

**NVD/WODC  
Seminar**

**'Choice' of the destination country and (im)mobility within Europe**

Migration to and mobility within Europe are the two main themes of the seminar organized by the Netherlands Demographic Society (NVD) in cooperation with the Research and Documentation Centre (WODC), to be held on Tuesday, 9 October 2018. Nation states, European migration policy and border control on the one hand, and migrants from non-EU countries looking for safety and a better life on the other. What are the motivations of these migrants to settle in a specific European country? How are the decisions made? Is settlement in a certain country a 'conscious' choice or does coincidence also play a role? What is the role of expectations, aspirations, social networks, and admission policies, including intra-European mobility of regular and irregular migrants? What are the coping strategies of irregular migrants to avoid deportation?

In this seminar, presenters will seek answers to these and similar questions using results from quantitative or qualitative research, covering different groups (e.g. asylum seekers and labour migrants; unaccompanied minors and adult migrants) and nationalities (e.g. Eritrean, Syrian, Afghan, Nigerian) in different European countries (e.g. Norway, Italy, the Netherlands).



13:00	<i>Welcome with coffee/tea</i>
13.15	Opening
13.30 – 14.00	Joris Schapendonk (Radboud University) African migrants and EU as destination: fragmented journeys, border politics and (im)mobility within Europe
14.00 – 14.30	Halvar Andreassen Kjærre (University of Bergen) The European migration regime and the intra-European im/mobility of Afghan migrants with a negative decision on their asylum application in Norway
14.30 – 15.00	Katie Kushminder (University of Maastricht) Eritrean and Nigerian migrants' journeys to Italy: decision making and experiences before the boat.
15.00 – 15.15	<i>Coffee/tea</i>
15.15 – 15.45	Djamila Schans/Mieke Maliepaard (WODC) Netherlands as a destination country – final choice? Syrian refugees in the Netherlands
15.45 – 16.15	Isik Kulu Glasgow/Sanne Noyon (WODC) Unaccompanied minor asylum seekers in the Netherlands: choice or chance?
16.15 – 16.45	Discussion with all speakers and public under the guidance of the chairperson
16. 45	Closure
16.50	<i>Drinks</i>