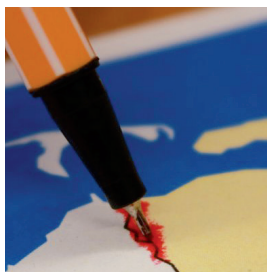


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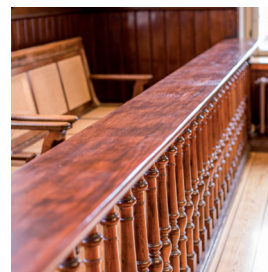


## ABOUT THE ECMI

The ECMI conducts academic and policy-oriented research, provides information and documentation, and offers advisory services concerning minority-majority relations in Europe.

The Centre was founded in 1996 by the governments of Denmark, Germany and Schleswig-Holstein. As an independent research centre it is based in the German-Danish border area and occupies an historic building, the Kompagnietor, in the centre of Flensburg. A highly specialized Library on interethnic relations, cultural-linguistic diversity issues and ethnic conflict in Europe with more than 3,000 items in more than twenty languages is affiliated to the Centre.

The ECMI sees ethnic diversity as a European heritage and cultural pluralism as a human asset. Aiming to facilitate respect for diversity in all aspects of society, the ECMI is committed to work for the improvement of the situation of Europe's national minorities through heightened awareness of minority rights and minority issues among all relevant actors. The Centre maintains active relations with other academic institutions and NGOs involved in conflict resolution and inter-ethnic relations, and engages in collaborative projects in these fields. The ECMI's specific purpose is to provide actors with new knowledge and tool-kits that empower and equip them to mitigate differences and exchange views through constructive dialogue about how to build a peaceful and diverse Europe.



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## OPENING PERSPECTIVES



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The ECMI has now entered its second quarter-century of activity. As someone who was present at the very opening of the ECMI in 1996, it is a great honour for me to help guide the institution into this new period of its work. The next years for the ECMI hold much promise, as we deepen our commitment to studying the German-Danish border region and communicating this knowledge to scholars, policy-makers and minority leaders. We will do this alongside our existing five thematic clusters that serve to anchor our approach to minority issues. Through this combination of regional and European standpoints, the ECMI will be ideally suited to continue playing an integral role in the study and practice of diversity management.



Prof. Dr. Vello Pettai  
ECMI Director

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Institutions thrive when they nurture both the old and the new. In 2022, the ECMI will feature both of these qualities. Mainstays of our work such as a rich series of expert workshops as well as our renowned Summer School will continue. At the same time, twists will be added to each of these by complementing our workshops with more online outputs and by shifting the venue of the Summer School to the Basque Country. New faces at the ECMI will include Felix Schulte as Head of Cluster for Conflict and Security together with Oana Buta as our Information Officer. Meanwhile, our educational activities will continue, alongside our on-the-ground engagement in Ukraine and key publication outlets. Find out more in the pages that follow!

## HIGHLIGHTS



### **International conference** **Multi-platform and Connecting Communities: Contemporary Challenges for Minority Language Media, 31 March – 01 April 2022, Flensburg**

Minority language media are in an era of transformation, both via increasing digitalization and the compounding effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. To bring deeper perspective to these challenges, the ECMI will be a co-organiser of the second biennial conference on minority language media to be held within the framework of the International Association for Minority Language Media Research (IAMLMR). The conference will be hosted by the Europa-Universität Flensburg and in additional collaboration with the University of the Basque Country.

The overarching goal of the event is to bring into closer contact both scholars and practitioners from the field of minority language media, and thus generate a better understanding of the plurality of media formats, socio-political contexts, linguistic situations, scientific perspectives and practical experiences within this realm. The conference, originally planned for October 2021, was postponed for five months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The programme of the conference will be divided into five panels covering different thematic fields:

- Dynamic virtual landscapes: between social media, connectivity and language maintenance
- Caught in the middle: minority languages and minority language media in the context of minority-majority and bilateral relations.
- Grounded connectivity: Exploring digital capacity building with indigenous and minoritized communities
- Unpacking minority language media situations: traditional formats and the demands of the technological shift.
- Bottom-up versus top-down approaches: the contribution of culture and media to language revitalization

The conference will also feature two keynote addresses delivered by Prof. Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones (University of Wales Trinity St. David) and Dr. Jenny Stenberg-Sirén (University of Helsinki) focusing, respectively, on the importance of media for language sustainability, and the education of minority language media journalists. Other highlights will include a roundtable discussion on minority language media and digitalization in the context of the Danish-German border region and a book session on the nexus between minority languages and documentary filmmaking.



## HIGHLIGHTS



### Multi-dimensional research initiative Minorities and E-governance

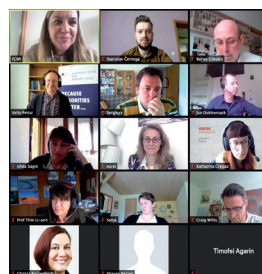
E-governance encompasses the continually evolving interface between public administration and internet-based technologies. It involves citizens being able to use different on-line systems in order to take care of governmental or administrative matters. From applying for a fishing permit to submitting a tax declaration or even voting in national elections, e-governance is revolutionizing the way people relate to the state and politics. Indeed, the use of the word e-governance -- as opposed to e-government -- hints at the ways in which on-line systems are not just facilitating bureaucratic procedures, they are also changing the way we view governing as such.

It is all the more important, therefore, to introduce a minority perspective into this expanding phenomenon and reality of our lives. The ECMI's special research programme will lay out a range of issues that emerge as we begin to view e-governance through a minorities prism. A first level involves the degree to which digital divides across ethnic groups impact opportunities for minorities to take advantage of e-government tools as such. Secondly, one can examine the basic on-line accessibility of e-government resources (official websites, portals, etc.) in minority languages. Thirdly, public surveys can be conducted among minorities about the frequency of their use of e-government services (as opposed to majorities). Lastly, one can inquire into whether e-governance helps to

improve the societal integration of minorities as well as satisfaction with government among minority citizens. How much can or will e-governance change minority issues moving forward?

The research initiative will be led by the ECMI's Director, Vello Pettai, and involve a series of seminars, conference papers and project applications. In the course of 2022, all four of the programme's thematic dimensions will be operationalized into inter-connected research endeavours.

A particular focus will be placed on Estonia, where e-governance has been extensively developed, but where the country is also home to a sizable Russian-speaking minority. The four research questions outlined as part of the programme will speak precisely to challenges that Estonia faces in this nexus between e-governance and minorities.



## HIGHLIGHTS



### **Annual summer school** **Minorities as Citizens** **24 – 31 July 2022, Oñati (Basque Country)**

The ECMI's Annual Summer School on National Minorities in Border Regions will be devoted in 2022 to the topic of national minorities in political life. The theme will encompass a broad range of phenomena, starting with the legal definition of citizenship (that determines rights to participation), and continuing with political representation (parties), collective mobilization (social movements), transnational frameworks (European norms) and minority representative bodies (national councils).

While many of these phenomena are related to political science, others are sociological and legal. As a result, the Summer School will be multi-disciplinary in scope and speak to many different audiences. As always, the Summer School will bring together young researchers and practitioners interested in minority issues, helping to further expand our international knowledge community.

Following two years of local organization in Flensburg, the 2022 Summer School will go on the road again, this time to be hosted by the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Basque Country. Likewise, the Summer School will be co-financed by the Coppieters Foundation, offering us still further perspective on minority issues in Europe.



### **Expert workshops** **Advancing scholarly debate and nurturing community**

Developing and maintaining an intellectual community involves disseminating research, sharing expertise, building networks and forging partnerships. The ECMI's Expert Workshops are a central component within this community ideal. By bringing together select specialists for either policy horizon-scanning, joint publications or research exchanges, the ECMI spreads the word about minority issues in Europe and creates new linkages for future cooperation.

The ECMI's 2022 calendar of Expert Workshops will include:

- March: Minorities and E-Governance
- May: Methodological Approaches to Digital Minority Identity
- June: Implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities: The Impact of Advisory Committee Monitoring
- September: Interethnic Bullying and Micro-aggressions Against Minorities in School
- October: Socio-economic Participation of National Minorities: Diverse Realms and Policies
- November: Minority Language Media in Eastern Europe
- December: Ethnic Conflict and Emotions



## CULTURE & DIVERSITY

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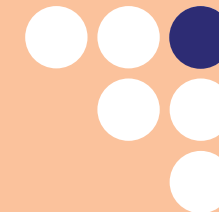
National minorities embody cultural diversity in European society. Accordingly, understanding the contours of this diversity and managing its intricacies is at the heart of the Culture and Diversity cluster. This agenda includes overarching studies of diversity management as well as narrower foci on specific areas of change.

### **Minority identity in the digital age**

Transition to the digital age has been described as comparable to the printing press revolution. Characterized by the mixed interaction between artificial intelligence tools and human agency as well as transnational effects, traditional understandings of minority identity are challenged in many ways. The purpose of this thematic block of the cluster is to discuss legal, political, ethical and other aspects of digitalization for minorities, also in light of gender, race, class, ethnicity or sexuality considerations. We are particularly interested in engaging with the effects of the digital presence of ethno-cultural minorities on the promotion of diversity in contemporary societal settings. In 2022, methodological aspects of how to capture the interaction of minority identities and the digital world will be addressed through an international expert workshop.

### **Minority groups, social movements and social change**

This track of research is dedicated to the study of minority-related collective action with an emphasis on framing activities and the role of ethno-racial and cultural processes in social justice activism. This kind of inquiry has traditionally belonged to broader social movement theories studying culture and identity as a major arena for collective action. Socio-legal studies lack such accounts and, in fact, lack altogether contributions that



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analyze social movements and their impact within minority studies *per se*. Minority movements nevertheless continue to engage in the process of social change, trying to promote and enforce minority protection norms and to have their worldviews, cultural practices and norms recognized by the state. These and other topics will be addressed during the year with the completion of an edited volume emerging from a scholarly workshop held in May 2021.

### **Diversity management models and social cohesion**

Through processes of standard-setting, monitoring and in some cases enforcement, international mechanisms for minority protection have been placing the state at the centre of the struggle for equal protection and recognition of minorities. The aim to expand these frameworks, however, has often neglected the economic, social and cultural environments in which minority-related rights have to be implemented. This research direction will map and analyze what conditions social cohesion within multicultural societies. More specifically, the contours of self-determination and autonomy will be explored both 'from the bottom' and 'from the top' as they are tightly linked to one's well-being, have intrinsic value and are connected to conceptions of good for people. An edited volume (to be completed in 2022) will allow this field to move beyond narrow grounds of discrimination in order to understand more holistically the concepts of minority disadvantage and connect it with processes of recognition of minority groups.



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## CONFLICT & SECURITY

The cluster explores conflictual relationships in heterogeneous societies from different thematic perspectives. Its various research projects deal with the causes and consequences of violent and non-violent conflicts as well as institutional options of conflict regulation and diversity management. The cluster takes a theory-based empirical-analytical approach using both qualitative and quantitative methods.

### Conflict dynamics

Intercommunal and self-determination conflicts often resemble the proverbial powder keg. Small triggering events can have major consequences. This research track will explore these kinds of non-linear short-term escalation dynamics in cultural identity conflicts. We will work in particular on the conceptualization, operationalization, and data generation of triggering events and escalation periods. To explain short-term escalations, special attention will be given to the role of collective emotions as necessary 'fuel' for sparking events. The research will remedy three prevailing shortcomings in the field: an inordinate focus on time-invariant structural factors, an overemphasis on top-down rationalist or framing approaches, and a failure to integrate collective emotions into the research on cultural identity conflicts. A special workshop in 2022 will highlight these issues.

### Self-governance and power sharing

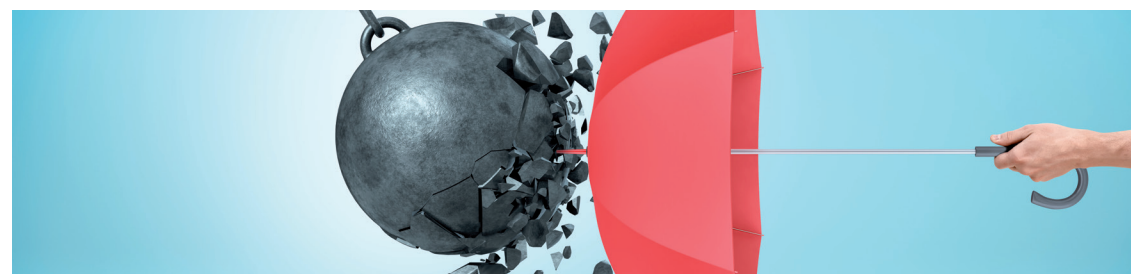
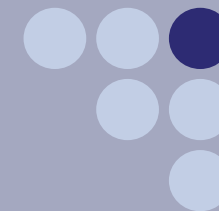
Territorial autonomy and power-sharing remain popular and widely-used institutional arrangements for the regulation of violent conflicts in divided societies. From an empirical perspective, however, it is evident that not all post-conflict institutional reforms work as intended and have been able to prevent the re-occurrence of ethnic violence. This research track aims at a

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theory-based and empirical-comparative investigation of the conditions for success and failure of post-conflict institutional settings. Particular attention will be paid to unintended side effects on political as well as the societal level such as polarization, stalemates, and patronage networks. We will complement existing research by taking a complexity-oriented approach that accounts for the interplay of different postwar institutions. Outputs will include conference papers and journal article manuscripts.

### Inter-minority relations

Many European societies are confronted with two interrelated challenges: democratic recession and the rise of right-wing populist parties on the one hand, and immigration and growing diversity on the other hand. Both are fundamental stress tests for heterogeneous states and especially for vulnerable minorities. How do these developments affect the relationship between "old" and "new" minorities? Under what circumstances do inter-minority conflicts arise? Do marginalized minorities respond differently to immigration? This research track will aim to complement both theoretically and empirically existing approaches that focus primarily on majorities and immigrants. It will attempt to draw evidence-based conclusions for social cohesion and diversity management in European societies. The work will follow on from previous ECMI research (including an edited volume in 2020) on the place of national minorities in an ever more multi-layered condition of diversity.







## EQUALITY & INCLUSION

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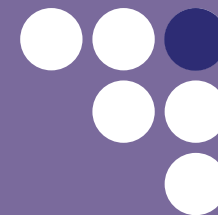
Vulnerability and marginality are often a hallmark of minority communities, due to either societal discrimination, socio-economic underdevelopment, geographic peripherality, or a combination of these. The Equality and Inclusion cluster seeks to address these chronic harms by not only understanding their adverse effects, but also seeking positive remedies for minority communities and individuals.

### Socio-economic participation of national minorities

As established by international law, national minorities have a right to socio-economic participation. However, the policy areas covered by this very important right are often only partially defined, with no clear agreement as to which socio-economic policy areas are of particular relevance for national minorities. This lack of clarity hinders the ability of international institutions to provide adequate and timely advice, assistance and monitoring. On a broader scale, research has shown that a lack of adequate participation in socio-economic affairs can have destabilising effects at the societal level and potentially engender interethnic conflict.

With this in mind, the cluster has embarked on a multi-year research programme conceptualising and mapping out the history, legal scope, and policy areas of socio-economic participation pertinent to the protection of national minorities. The programme received a kick-start in 2020 with

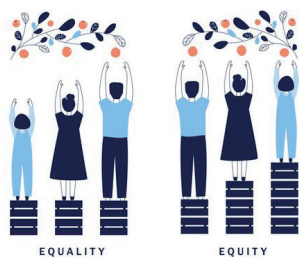
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the commissioning of an ECMI report on the topic by the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Following an ECMI expert workshop held in November 2021, a first inter-disciplinary volume on varying conceptual dimensions of socio-economic participation for national minorities will be completed in 2022. A second workshop and a more policy-oriented volume is planned for later in the year and 2023.

### Inclusive education

Despite legal and policy measures aiming to promote inclusive societies, national minorities are often faced with unequal access to resources and services, social discrimination and exclusionary attitudes from the majority population. In this context, schools are often perceived as neutral places of learning where children of all backgrounds are exposed to cultural differences and gain the necessary tools for socio-economic advancement later in life. There is, however, evidence that oftentimes prejudiced, hostile, and discriminatory attitudes as well as the actions of classmates and teachers towards pupils belonging to minority groups affect the overall academic performance and educational outcomes of these children. This research stream therefore challenges the narrative of the school as a neutral place and seeks to shed light on the specificities of interethnic bullying, as well as its impact on the educational outcome of minority children. To begin this enquiry, a paper on 'Inter-ethnic bullying and microaggressions against national minorities in school' will be drawn up, leading to an expert workshop during the autumn of 2022. The empirical focus of the research stream will be on schools in Schleswig-Holstein, but through the workshop a comparative perspective will be generated along with an agenda for further networking and collaboration.





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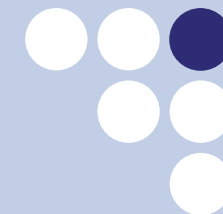
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In the last quarter of the 20th century, minority issues in Europe became embedded in a multi-dimensional and inter-connected system of international treaties and institutions often referred to as the European minority rights regime. The Justice & Governance cluster specializes in the study and monitoring of these frameworks and instruments for the protection of national minority rights.

### **Impact assessment of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities**

It goes without saying that the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM), as the core minority protection instrument in Europe, has a remarkable influence on the system of minority protection in the states parties. Yet this dynamic between the FCNM and the states parties -- streamlined through the monitoring work of an Advisory Committee -- is not linear, but marked by ups and downs. While in some areas states fully comply with the Committee's recommendations, in others they follow them only formally (with problems in practical implementation), and in still other instances there are clear stalemates resulting from differing positions between a given state and the Committee. Hence, although the general impact of the FCNM is rather positive, a closer look reveals persisting tensions in implementing provisions that are considered delicate in the specific national context. To systematize these gaps, the cluster will organize a workshop in 2022 focused on developing a methodology for assessing the FCNM's resonance and impact in the states parties. This will be followed up by pilot studies looking at Serbia and Germany.

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### **Monitoring the functionality of national minority councils**

National minority councils are often a diversity management tool that is developed by countries in order to allow minorities to organize their affairs independently. Research on these bodies has revealed the wide array of legal frameworks that have been established to allow them to work. However, little attention has been paid to the actual functionality of national minority councils. For 2022, the cluster will focus on testing and further refining a methodology for this kind of assessment. Following on from 2021 field research conducted in Slovenia, a preliminary case-study of councils in this country will be completed using the methodology. Thereafter, a broader comparative research design will be developed encompassing other countries where national councils operate. The aim will be not only to fill the existing empirical gap on the everyday functioning of these institutions, but also to contribute to our understanding of good governance in relation to minority rights. The research stream is linked to the ECMI's participation in the EU COST Action ENTAN or the European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network.





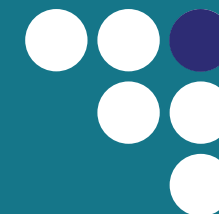
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## POLITICS & CIVIL SOCIETY

The involvement of minorities in political and civil processes is characterized by a plethora of organizational forms and activity types. The Politics and Civil Society cluster approaches this dynamic landscape by focusing on two specific realms of interaction: minority language media and minority political parties.

### Minority language media (MLM)

Since 2020, the cluster has been one of the leading players in building up an international network studying minority language media through the activities of the International Association for Minority Language Media Research (IAMLMR). In 2022 this role will be highlighted by the co-hosting of an international conference on contemporary challenges facing MLM (see page 6). More narrowly, the Cluster will also work on a stream of research looking at the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on MLM. This will analyze, on the one hand, the ways in which MLM outlets have had to adapt to the altered communication landscape created during the pandemic (changing news flows, economic perturbations, accelerated digitalization). On the other hand, MLM have also had to deal with societal changes and pressures, as they monitor the state of minority-majority relations during the pandemic. This is more of an analytical and discursive dimension to MLM adaptation. Empirically, the research stream will encompass case-study research from the Danish-German border region, Croatia (Italian MLM), Slovenia (Italian MLM) and Ukraine (multiple MLM). In addition, an expert workshop mapping out the landscape of minority language media in Eastern Europe will be held during the second half of 2022.



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### Political representation of national minorities

Within this research track the cluster intends to focus on two sub-topics. The first is centered on minority political parties and their electoral activity and performance at the local level. Although often minority political parties are seen as ensconced in their respective communities and therefore limited in their outreach and the size of their electorate, many parties craft their electoral manifestos beyond their core groups, by positioning themselves as regionalist or localist parties. A particularly interesting example of this phenomenon comes from the German-minority *Schleswigsche Partei* in southern Denmark, which has gained in strength over recent elections (including in 2021) because of its broader regional appeal. This research will encompass multiple methodological levels, including content analysis of electoral manifestos; examination of speech acts by electoral candidates during the campaign; symbolic messaging within various parties' campaign materials; interviews with party and campaign officials.

A second research stream within the cluster will complement the ECMI's work on the social-economic participation of minorities (see p. 14). How can minority political parties contribute to enhancing such participation? This includes proposing innovative policies for economic development in minority regions as well as developing participatory channels for minorities into policy-making institutions.



## GERMAN-DANISH MINORITY ISSUES

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The German-Danish border region is a flourishing, but also complex amalgam of peoples, histories, politics and economics. It has evolved from periods of conflict and even war between two dominant nations to an era of ever increasing integration and cooperation as a cross-border hub.

This transformation has been intriguing because it has been brought about by a number of different actors and factors. Not only the decisions taken by political leaders, but also the work of everyday individuals (businesspeople, educators, journalists, civil society activists and even cross-border tourists) have helped to make the Sønderjylland-Schleswig area what it is today.

The ECMI has always had a finger on the pulse of this region. By monitoring debates in local-language media, maintaining collaborative contacts with minority organizations, sponsoring dialogue events and conducting regional policy research, the ECMI has built a strong foundation for both conveying this best-practice abroad as well as deepening it on location.

In 2022, the ECMI will take its next step forward by launching a separate research cluster devoted exclusively to German-Danish Minority Issues. During the first half of the year, a head of cluster will be appointed in order to spearhead this new realm. Further activities, including workshops and dissemination events, will be developed thereafter.

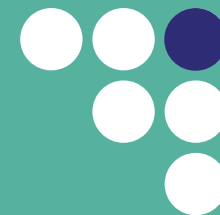
The research agenda is burgeoning, not least because today the region's minorities are evolving into new and different forms of community -- partly because of the success of the region itself, but also because of wider forces operating in Europe and farther afield. The role of the minorities is no longer

uniquely to safeguard their existence as special communities. They are actually becoming social magnets in and of themselves, whether through models of bi-lingual education, ethnic tourism or social integration.

Key research questions include:

- how do the minority communities perceive, understand, communicate and live their new role as oftentimes magnets for individuals outside their conventional circles? how is this changing what it means to be a 'minority community'?
- in what ways is the skill or feature of bilingualism and/or biculturalism becoming a joint and unifying factor across the minority communities, making them particularly pivotal players in an enhanced Sønderjylland-Schleswig region?
- how have changes in the ethnic diversity of the region itself (through events like the 2015 refugee crisis) altered the way in which the minorities play a role in regional life?
- what are the fragilities of the minorities' place in the region when external shocks ensue (such as the COVID-19 pandemic) that profoundly upset cross-border life?
- in what ways have the responsibilities of national and regional governments changed when the minorities themselves evolve?

The ECMI will delve into these question alongside collaboration partners such as the Minderheiten-Kompetenz-Netzwerk Schleswig-Holstein / Syd-danmark, the University of Southern Denmark in Sønderborg and the Danish Central Library in Flensburg.



## PRESENCE

The ECMI was created as an international institution, intended to network and operate across the European region broadly defined. One aspect of this is a tight connection to European policy institutions related to minority affairs. This relationship starts with having high-level representatives from the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the Office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM) of the OSCE on the ECMI's Executive Board.

At the same time, the ECMI gives back to these institutions by contributing to their policy-making processes either by participating in their consultative bodies or providing specialized policy analyses. Amongst the former are the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) and its Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM). In both bodies, ECMI experts are accredited as regular participants.

Meanwhile, for the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities the ECMI has produced reports on socio-economic participation of national minorities, including a 2021 comparative analysis of OSCE member-state policies in this realm. In 2022, the ECMI was selected to be part of a special

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HCNM working group developing this topic further. The Centre was also commissioned to prepare a set of reports on minority issues in Central Asia (socio-economic participation as well as minority consultative bodies).

A second dimension of presence involves research and policy work 'on the ground' in other countries. The ECMI's Ukraine Programme will continue in 2022 with a special focus on tracking the evolution of minority legislation. The multi-level nature of minority issues in Ukraine (involving national minorities, indigenous peoples, kin-state relations and Ukrainian state-building) all speak to a need for sustained engagement with regard to both research and practical activities. The ECMI's scope will also encompass different social groups (particularly minority youth) and realms such as minority language media as well as conflict resolution. An educational initiative offering Ukrainian universities online courses on minority issues in comparative European perspective will also be developed.



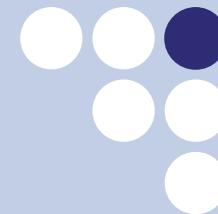


## EDUCATION

Minority issues are about more than just research or policy. They also encompass education and outreach. The ECMI's Annual Summer School (p. 10) is, of course, one important part of this. But our commitment to dissemination goes further to include university teaching, training programs for minority organizations, and practical materials for awareness-raising and empowerment.

One reason the ECMI has been able to flourish over 25 years is that we have continually nurtured new generations of researchers through our internship programme as well as cooperation directly with university partners. In particular, the ECMI has developed strong collaboration with the Europa-Universität Flensburg, where we have taught courses as part of their MA programme in European Studies and organized separate training seminars for interested students. In fall 2022, the ECMI's Director, Vello Pettai, will again offer an MA-level seminar, this time on 'Minorities and Multiculturalism'. The ECMI is also an institutional partner in the EUF's European Wasatia Graduate School for Peace and Conflict Resolution. The Graduate School encompasses a dozen doctoral candidates working on reconciliation issues, including minority-majority ethnic relations.

Within Germany, the ECMI's commitment to working with the Minorities Council (*Minderheitenrat*) and the Minorities Secretariat (*Minderheitensekretariat*) will continue. Following a successful training seminar in 2021 on the Council of Europe's Framework Protection for the Protection of National Minorities, the ECMI will offer a second training opportunity focused on minority empowerment and participation. Work from all five of the Centre's thematic clusters will contribute to this initiative.



## PUBLICATIONS

### **ECMI Minorities Blog**

The Blog encompasses multidisciplinary exchanges about challenges faced by national communities across the world. The Blog is research-led and engages critically with public policies and laws that concern the protection of minorities and their crosscutting relevance.

Editors: Dr. Sergiusz Bober, Dr. Andreea Cârstocea

### **European Yearbook of Minority Issues (EYMI)**

A critical review of contemporary developments in minority-majority relations in Europe. It combines analysis, commentary and documentation in relation to conflict management, international legal developments and domestic legislation affecting minorities in Europe.

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### **Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe (JEMIE)**

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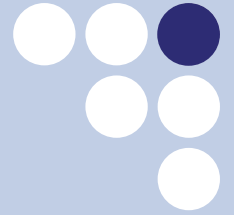
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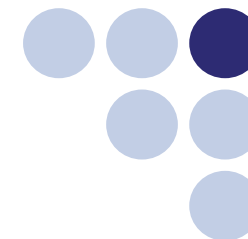
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