

Migration Letters

Annual Report 2007

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Migration Letters has been a success so far. I would like to thank to all who contributed to the journal. The quality and quantity of manuscripts submitted to the journal have been increasing. The volume of readers has remarkably increased year on year. The editorial and review boards have been strengthened by more additions complementing our interdisciplinary and geographical balance.

We should acknowledge the services of the Directory of Open Access Journals, through which Migration Letters have gained a wider online shelf space in electronic libraries of universities and colleges.

The journal has received very well by academic public. In a recent survey commissioned by JISC (UK Joint Information Systems Committee), Migration Letters was ranked 45th among 100 voted by UK university libraries.¹

This wider appeal is also evident in the increasing number of titles we have received from publishers including Palgrave, Routledge, and Berghahn.

Finally, International Bibliography of Social Sciences (IBSS) run by LSE has positively reviewed the journal and accepted for inclusion in their database from 2007 onwards. Similarly, POPLINE has also welcomed to index and abstract Migration Letters in their database. We believe these will bring more recognition and improve the quality of submissions in the future.

Partial financial support from European Business School London has continued this year.

This report is to summarise the performance of Migration Letters in 2007.

Below our editorial activities are summarised along with web site activities, downloads, etc.

¹ Tony Kidd and William J Nixon (2007) "Proposal to JISC from the University of Glasgow for negotiations with UK Open Access Publishers", Glasgow University Library, Available online: <http://www.lib.gla.ac.uk/Research/openlockss/jisclockssproposalpublic.pdf>.

Two issues: April and October

In the two issues of 2007, papers of few prominent scholars appeared among other quality articles. 14 research papers and 8 book reviews were included in these issues.

This year, Migration Letters has hosted 26 authors writing on a variety of issues ranging from narratives on domestic Filipino workers to human security in the Balkans.

The published 14 papers were selected from a pool of 57 manuscripts submitted for publication excluding book reviews.

Geographical origins of papers submitted in 2007 is as follows

62% from Europe

17% from North America

9% from Latin America

4% from Africa

4% from Asia

4% from Australia

Large portion of manuscript submissions from Western Europe and North America can be considered as an indicator of success for the journal as most leading research institutions are located in these regions.

The April issue was dominated by papers on Filipino migration whereas the October issue was compiled by Apostolos Papadopoulos as a special issue on Migration and Human Security in the Balkans hosting five interesting articles.

Web site journal activity: 280 000 hits and 55 000 visits in 2007

Number of visitors to Migration Letters web site has seen 20 per cent increase in 2007 from previous year. Below these results are provided in tables and graphics detailing website hits, download statistics for papers. Some significant figures are highlighted for your attention.

Table1. Statistical Summary for period of Jan 1st – Dec. 31st, 2007

Hits	
Total Hits	280,561
Average Hits per Day	766
Average Hits per Visitor	5.02
Cached Requests	39,444
Failed Requests	16,475
Page Views	
Total Page Views	42,289
Average Page Views per Day	115
Average Page Views per Visitor	0.76
Visitors	
Total Visitors	55,849
Average Visitors per Day	152
Total Unique IPs	18,967
Bandwidth	
Total Bandwidth	5.22 GB
Average Bandwidth per Day	14.59 MB
Average Bandwidth per Hit	19.50 KB
Average Bandwidth per Visitor	97.93 KB

The three times increase in the number of hits was also reflected in the number of visitors and download statistics. Accesses were from 18 967 unique IP addresses which is often interpreted as number of unique visitors attracted to the website. These statistics show that the average visits per month in 2007 was over 4500 registering about 23 000 hits per month on the journal website.

The graph 1 below displays the most downloaded papers from Migration Letters archive. Earlier volumes had attracted more visitors, however, four of the top ten paper downloaded are from the last volume.

Graph 1. Most downloaded papers 2007

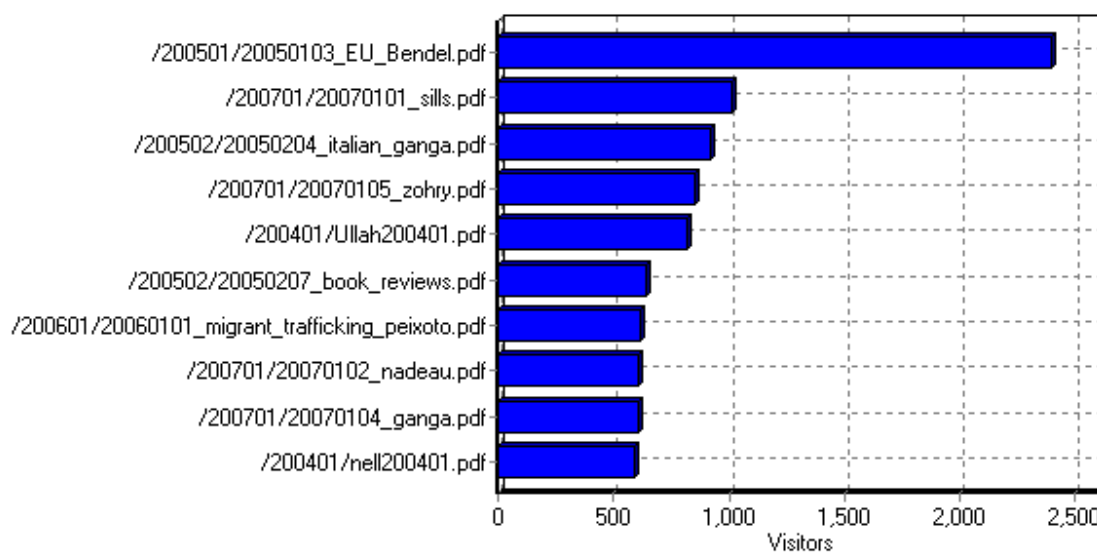


Table 2 below presents the download statistics for individual papers where only 35 most downloaded are shown. Petra Bendel’s paper on immigration policy in the EU followed by papers on Filipino migrants by Sills and on religion and identity by Deianira Ganga has been the three most downloaded articles. Six articles among the most downloaded can be read as an indicator of keen attention by the readership as well may be our timely focus on contemporary issues. Average number of downloads also points out an increasing awareness and attention to Migration Letters among the interested audience. Total number of visitors downloading the top five papers has increased about 25 per cent from last year.

We are confident that Migration Letters will improve the quality and enhance its important position in contemporary migration studies literature. Once again I would like to thank all editorial board members and reviewers along with authors whose efforts are priceless in this success.

Table 2. Most Downloaded Papers in 2007

Article	Hits	Incomplete requests	Visitors	Bandwidth (KB)
Immigration policy in the European Union, BENDEL, 2005 01	4,255	1,751	2,393	165,426
Philippine labour migration to Taiwan SILLS 2007 01	1,532	438	1,009	171,583
Religion and Identity, UK, GANGA, 2005 02	1,353	380	917	38,425
Egyptian irregular migration to Europe ZOHRY 2007 01	1,429	515	851	128,338
Bright city lights and slums of Dhaka city, ULLAH, 2004 01	1,288	387	817	78,861
Volume 2 No 2 Book reviews	856	124	643	26,635
Migrants trafficking and individual strategies PEIXOTO 2005 01	750	113	615	106,494
A maid in servitude NADEAU 2007 01	917	269	605	96,265
Breaking with tradition through cultural continuity GANGA 2007 01	868	215	604	84,383
Conceptualising the emergence of immigrant's transnational communities NELL, 2004 01	737	123	587	23,955
Residential Segregation and Socioeconomic Integration of Visible minorities in Canada, Balakrishnan et al 2005 02	721	113	569	36,979
New figures for old stories: Migration and remittances in Nepal KOLLMAIR et al 2006 02	782	161	561	81,720
Ethnic conflict, wars and international migration of Turkmen SIRKECI 2006 01	650	87	542	107,811
Organizing women migrants: The Filipino and Cape Verdean women's associations in Rome POJMANN 2007 01	727	163	523	70,513
Regularization programs for undocumented migrants SUNDERHAUS 2007 01	634	139	478	68,020
Citizenship education policies in Northern Ireland and the recognition of ethnic and racial diversity in the wake of new immigration MUSSANO 2004 01	622	125	472	26,916
Can we use NEG models to predict mi-gration flows? An example of CEE accession countries, d'ARTIS KANCS, 2005 01	773	292	469	93,806
Where do they go? COHEN 2006 01	571	90	467	75,108
Migration and Resource Access EVERSOLE, 2005 02	506	30	464	12,321
The First Vietnamese to Attend Harvard NORLUND 2005 01	716	231	462	43,427
Elderly immigration to Hungary, ILLES 2005 01	530	64	434	12,080
Wrestling with 9/11, BRETTELL 2006 02	537	83	423	76,677
Refugee Policy is a Realist's Nightmare, LEE 2006 02	487	44	413	58,091
Haciendo de Tripas el Corazón/Plucking Up Courage, DICK 2006 01	467	61	391	66,981
Muslims and their social participation in Rome, CANDIA 2005 03	459	60	381	28,013
Policy and experiences of professional integration of young immigrants in the Walloon region (Belgium) MANCO, 2004 01	444	61	376	25,969
Religious discrimination and public policies, KANMAZ and ZEMNI 2005 03	443	44	373	20,482
The mental health implications of Britain's Conservative Party immigration plan, PROCTER, 2005 01	420	40	367	54,278
Socio-Economic Characteristics of Immigrants in Western Greece Region, IOSIFIDES et al 2006 02	485	110	366	66,368
Why Not Me? DOYLE et al. 2006 02	419	44	359	40,635
Special Issue 2005 03 full copy	575	210	356	275,472
Ethnic Residential Segregation and Assimilation in British Towns and Cities, JOHNSTON et al 2006 01	421	50	352	73,606
Book review: Human Cargo, ANTONOPOULOS 2006 02	420	54	352	29,700
International migration between Finland and the Baltic Sea Region, HEIKKILÄ 2006 01	403	39	348	152,397
Re-traumatisation, fear and suicidal thinking, PROCTER 2004 01	367	10	347	13,650
	42,406	9,298	N/A	3,912,753