

RESEARCHER PROFILE

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HORIZON EUROPE TOPIC(S) OF INTEREST:

HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-03: Conditions of irregular migrants in Europe

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD CALL TOPIC

In the past five years, my research has focused on exploring the role that information plays in the everyday lives of domestic migrant workers in Israel through their life stories and experiences. Migrants employed as domestic workers are one of the most vulnerable sectors in the Israeli job market, as most are undocumented and work in an unregulated employment sector. These migrants need access to information regarding their basic rights and the services necessary for their inclusion in society. In addition, my research has examined the perception of public and government organizations working with migrant populations to better understand their role in the delivery of information services.

One of the requirements of **HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-03**, is to understand the conditions of irregular migrants and their access to basic needs and services. These include information needs and skills and how these needs can be addressed and fulfilled. I have previously worked as a librarian responsible for the provision of information services in different settings. I was involved in the design of information literacy training programs that provided patrons with the necessary skills to more effectively seek, retrieve and use information relevant to their needs. My research and professional expertise can contribute to the identification of the information needs of migrants and to the design of tools and services that will help to fulfill these needs.

My experience in investigating the life experiences of irregular migrants can also contribute to the development of new knowledge regarding the conditions and vulnerabilities of irregular migrants and their access to basic rights and services.

PROFILE BRIEF

My areas of expertise include information behavior of migrant populations, information literacy, and self-presentation and self-disclosure on different social platforms. My current research explores the role that information plays in the lives of migrants in Israel. Using narratives and semi-structured interviews my research examined how migrant workers acquire the necessary everyday information and cultural knowledge needed to foster their social inclusion into Israeli society. My aim is to continue the exploration of the different elements that shape the process of social inclusion and integration of irregular migrants, which will further the scientific knowledge and understanding of these processes—knowledge that can have a positive impact on public policies and discourse in the area of migration.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

1. **Bronstein, J.** (2017). Information grounds as a vehicle for social inclusion of domestic migrant workers in Israel. *Journal of Documentation*, 73(5), 934-952.
2. **Bronstein J.** (2018). Domestic migrant workers in Israel: The strength of weak ties. In: Chowdhury G., McLeod J., Gillet V., Willett P. (eds) *Transforming Digital Worlds. iConference 2018. Lecture Notes in Computer Science.* Springer, Cham (pp. 429-434).
3. **Bronstein, J.** (2019). Reframing integration: Information marginalization and information resistance among migrant workers. *Journal of Documentation*, 76(1), 27-48
4. **Bronstein, J.** (2019). A transitional approach to the study of the information behavior of domestic migrant workers: A narrative inquiry, *Journal of Documentation*, 75(2), 314-333. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JD-07-2018-0112>

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