

PROFILE - Emma Elisabeth Nündel

PhD Candidate in Migration Studies with a strong and interdisciplinary academic foundation in International and Migration Studies, complemented by professional experience in disability and inclusion research and community management. Research interests include migrant aspirations, integration and inclusion, decoloniality, and qualitative empirical research methods. Passionate about advancing migrant integration research that critically interrogates power dynamics, centers migrants' voices, and contributes to informed policy debates.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

PhD in Migration Studies (since 2024)

Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Lisbon (Portugal)

- Participant of the Migrations Hub
- Volunteering at Refugee Week Portugal: coordination and organizational support with local NGOs
- Dissertation: *Shifting Shores: Migration, Aspirations, and Integration in three European Port Cities*

Joint MA Degree in Transnational Migrations/MITRA (2022 - 2024)

Université Libre de Bruxelles: Erasmus Mundus, Brussels (Belgium), Wroclaw (Poland), and Granada (Spain)

- Qualification: Grande Distinction & Full-ride Erasmus Plus scholarship
- Relevant modules: Migrant Integration Policies in Europe; Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity Politics; International migrations in Europe; Border and migration control; EU Migration and Asylum Law; Migration and Gender
- Thesis: *Reconceptualizing Integration? Syrian Refugees' Aspirations and Their Implications for Integration Perspectives, Policies, and Initiatives in Hamburg, Germany*

MSc in Global Migration (2021 - 2022)

Department of Geography, University College London, London (United Kingdom)

- Qualification: Distinction
- Relevant modules: Social Science Research: Methods and Methodologies (Qualitative and Quantitative); Postcolonial Cultural Geographies; Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Migration; Issues in Global Migration; Migratory Activisms, Creative Citizenship
- Student Resident Adviser at UCL Accommodation: Physical and Psychological First Aid
- Thesis: *Witchcraft Narratives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Their Impacts on Children's Internal Displacement*

BA International Studies (2018 - 2021)

Universiteit Leiden, The Hague and Leiden (The Netherlands)

- Qualification: 8,3 (Cum Laude)
- Double Regional Focus: Africa and the Middle East
- First Vice President, then President of the BASIS Africa Committee (2019-2021)

- Honours College: Tackling Global Challenges. Published Essay in Leiden University Honours Magazine: "Implementing Palliative Care Without Curative Care"
- Minor in Global Migration (Cum Laude) at Universiteit van Amsterdam; Migrant Motives and Migration Policies, Migration & Citizenship, Introduction to Migration Studies, Migration Lab
- Other relevant modules: Thematic Seminar: On the Border: The Sovereign and the Refugee
- Thesis: *Rural-Urban Migrants' Aspirations in Contemporary Windhoek: A Namibian Case Study*