THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MIGRATION AND MINORITIES IN EUROPE
From the 17th Century to the Present

Although migration and integration have become important concepts today as a result of globalization, migration movements, integration, and multiculturalism have always been part of the history of Europe. Few people realize how many ethnic groups participated in migration within Europe or into Europe, and this ignorance has grave consequences for the social and political status of immigrants.

Newly available to an English-speaking audience, this Encyclopedia presents a systematic overview of the existing scholarship regarding migration within and into Europe. The first section contains survey studies of the various regions and countries in Europe covering the last centuries. The second section presents information on approximately 220 individual groups of migrants from the Sephardic Jews’ emigration from Spain and Portugal in the 16th and 17th centuries to the present-day migration of old-age pensioners to the holiday villages in the sun. The first resource of its kind, The Encyclopedia of Migration and Minorities in Europe is a comprehensive and authoritative research tool.

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Migration and integration have become central topics of concern in contemporary Europe. Facing these challenges, many Europeans feel confronted with an exceptional historical situation. However, a look into the past shows that migration, integration, and intercultural encounters have always been central elements of European cultural history. It also reveals that many “native” insiders who today feel anxious about the integration of immigrants are themselves the descendants of foreign outsiders. But apart from some well-known exceptions—for example, the Huguenots—little is known about the multitude and diversity of groups who have moved across political, cultural, and social borders in modern European history. Illuminating the rich multiplicity of these migratory events through selected examples is the purpose of this Encyclopedia of European Migration.

It all began at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS) in Wassenaar. With the support of the German Research Council, which granted me a leave of absence from my chair at the University of Osnabrück, I spent the academic year 1996–7 at the research paradise in the dunes between Scheveningen and Noordwijk preparing my book Europa in Bewegung, first published in German in 2000, with editions in English, French, Italian, and Spanish appearing soon after.¹

While I was still racking my brain at NIAS over the conception of such a synthesis of the history of European migration, I received an invitation from the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study at Berlin) to spend a research year there. For that purpose I was asked to sketch a research project.

As I worked on my book on the history of European migration, it had become increasingly clear to me how profoundly limited the scholarly groundwork was for such a historical synthesis. I learned how imbalanced and hard to compare the state of research was on the many migratory movements and regions of Europe, some of which overlapped in their historical importance against a historical background showing movements of people across borders as well as of borders across people.

Two things then, were missing: an additional effort to formulate a synthesis of the history of migration in Europe and an encyclopedic assembly of all available knowledge about these migratory movements and regions. It also became clear to me that in writing a synthesis I was trying to take the second step first, because an encyclopedic survey of what we knew about the history of European migration would have rendered such a synthesis much easier. However, this was a task I could take on only after I had finished my “NIAS book.” Additionally, I realized that such an undertaking posed a conceptual challenge at least as great as that of my book project, for which I had already developed and abandoned a multitude of concepts at NIAS. I took comfort in the thought that the more complex and deeply layered reflections I had developed in conceiving this synthesis would ultimately benefit the conceptualization of the Encyclopedia.

From the outset, it was clear that in order to realize this plan of an Encyclopedia of European Migration, I would not only have to rely upon numerous specialists on individual migratory movements and regions but also utilize expertise in the field of Early Modern European history. To this end I asked my Dutch colleague Pieter C. Emmer, who had made a name for himself at Leiden University with studies on the migratory history of Early Modern Europe, if he would join me for a year at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin in 2000–1 to serve as co-editor for the project. To my great delight he accepted the offer without hesitation.

I asked the rector of the NIAS, the historian Henk Wesseling, whether he could imagine hosting us for another year at the NIAS so we could continue to work on this large project after our stay at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin. I was delighted when Henk gave his immediate approval. As a result, the idea for the first joint research project by the German Wissenschaftskolleg and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study was born.

Following the fall-summer orientation of the academic calendar of the NIAS, I initially suggested proceeding on a three-year schedule. The first year (2000–1) would consist of a conceptualization phase at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin. The second year (2001–2) would be a writing phase, during which as many articles as possible would be written.

by their various authors. During the third year (2002–3), the project phase, clerical and editorial work would step into the foreground. Various workshops, editorial meetings, and the assembly of an interdisciplinary scientific advisory council as well as a group of specialists for countries and large regions, whom we referred to as "country coordinators," were planned to accompany all three phases of the project.

In reality it took us from the fall of 2000 until the spring of 2007 to prepare the print-ready version of the German edition of the Encyclopedia. While this was indeed longer than we expected, it was also quite a bit shorter than many had feared when they first heard about our ambitious plans.

From the very beginning and throughout the planning and project phases, we received substantial help from Jochen Oltmer, migration historian at the University of Osnabrück, and later co-editor. After the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin approved our research stay in 2000–1, Piet and I realized that our small German-Dutch editorial team was in urgent need of reinforcement. In order to fulfill this need, we invited Jochen Oltmer on the German side and Leo Lucassen (Leiden/Amsterdam) on the Dutch side to join the team as co-editors. To our delight, both readily agreed to do so.

During the academic year 2002–3, Piet Emmer and I met up at NIAS with Leo Lucassen, who was there as a result of his own application to prepare his book The Immigrant Threat, as well as to collaborate as co-editor of the Encyclopedia. Jochen Oltmer, who in the meantime had defended his second PhD thesis (Habilitation) at the University of Osnabrück with a study on migration and migration policy in the Weimar Republic and replaced me at my chair at the University of Osnabrück, worked as co-editor in close contact with the group at the NIAS. By then the approval of grants had secured the German-Dutch editorial assistance team, including the addition of cultural historian Michael Schubert (Osnabrück) on the German side and migration historians Marlou Schrover (Leiden) and Corrie van Eijl (Leiden) on the Dutch side, all of whom helped to oversee the various authors of the nearly 250 entries. At this point, members of the international scientific advisory council and the country coordinators were appointed to advise the editors. A total of 30 scientific experts from the most diverse fields of research (see appendix) also helped to select the migrant groups to be studied as well as to solicit the more than 200 authors who ultimately contributed to this project.

The rector of the Wissenschaftskolleg, sociologist Wolf Lepenies, had welcomed us to Berlin in the fall of 2000 with the well-intentioned warning that many perfect-seeming ideas had been discursively crushed in this place. If research Fellows left after a year with the result that everything had gone according to a preconceived plan, he told us, “the Wissenschaftskolleg has failed.” It certainly did not fail in our case, and our concept underwent many changes as a result of talks with other Fellows during and after the presentation of our ideas at the Wissenschaftskolleg.

Because of our different historiographical backgrounds, Piet Emmer and I also struggled at times to communicate with each other during our conceptual discussions in Berlin. Some of what seemed important to me epistemologically on the path from the conceptualization to the realiz-ation of the project struck Piet Emmer at times as somewhat "German," according to the spirit of the old Oxford joke: An English, a German, and a French student were told, “Write something on elephants!” The English student writes on “Elephants and Trade,” the French student on “Les Éléphants et l’Amour,” while their German counterpart begins a comprehensive work with volume one entitled “Prolegomena on Elephantology.”

In the end we agreed on a pragmatic as well as user-friendly “middle ground.” In the sense of a saying by my late friend Ernst Schubert (who was also involved in the Encyclopedia) that when building a house, it is not necessary to leave the scaffolding in place to avoid the impression that the house has risen from the ground on its own, we restricted our theoretical reflections for the authors (and later for the readers) to what was absolutely indispensable for understanding the overall concept. At its core, however, our approach retained the perspectives developed at the very beginning concerning what questions would be asked and how the project would be organized and put together. These conceptual ideas are outlined in the introductory articles.

The Encyclopedia was the first project undertaken jointly from the very beginning by two Institutes for Advanced Study, namely the NIAS in Wassenaar and the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin. Our thanks to NIAS and the Wissenschaftskolleg for hosting some of the editors of the Encyclopedia as Fellows in Wassenaar and Berlin and making the interdisciplinary workshops possible. We are grateful to the then-rectors, Henk Wesseling (NIAS) and Wolf Lepenies (Wissenschaftskolleg), and to the Fellows of both international research centers for their (at times) pleasantly trying suggestions.

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2 Leo Lucassen, The Immigrant Threat: The Integration of Old and New Migrants in Western Europe since 1850 (Urbana, 2005).
3 Jochen Oltmer, Migration and Politik in der Weimarer Republik (Göttingen, 2005).
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editors and editorial assistants. We provided the authors with critical advice for the revision of their articles, although they were, of course, free to accept or reject our suggestions and are solely responsible for their entries.

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