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Profile

I am a migration scholar and relational sociologist who integrates qualitative research with egocentric (ego–alter) social network analysis. My work examines how social relations, networks, and institutional infrastructures shape migration, labour mobility, and migrants' experiences across Europe, Asia, and North America, connecting these questions to broader themes of inequality, work, care, race and ethnicity, and economic and political sociology. I am Principal Investigator of the NextGenerationEU-funded MIGWORKCEE project and the APVV-funded MOBI-HORIZON project (2026–2030), which together examine emerging migration corridors, recruitment and intermediary networks, mobility pathways, and the governance of third-country national labour migration in Central and Eastern Europe.

Education

Nov 2013 – Jun 2018 **PhD in Sociology and Social Research**

University of Trento, Italy

Dissertation Title: *Changing Ties, Ambivalent Connections:*

Mobilities and Networks of Filipinos in London and New York Metropolitan Areas

Supervisor: Paolo Boccagni

Doctoral Committee: Francesca Decimo, Deidre McKey, Masja van Meeteren

Jun 2006 – Apr 2013 **Master of Arts in Sociology**

University of the Philippines-Diliman

Thesis Title: *Risks, Health, and Health Insurance:*

The Case of San Antonio Health Maintenance Organization (SAHMO) as a Community-Based Health Insurance Scheme

Jun 2002 – Apr 2006 **Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**

University of the Philippines-Diliman

Magna cum laude

Appointments

Sep 2024 – Present **Research Fellow, Institute for Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia** | Principal Investigator, MIGWORKCEE and MOBI-HORIZON

As Principal Investigator of the MIGWORKCEE project (2024–2026) – funded by NextGeneration EU through the Recovery and Resilience Plan for Slovakia (Project No. 09I03-03-V04-00752) – I lead a comparative study on the labour mobility of Filipino workers as third-country nationals in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The project examines how recruitment and integration infrastructures intersect with migrants' experiences and, using a network-based analytical approach, maps the transnational linkages and governance processes shaping emerging migration corridors between Southeast Asia and Central Europe.

From 2026, I also serve as Principal Investigator of the APVV-funded MOBI-HORIZON project (2026–2030), Mobility Pathways and Horizons in the Gulf–CEE Corridor: Third-Country Nationals' Onward Migration via the UAE to Slovakia and Beyond. The project examines stepwise labour mobility and the evolving role of Central and Eastern Europe as a destination and regional opportunity structure for third-country nationals. Adopting a relational

perspective on mobility and migration infrastructures, it traces how networks of recruiters, employers, institutions, and other intermediaries shape migrants' pathways, employment transitions, and future mobility horizons. The project links reconstructed migration trajectories with the mapping of key actors, institutional interfaces, and decision points to understand workforce retention and onward mobility, with Slovakia as a key emerging node and the United Arab Emirates as a strategic intermediary point.

May 2025 – Present Cultural Mediator, IOM Migration Information Centre (MIC), **International Organization for Migration (IOM), Slovakia**

In my role with MIC IOM Slovakia, I support migrant beneficiaries through interpretation, translation, and cultural mediation during information sessions, outreach, and integration activities, working closely with IOM teams and relevant authorities when needed. I also serve as a liaison with migrant communities and diasporas by establishing trusted first contact, maintaining community networks, and providing basic counselling on IOM services. In addition, I co-develop and deliver community outreach initiatives – including events, workshops, seminars, and webinars – while coordinating event preparation, documentation, and participation in required meetings and trainings.

April 2024 – Jan 2026 Affiliate Researcher for the HORIZON Project *Protecting Irregular Migrants in Europe: Institutions, Interests and Policies* (PRIME)
Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, Poland

As part of the HORIZON Europe project PRIME, I contributed to the comparative analyses of institutional responses and policy frameworks addressing irregular migration in Europe. In addition to data collection and analysis, I collaborated closely with other national teams on the comparative report “Comparing the working activities and conditions of irregularised migrants: Evidence from Poland, Italy, Austria, Sweden, and the UK.” This collaboration with senior European scholars has deepened my comparative and theoretical expertise in transnational migration governance and expanded my network within Europe’s leading migration research consortia.

April 2024 – Jan 2026 Researcher/Collaborator, **ERC Starting Grant “Reintegrate”**
(PI: Katie Kuschminder, **University of Amsterdam**)

As a collaborator of the ERC Starting Grant project Reintegrate, I led research activities for the Philippine case study, particularly data collection, analysis, and dissemination of outputs including journal articles, policy briefs, and creative materials (e.g., comic narratives). In this role, I coordinated the Philippine research team and contributed to comparative synthesis across project sites, enhancing my expertise in international project management and empirical research on migrant reintegration.

Jan 2019 – Aug 2024 **Assistant Professor**

Department of Sociology

University of the Philippines- Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines

Courses Taught: Socio 102 (Introduction to Sociological Research), Socio 183 (Principles and Methods of Survey Research), Socio 188/288 (Special Topics in Research Methodology: Social Network Analysis), Socio 197/297 (Special Topics in Sociology: Migration and Social Networks), Socio 378 (Special Topics in Sociological Theory: Relational Sociology), Socio 179/203/204 (Readings in Sociology), Socio 289 (Workshop in Social Research), Socio 178/378 (Special Topics in Sociological Theory: Social Capital), and Socio 200/300/400 (Undergraduate, MA, and PhD theses supervision)

Grants, Funding, and Awards

2026 – 2030	Agentúra na podporu výskumu a vývoja (APVV)/Slovak Research & Development Agency <i>Mobility Pathways and Horizons in the Gulf–CEE Corridor: Third-Country Nationals’ Onward Migration via the UAE to Slovakia and Beyond</i> (MOBI-HORIZON)
2024 – 2026	NextGenerationEU through the Recovery and Resilience Plan for Slovakia under the project No. 09I03-03-V04-00752 <i>Recruitment, context of reception, and integration of third country nationals in Central and Eastern Europe: The case of Filipino migrant workers in Czech Republic and Slovakia</i> (MIGWORKCEE)

2024	Scholarship for Short-term Visiting Scholars Mahidol University, Thailand
2022 & 2024	UP Diliman Centennial Professorial Chair Award University of the Philippines Diliman
2019 & 2022	Ph.D. Incentive Awards Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research & Development (OVCRD) University of the Philippines Diliman

Publications and Scholarly Outputs

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Cases, R.K.C. (2026). Anticipatory security and relational-projective agency in transnational ageing: Imaginaries of 'good care' among Filipino migrant care workers in New York and London. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2026.2728603>
- Mede, N. G., Cologna, V., Berger, S., C. Besley, J., Brick, C., **Cases, R.K.**, ... & R. Pearson, A. (2025). Public communication about science in 68 countries: Global evidence on how people encounter and engage with information about science. *Science Communication*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10755470251376615>
- Cologna, V., Meiler, S., Kropf, C. M., Lüthi, S., Mede, N. G., **Cases, R.K.**, ... & Linden, S. V. D. (2025). Extreme weather event attribution predicts climate policy support across the world. *Nature Climate Change*, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-025-02372-4>
- Mede, N. G., Cologna, V., Berger, S., Besley, J., Brick, C., **Cases, R.K.**,... & Metag, J. (2025). Perceptions of science, science communication, and climate change attitudes in 68 countries—the TISP dataset. *Scientific data*, 12(1), 114. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-024-04100-7>
- Cologna, V., Mede, N.G., Berger, S., Besley, J., Brick, C., Joubert, M., **Cases, R.K.**, ... & Zwaan, R. (2025). Trust in scientists and their role in society: a global assessment in 66 countries. *Nature Human Behaviour*.
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-024-02090-5>
- Cases, R.K.C. (2025). Persistent ties, evolving networks: Accounting for changes and stability in migrant support networks. *International Migration*, 63(2), e13286. <https://doi.org/10.1111/imig.13286>
- Maceda EB, Abadingo M, Asor BB, Cases RK, Supan RJ, Anarna K, Libo-on PC, Vesagas TD, & Tumulak MJ. (2024). [Social media content analysis of public and private Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency \(G6PD\) Facebook groups](#). *Acta Medica Philippina*.
- Cases, R.K. (2013). [The rationalities of everyday risk management: A modified Weberian typology](#). *Philippine Sociological Review*, 61(2), 395-418.

Book Chapters

- Asor, B.B. and Cases, R.K. (2024). (Dis)continuities and Disruptions in Labour Migration Governance: The Philippines from Duterte to Marcos Jr. Administration. In A.A. Arugay and J. Encinas-Franco. (Eds.). *Games, Changes, and Fears: The Philippines from Duterte to Marcos Jr.* Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)-Yusof Ishak Institute Publishing.
- Cases, R.K. (2021). [Claims-making and recognition through care work: Narratives of belonging and exclusion of Filipinos in New York and London](#). In *Recognition, Migration, and Critical Theory* (Springer Book Series on "Studies in Global Justice"), ed. G. Schweiger. Cham, Switzerland: Springer International Publishing. doi: 10.1007/978-3-030-72732-1.

Edited Volume

- Cases, R.K.C., Sapidula, M.V.J, and Pilario, D.F.E. (Eds.). (2023). *Sexual violence against women: Victim-survivors and faith-based responses*. Saint Vincent School of Theology, Adamson University (SVST Interdisciplinary Series).

Research Reports and Policy & Methodological Brief

- Cases, R. K., Giannetto, L., Kindler, M., & Procter, C. (2026). *Comparing the working activities and conditions of irregularised migrants: Evidence from Austria, Italy, Poland, Sweden, and the UK* (PRIME Research Paper). European University Institute. <https://hdl.handle.net/1814/94894>
- Saguin, K., Kuschminder, K., Cases, R. K. C., Laguna, E., & Encinas-Franco, J. (2026). *Reintegration governance in the Philippines*. Reintegrate Policy Brief. Amsterdam: University of Amsterdam. https://reintegrateerc.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Reintegrate_Brief_Philippines_ENG_WEB.pdf
- Cases, R.K. (2019). *Integrating network mapping and visualization within migrants' narratives. Briefs on Methodological, Ethical and Epistemological Issues, No.8*. International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE). <https://crossmigration.eu/methodological-issue-briefs>

Manuscripts Under Review

- Cases, R.K.C., Encinas-Franco, J., and Supan, R.J. (under review). Structural violence across the migration cycle: The experiences of returning Filipino women migrant domestic workers. *Migration Studies*
- Cases, R.K.C., Giannetto, L., Kindler, M., and Procter, C. (under review). The irregularity trap: Intermediation and the institutionalised reproduction of irregular migrant work in Europe. *Migration Studies*

Public Engagement & Media

- Cases, R. K., Giannetto, L., Kindler, M., & Procter, C. (2026, March 13). Disposable, but indispensable: Irregularised migrants in Europe's labour markets. *Migration Policy Centre Blog*. <https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/disposable-but-indispensable-irregularised-migrants-in-europes-labour-markets/>
- Cases, R. K. C., Kindler, M., & Szulecka, M. (2024). Trapped in irregular work: The case of Filipino migrants in Poland. *Migration Policy Centre Blog*. <https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/trapped-in-irregular-work-the-case-of-filipino-migrants-in-poland/>
- Anderson, B. (Host). (2026, January 26). Who talks and what is heard? With Rizza Kaye Cases and Caitlin Procter [Audio podcast episode]. In *The PRIME Podcast*. Migration Mobilities Bristol. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/0dGJBqx1m6EuydfdPZ1dfB>
- Ortiz Ruiz, F., & Espinosa-Rada, A. (Hosts). (2025). Rizza Kaye Cases (No. 79) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Knitting Networks / Tejiendo Redes*. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/6RvYqhwZ2BMLzsgSKL20xg>

Research Collaborations and Partnerships

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| 2024 – 2026 | HORIZON EU Project Protecting Irregular Migrants in Europe: Institutions, Interests and Policies (PRIME)
An international research and policy project that analyses the conditions and politics of irregular migrants in Europe. PRIME is run through a consortium of seven migration research institutions (European University Institute, University of Bristol, Uppsala University, University of Warsaw, University of St. Gallen, and Mixed Migration Centre) |
| 2024 – 2026 | ERC Starting Grant Project Understanding Reintegration Governance (Reintegrate)
The project is hosted by the University of Amsterdam at the Department of Political Science, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR). It examines four comparative country contexts (Nigeria, Nepal, Serbia, and the Philippines) to understand different aspects of reintegration governance. |
| 2024 | Mapping Filipino Labour Migration in Thailand
The project was hosted by the Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University in Thailand and funded by the Scholarship for Short-term Visiting Scholars to Work at Mahidol University. |
| 2022 – Present | Trust in Science and Science-Related Populism (TISP) – ManyLabs
A global study to analyse the factors that affect trust in scientists, as well the prevalence and correlates of science-related populist attitudes across 68 countries. |

2021 – Present **Between global sex work and human trafficking: an analysis of interviews and networks**, a Euro-Asian project on migration funded by JSPS, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and hosted by the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Kobe University.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations (2020 – 2026)

- 25–28 Aug 2026 **17th Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA)** | Warsaw, Poland
 Conference Paper: *"Brokerage Roles and Practices of State and Non-state Actors in International Labour Migration: Mediating Labour Mobilities of Filipino Workers to Central and Eastern Europe"*
 Conference Paper: *"Migrants' Social Positioning And Prospects For Social Mobility Vis-à-vis Their Perceived Social Stratification Structures In The Countries Of Origin And Destination"*
- 11–15 Aug 2026 **8th European Conference on Social Networks (EUSN 2026)** | Norrköping, Sweden
 Conference Paper: *"Persistent ties, evolving networks: Accounting for changes and stability in migrant support networks"*
 Conference Paper: *"Ambivalent Support and 'Problematic' Ties in Filipino Migrants' Personal Support Networks: How Pre-Migration Connections Shape Settlement in New York and London"*
- 12–15 July 2026 **RUTA Annual Conference** | Santiago, Chile
 Conference Paper: *"Recruitment of Third Country Nationals in Central and Eastern Europe: The Case of Filipino Migrant Workers in Czech Republic and Slovakia"*
- 01–04 July 2026 **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Conference** | Bordeaux, France
 Conference Paper: *"Brokerage and the Making of a New Migration Corridor in Central and Eastern Europe: Filipino Labour Mobility to the Czech Republic and Slovakia"*
- 03–04 Dec 2025 **International Conference: The Future of Social Mobility** | Santiago, Chile
 Conference Paper: *"Migrants' social positioning and prospects for social mobility vis-à-vis their perceived social stratification structures in the countries of origin and destination"*
- 24–26 Sept 2025 **14th Conference of the Migration Research Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences** | Lublin, Poland
 Conference Paper: *"South and Southeast Asian (ir)regular migrants on the Polish labour market"*
- 06–11 July 2025 **5th International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum of Sociology** | Rabat, Morocco
 Conference Paper: *"Recruitment of third country nationals in Central and Eastern Europe: The case of Filipino migrant workers in the Czech Republic and Slovakia"*
 Conference Paper: *"Migrants' social positioning and perceived social stratification structures in the countries of origin and destination"*
- 01–04 July 2025 **22nd Annual IMISCOE Conference** | Online
 Conference Paper: *"Some thoughts on methodology: ethics, international comparison, and social network analysis to study migration in the sex industry"*
 Conference Paper: *"Reintegration governance in the Philippines: Examining policies in practice vis-à-vis the returnees' needs"*
- 23–29 June 2025 **2025 Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)** | Paris, France
 Conference Paper: *"Persistent ties, evolving networks: Accounting for changes and stability in migrant support networks"*

03 June 2025	Migration Policy Centre Seminar , European University Institute Florence, Italy Paper: <i>"Intermediaries, scams, and disappearing employers: Comparative research among working migrants with different statuses in Europe"</i>
23-25 April 2025	British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference Manchester, UK Conference Paper: <i>"Migrants' social positioning and perceived social stratification structures in the countries of origin and destination"</i>
17-19 March 2025	2025 IMISCOE Spring Conference Krems, Austria Conference Paper: <i>"Third country recruitment as an 'irregular' form of labour migration: A sending country perspective"</i>
11 Feb 2025	Migration Conversations (organised by Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines) Paper: <i>"Recruitment, contexts of reception, and integration of Filipino workers as third country nationals in Central and Eastern Europe"</i>
05 Feb 2025	University of the Philippines Population (UPPI) Institute Lecture Series (organised by Philippine Population Institute and UPPI) Paper: <i>"Brokerage roles and practices of state and non-state actors in international labour migration: Mediating labour mobility from the Philippines to Central and Eastern Europe"</i>
11 Dec 2024	Seminar of the Institute for Sociology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences Paper: <i>"Brokerage roles and practices of state and non-state actors in international labour migration: Mediating labour mobility from the Philippines to Central and Eastern Europe"</i>
03-05 April 2024	British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference Online Conference Paper: <i>"Towards further institutionalisation amidst critical junctures: (Dis)continuities and disruptions in migration governance and the establishment of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) in the Philippines"</i>
03-06 July 2023	20th Annual IMISCOE Conference Warsaw, Poland Conference Paper: <i>"Managing overseas labour employment beyond borders: The case of the Philippines as a labour brokerage state and the 'new destination countries' in Central and Eastern Europe"</i>
27 Jun-17 Jul 2023	2023 Sunbelt Virtual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Online Conference Paper: <i>"Brokerage roles and practices of state and non-state actors in international labour migration: Mediating labour mobility from the Philippines to Central and Eastern Europe"</i>
25 Jun-01 Jul 2023	International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology Melbourne, Australia Conference Paper: <i>"Mobilities and future imaginaries of older Filipino workers in the care sectors of New York and London"</i> Session Organiser/Chair: <i>"Exploring international migration from the sending country perspective: The case of the Philippines"</i>
23-24 Mar 2022	Divergences and Intersections: A National Centennial Conference celebrating 100 years of UP Anthropology and Sociology Online Conference Paper: <i>"Embedding network mapping and visualisation in in-depth interviews: Conceptual and methodological reflections"</i>
31 Aug-03 Sept 2021	15th Conference of the European Sociological Association Online Conference Paper: <i>"Claims-making and recognition through care work: Narratives of belonging and exclusion of Filipinos in New York and London"</i>

07-09 July 2021	18th Annual IMISCOE Conference Online Conference Paper: <i>"Retrospecting prospects, prospecting retrospect': Contrasting pre-migration imaginaries and post-migration realities of Filipino migrants in New York and London"</i>
23-28 Feb 2021	Third International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum of Sociology Online Conference Paper: <i>"Comparing Filipino migration to New York and London: Divergent histories, commodified care, and migrant networks"</i> Conference Paper: <i>"Comparing pre- and post-migration support networks of Filipinos in London and New York: Continuity, stability, and changes"</i>
13-17 July 2020	2020 Sunbelt Virtual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Conference Paper: <i>"Ambivalent connections and 'negative' social capital: Supportive and 'problematic' ties of Filipinos in New York and London"</i>
01-02 July 2020	17th Annual IMISCOE Conference Online Conference Paper: <i>"Sharing the dream, aspiring to leave: Migrant networks as aspiration-forming structures"</i>
03-04 Mar 2020	Recognition, Migration, and Critical Theory Salzburg, Austria Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research, University of Salzburg Paper: <i>"Claims-making and recognition through care work: Narratives of belonging and exclusion of Filipinos in New York and London"</i>

Elected and Appointed Roles

2025–June 2026	Elected Council Member , Association of Early and Middle Career Researchers (EMCRs) of Social Networks
2024–2025	Elected Co-Chair , Association of Early and Middle Career Researchers (EMCRs) of Social Networks
2024–2025	Scientific Alternate Panel Member , University of the Philippines Diliman Research Ethics Board
25 Jun-01 Jul 2023	Session Organiser and Chair , "Exploring International Migration from the Sending Country Perspective: The Case of the Philippines," International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology (Melbourne, Australia)
2021–2025	Associate Editor , Philippine Sociological Review
2021–2024	Graduate Program Coordinator , Department of Sociology, University of the Philippines Diliman
2020–2021	Remote Learning Support Coordinator , Department of Sociology, University of the Philippines Diliman
2019–2021	Research Committee Coordinator , Department of Sociology, University of the Philippines Diliman
2019–2020	Member of the Technical Working Group , College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines Diliman Ethics Review Board

Visiting Research Stays

Feb – June 2024	Visiting Scholar <i>Institute for Population and Social Research, Mahidol University</i>
Jan – Dec 2023	Visiting Research Associate <i>Comenius University</i>
Oct 2015 – Apr 2016	Visiting Research Scholar <i>Department of Sociology, Columbia University</i>

Jul–Sept 2015	Visiting Academic <i>Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford</i>
May–Jul 2015	Visiting Research Student <i>Department of Sociology, University of Warwick</i>
Apr–Jun 2015	Research Associate Student <i>School of Geography, Queen Mary University of London</i>

Skills and Competencies

Languages	Filipino (native) English (C2) Italian (basic)
Data analysis software	R STATA MAXQDA NVivo Atlas.ti UCINET Gephi

Professional Affiliations

Lifetime Member	PI GAMMA MU International Honor Society in Social Science (Philippine Alpha Chapter)
Member	International Sociological Association (ISA) European Sociological Association (ESA) British Sociological Association (BSA) European Survey Research Association (ESRA) International Visual Sociology Association (IVSA) Dutch Association for Migration Research (DAMR) International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE)

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