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The multidisciplinary peer-reviewed *Journal of International Mobility*, published by PUF and led by Agence Erasmus+ France/Éducation Formation, brings together scientific papers on all aspects of international mobility in education and training in Europe and around the world. One of its objectives is to contribute to a better understanding of the issues, conditions and impact of mobility in order to provide material for the researchers and political decision makers who are called upon to support it.

Agence Erasmus+ France is launching its tenth call for papers for a special issue, which will be coordinated by Cécilia Brassier-Rodrigues (University of Clermont Auvergne, France) and Dorit Kluge (*VICTORIA Internationale Hochschule*, Germany).

This special issue is entitled: **‘The Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis on the European and International Mobility of Learners’**.

We are also looking for **Varia articles** on education and training mobility in Europe and around the world. Two other sections are also open for submissions: **reading notes** and a **case study** section (see details below). These contributions may be issued from several disciplinary fields: sociology, education sciences, history, geography, anthropology, economics, language didactics, etc.

Special Issue

The Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis on the European and International Mobility of Learners

Issue coordinated by Cécilia Brassier-Rodrigues (University of Clermont Auvergne, France)
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Since the early 2000s, European and international mobility for learners has grown significantly, in a favourable legislative and institutional context. In 2018, 5.6 million learners embarked on learning mobility around the world, an increase of 31% in 5 years. In response to this movement, a large volume of research has focused on European and international mobility for learners in recent years. Some studies argue in favour of immersion in an intercultural environment associated with learning abroad, as it promotes the acquisition of cross-disciplinary skills valued by companies. It is also understood to develop learners’ employability, as well as their capacity to create social links (Anquetil, 2006; Bettahar & Gohard-Radenkovic, 2020; Blons-Pierre, 2016; Brassier-Rodrigues, 2015; Crescenzi et al., 2014; Dokou et al., 2021; Mikhaylov, 2014; Souto-Otero et al., 2019; Wolff & Borzikowsky, 2018). This view of European and international mobility naturally leads one to believe that the COVID-19 crisis will have had negative impacts on European and international exchanges for learners, making them difficult or even impossible. For example, in France, figures published by the National Observatory of Student Life for the academic year 2020-2021 state that for 17% of respondents, their European or international mobility was simply cancelled and only 58% of students whose mobility was maintained were actually able to go abroad (Belghith et al., 2021).

But this view does not reflect the full reality. The initial, rather quantitative idea of attracting an increasing number of learners to benefit from mobility has given way to a more general reflection on the quality and impact of the experience itself (Alexiadou et al., 2021; Ballatore, 2017; Calmand et al., 2018; Lima et al., 2019; de Hei et al., 2020; Dervin, 2016; Fantini, 2020; Hammersley et al., 2018; Mittelmeier et al., 2020; Robson & Wihlborg, 2019; Roy et al., 2018; Teichler, 2017; Van Mol et al., 2021). Thus, critical aspects have increasingly been taken into account. In recent years, a movement has shown concern over the excesses of a ‘quasi-imperative for mobility’ (Gohard-Radenkovic, 2017). Researchers warn against a ‘proliferation of mobility’ (Gohard-Radenkovic & Veillette, 2015), ‘hypermobility’ (Dervin & Ljalikova, 2007), ‘hypomobility’ (Dervin, 2007). Several studies look at ‘non mobile’

students (Finn & Darmody, 2017; Salisbury et al., 2011; Smith & Khawaja, 2011), raise ethical issues (Buckner & Stein, 2019), reveal the environmental costs of European and international learner mobility (Shields, 2019) and call on higher education institutions to take all these elements into consideration in their policies on sustainable development. With this more general understanding of European and international mobility, the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis are perceived differently.

The health crisis has forced institutions to rethink traditional mobility, as its limits have become increasingly visible, and to redesign models for providing learners with international experience (Erlich et al., 2021). Since 2020, European and international mobility for learners has thus evolved, adapted and transformed. Those involved in mobility have modulated their schemes to allow young people to benefit differently from European and international experiences. This special issue aims to highlight these developments and transformations by examining the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on European and international mobility.

Some of the questions to be answered by the contributions are:

- What were the systemic effects of the crisis? How did the health crisis bring long-lasting change to internationalisation practices (structures, their organisation, tools used, state measures, etc.)?
- Faced with the relative immobilisation of learners, what alternative strategies have the various education sectors (higher education institutions, secondary schools, apprenticeship training centres, vocational training centres, schools, etc.) used to compensate for unfulfilled mobility? What are the success factors and weaknesses of these strategies?
- In what way(s) has the current context (health, environmental, etc.) changed the pedagogical practices of teachers wishing to add an international dimension to their learners' pathways? How do these new internationalisation practices reconfigure the role of the teacher and the relationship with the learner?
- What results have been observed in the development of language and intercultural skills by learners, and the creation of social links between learners? Are these new internationalisation schemes conducive to the development of new skills? How do they differ from mobility carried out entirely abroad?
- How do young people react to these new internationalisation and teaching arrangements (hybrid mobility, internationalisation activities at home, etc.)? What are the motivations or obstacles involved?
- Do alternatives to traditional mobility promote the inclusion of new audiences? These may include vulnerable groups or, more generally, so-called 'non mobile' groups, i.e. young people who have not benefited from European or international physical mobility.
- What do companies think about new forms of internationalisation (hybrid mobility, internationalisation activities at home, etc.)? Do they place them the same value on these experiences as mobilities carried out entirely abroad?
- What are the impacts of the new internationalisation practices on the different stakeholders of the ecosystem (schools, teachers, learners, companies, host societies)? How can these effects be measured?

These proposals are not exclusive of other proposals relating to the theme of this issue.

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