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About

Nando Sigona is a sociologist with over ten years research and teaching experience in migration, refugee and ethnic studies. He joined the School of Social Policy in February 2013 as a Birmingham Fellow. Dr Sigona's work investigates the interplay between forms and modes of contemporary membership, governance, and the politics of belonging. This is achieved through in-depth examinations of a range of experiences of membership including, but not limited to, those of: Roma; undocumented migrant families; ethnic minorities; children of undocumented migrant parents; unaccompanied asylum seeking minors; people with dual citizenship; 'failed' asylum seekers; and stateless people.

Nando is one of the founding editors of **Migration Studies (http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/migration/)**, a new refereed journal by Oxford University Press that started publication in Spring 2013. He is one of the editors of the forthcoming ***Oxford Handbook on Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199652433.do)*** (Oxford University Press, 2014) and author (with Alice Bloch and Roger Zetter) of *Sans Papiers: The Social and Economic Lives of Undocumented Migrants* (Pluto Press, 2014).

He maintains an academic **blog - Postcards from... (http://nandosigona.wordpress.com/)**, contributes for magazines, newspapers and blogs, and is active on social media. Follow Nando on Twitter **@nandosigona (https://twitter.com/nandosigona)**

Watch Nando talking about his research with IRiS on Roma, asylum seekers, refugees and minority groups (/research/activity/superdiversity-institute/research/nando-sigona.aspx)

Qualifications

- PhD in Sociology, Oxford Brookes University
- BSc in Politics (Hons), University of Naples L'Orientale, Italy

Biography

Before joining the School of Social Policy as a Birmingham Fellow in February 2013, Nando was Senior Research Officer at the Refugee Studies Centre and Senior Researcher the Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) at the University of Oxford.

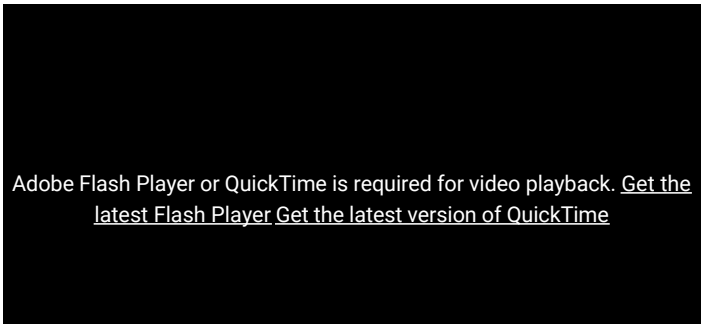
Nando has a background in Politics, Sociology and Social Anthropology. He has taught on the MSc in Migration Studies and the MSc in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies at the University of Oxford and in October 2012 was awarded the University of Oxford's Teaching Excellence Award for 'outstanding contribution to the MSc in Migration Studies'. Previously, he taught sociology of diversity, migration and forced migration at Oxford Brookes University and City University London.

His research sets to explore the impact of globalisation, migration and human rights regime on meanings and practices of citizenship and non-citizenship in countries affected by significant population movements. His research interests include: statelessness, diasporas and the state; Romani politics and anti-Gypsyism; 'illegality' and the everyday experiences of undocumented migrant children and young people; and governance and governmentality of forced migration in the EU.

His work has appeared in a range of peer reviewed journals, including *Sociology, Social Anthropology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. He is author or editor of books and journal's special issues including *Ethnography, diversity and urban space* (with Mette Berg and Ben Gidley, Identities, 2013), *Romani politics in contemporary Europe: poverty, ethnic mobilisation and the neoliberal order* (with Nidhi Trehan, Palgrave, 2009), *Refugee Community Organisations and Dispersal: Networks, Resources and Social Capital* (with David Griffiths and Roger Zetter, Policy Press, 2005), *The Roma in the new EU: Polices, Frames and Everyday Experiences* (with Peter Vermeersch, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 2012), and *Rifugio Europa?* (Studi Emigrazione, 2006).

Nando is also one of the founding editors of **Migration Studies (http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/migration/)**, a new refereed journal by Oxford University Press.

Dr Sigona speaking at TEDxEastEnd, London, October 2012



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Teaching

Nando teaches on the **MA in Migration, Superdiversity and Policy (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/course-brochures/2013/migration-flyer-december2013.pdf)**, where he leads the module: Globalisation, migration and citizenship. He contributes lectures and seminars on 'New migrants and social policy' and 'Social reseach methods'.

Postgraduate supervision

Nando welcomes proposals for doctoral and post-doctoral research in the following areas:

- **Understanding excess and deficit of citizenship amongst stateless individuals and dual citizens (http://www.findaphd.com/search/ProjectDetails.aspx?PJID=49704)**
- Dual citizenship and the experiences of dual citizens
- The intersection between migration, rights and citizenship
- Everyday experiences of superdiversity
- Neoliberalism, globalisation and governance of human mobility
- The impact of superdiversity on public services
- The politics of refugee voices and silences
- Romani politics and anti-Gypsyism
- **Undocumented migrants and experiences of 'illegality' through generations (http://www.findaphd.com/search/ProjectDetails.aspx?PJID=49702&LID=150)** Undocumented migration and experiences of mobilisation among undocumented migrants
- Child and family migration
- Transnationalism and diasporas
- Policy and practice of migrant integration and ideas of membership in the EU

Research

- **Becoming adult: Conceptions of futures and wellbeing among young people subject to immigration control in the UK (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/research/projects/2014/conceptions-of-futures-and-wellbeing-among-young-people-subject-to-immigration-control-uk.aspx)**
- **Causes and experiences of poverty among refugees and asylum seekers in the UK: Review of Evidence (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/research/projects/2013/experiences-of-poverty-among-regugees-and-asylum-seekers.aspx)**
- **Precarious status, migration governance and new geographies of mobility (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/research/projects/2013/precarious-status-migration-governance-and-new-geographies-of-mobility.aspx)**
- **Legal status, rights and belonging: International symposia (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/research/projects/2013/legal-status-rights-and-belonging.aspx)**
- **In protracted limbo: A comparative study of the transitions to adulthood and life trajectories of former unaccompanied children in Europe. In collaboration with the Oxford Institute of Social Policy, University of Oxford. (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/research/projects/2013/transitions-to-adulthood-and-life-trajectories-of-migrant-children-in-europe.aspx)**
- **Stateless diasporas and immigration and citizenship regimes in Europe. Lead researcher, part of the Leverhulme-funded Oxford Diasporas Programme, University of Oxford. (/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/research/projects/2013/stateless-diasporas-and-immigration-and-citizenship-regimes.aspx)**
- Undocumented migrant children and families in the UK. Completed in 2012 and funded by the Barrow Cadbury Trust.

Other activities

- Associate Editor, **Migration Studies (http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/migration/)**, Oxford University Press
- Editorial board member, 'Anthropology' series, SEID Editore, Italy
- Editorial board member, 'Migration' series, CISU, Italy
- Member, British Sociological Association
- Research Associate, School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford
- Research Associate, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford
- Research Associate, Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford
- Member of the European Academic Network in Romani Studies, European Commission and Council of Europe
- Member of the Steering Committee of UrbaRom, academic network on public policy, localities and the Roma

Publications

Books

Bloch, A., Sigona, N., Zetter, R. (2014) ***Sans Papiers: The Social and Economic Lives of Undocumented Migrants (http://www.plutobooks.com/display.asp?K=9780745333908&)***, Pluto Press.

Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E., Loescher, G., Long, K. and Sigona, N. (2014 forthcoming) **Oxford Handbook on Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199652433.do)**, Oxford: OUP.

Sigona, N. and Trehan, N. (eds) (2009) ***Romani Politics in Europe: Poverty, Ethnic Marginalisation and the Neoliberal Order (http://romanipolitics.com/about/)***, Palgrave.

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Griffiths, D., Sigona, N. and Zetter, R. (2005) *Refugee Community Organisations and Dispersal: Networks, Resources and Social Capital*, Bristol, Policy Press.

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Journal editorship

Berg, M. L., Gidley, B. and Sigona, N. (eds) (2013) ***Identities. Global studies in culture and power (http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/gide20/current#.Udqil_kqaSo)***, special issue on 'Ethnography, diversity and the urban space', 20 (4).

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Journal articles

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Sigona, N. (2012) '**In between competing imagineries of statehood: Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians leadership in newly independent Kosovo (http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1369183X.2012.689177)**', Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, 38 (8).

Sigona, N. (2012) '**Globalisation, rights and the non-citizen (http://soc.sagepub.com/content/46/5/982.full.pdf+html)**', *Sociology*, 46 (5): 982-988

Sigona, N. (2012) "I've too much baggage': the impact of legal status on the social worlds of irregular migrants', ***Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale (http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1469-8676.2011.00191.x/abstract)***, *20 (1): 50-65*

Sigona, N. (2011) 'The governance of Romani people in Italy: discourse, policy and practice', ***Journal of Modern Italian Studies*** **(http://oxford.academia.edu/NandoSigona/Papers/1487101/The_governance_of_Romani_people_in_Italy_discourse_policy_and_practice)**, 16 (5): 590-616.

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Zetter, R., Griffiths, D. and Sigona, N. (2005) 'Social Capital or Social Exclusion? The Impact of Asylum Seeker Dispersal on Refugee Community Organisations', *Community Development Journal*, 40 (2): 169-181

Chapters in Books

Sigona, N (2014b) **'The politics of refugee voices: Memories, narratives and representations of forced migration' (https://www.academia.edu/8346889/The_politics_of_refugee_voices_representations_narratives_and_memories)**, in *The Oxford Handbook on Refugee and Forced Migration Studies*, OUP.

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Research monographs and other research-based outputs

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Expertise

Roma, immigration, illegal migration, child and family migration, asylum in the EU, statelessness, integration and multiculturalism

Media experience

Nando is a frequent contributor in the print and broadcast media to debates on Roma, immigration and asylum. His work has been featured in a number of national and international outlets, including: The Economist; International Business Times (India); Politiken (Denmark); Radio 1 (Switzerland); Radio WDR (Germany); Radio RAI 1 (Italy); Radio RAI 3 (Italy); BBC Radio 5 (UK); Caixin Media (China); de Volkskrant (Netherland); Financial Times (UK); Die Welt (Germany); Finnish Broadcasting Company (YLE); Metro; Voice of Russia; BBC Inside & Out.

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