Migration in the Asia region

Associate Professor Marie Segrave: The Migration, Borders and Policy Observatory

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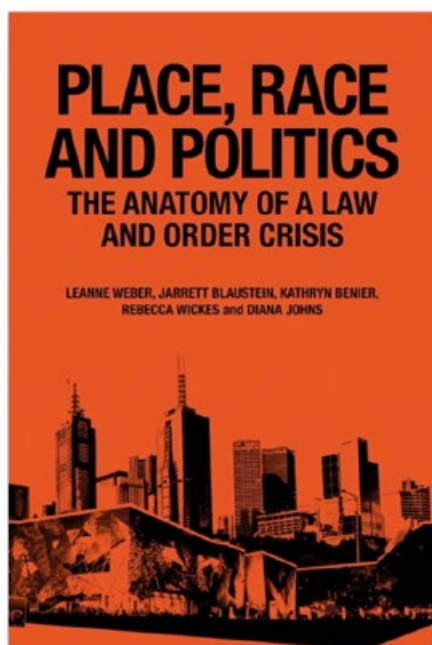
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COMMUNICATING OUR RESEARCH: KEY PUBLICATIONS

Please see our [website](#) for a full list of publications featuring MMIC academics and NGN members in 2021.

- Books: **3**
- Journal articles: **24**
- Book chapters: **2**
- Reports: **5**
- Research briefs: **7**

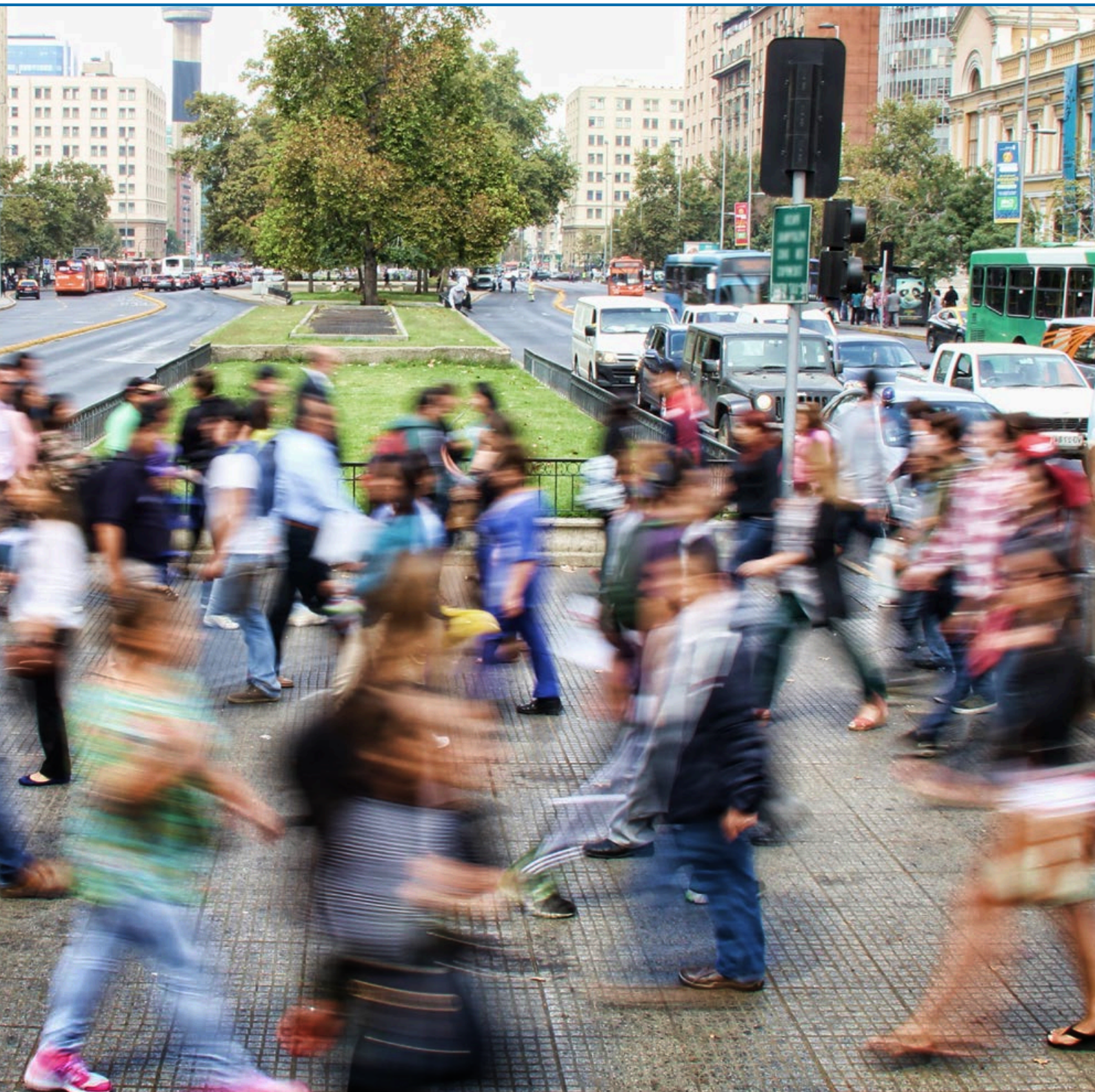


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MMIC Director,
Professor Rebecca Wickes,
co-authored the book
'Place, Race and Politics:
The Anatomy of a Law
and Order Crisis'

Left

MMIC Research Lead,
Dr Matteo Bonotti,
co-authored a book with
Polity Press entitled 'Free
Speech'.



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