

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title:

Intersections of Migration, Ageing, and Diversity in Transnational Social Spaces

Project Summary:

The ECU SAGE Lab and Rainbow Migrants Living Lab welcome HDR candidates with an interest in migration and mobility studies, transnational families, LGBTIQ+ and queer studies, ageing, and diversity.

Aims: The project aims to understand how individuals and families navigate complex social environments and how diversity shapes migrants' social connections over the life course and across the borders.

Significance: Global trends such as increasing mobility, including voluntary and forced migration, the unequal distribution of human rights (e.g., for LGBTIQ+ communities), and rapid ageing of societies across the world create new opportunities and challenges for people, social networks, and institutions. This project contributes to advancing theoretical frameworks in migration and diversity, ageing, LGBTIQ+ and queer studies, and human rights studies, while also generating evidence to inform inclusive policies and targeted interventions that support diverse communities.

Expected Outcomes: The project is expected to generate new knowledge contributing to academic literature through publications in peer-reviewed journals, conference presentations, and public engagement activities.

Potential Research Impact: The research findings will inform policy development and service provision in areas of migration, LGBTIQ+ and queer studies, ageing, and human rights. They will also support advocacy efforts aimed at promoting more inclusive, equitable, and culturally sensitive policies and services.

Preferred Applicant Skillset:

Essential prerequisites include an Honours or Masters Degree in a Social Science or Health Science discipline and strong writing and communication skills.

The candidate should demonstrate a capacity for critical thinking and the ability to navigate complex theoretical and methodological perspectives, including innovative approaches in researching people 'on the move'. Proficiency in qualitative research methodologies is highly desirable. Familiarity with mixed methods approaches and social network analysis would be advantageous, although not mandatory.

Due to the sensitive nature of the project, which explores experiences of vulnerable populations within transnational social spaces, ethical conduct is principal.

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