

Call for submissions: Inequalities and Migration

Who: [Routed Magazine](#) is an online publication on migration and (im)mobility. Bridging the divide between specialist academic literature on human mobility and popular portrayals of migration in the media, Routed Magazine hopes to bring a fresh, critical perspective to the study of how and why people move, as well as the contexts of mobility.

What: Our next issue, on **Inequalities and Migration**, to be published in **November 2023**.

Migration is a persistent phenomenon throughout human history. Throughout the different eras migration is consistently entangled with inequalities. How is such an ancient experience still determined by basic inequities? Today, migrants all over the world face inequality of treatment, opportunities, and life prospects. This injustice is due to a myriad of causes and feeds into innumerable stories that must be told and heard.

This issue aims to highlight and interrogate such inequalities. It aims to explore the personal human experiences of inequality and migration, as well as the underlying causes of inequality in a highly complex global system. By elevating personal stories and ideas, this issue will create a platform for discussion and creative thinking that aims to encourage empathy for these human experiences, as well as to explore how such systems come to be and how they can radically change.

We are open to all proposals that showcase inequalities and migration, in the widest sense of the term. For instance, your piece may fall under one of the following categories, though not exclusively:

- **Experiences with inequality.** We welcome stories of lived experiences of people on the move. How was your migration experience impacted by discrimination, exclusionary practices, or mistreatment of any kind? Your piece may highlight the policies or procedures that impacted your experience, how the procedural time frame affected you personally, or your observational experience as someone on the outside. We are particularly interested in stories featuring temporal inequality in the migration process.
- **Causes of inequality.** Your piece can expose the underlying reasons that migrants face inequality, interrogating the origins of unequal systems. This type of piece could explore the history of these systems, case studies illustrating the various causal factors, or the theoretical causes of inequality.
- **The intersection of marginalised identities.** Your piece may approach the issue from the perspective of migrants themselves, whose ethnic, religious, and other identities deeply impact their lived experience. Once again, your piece may involve personal experiences or interviews, as well as the reasons behind marginalisation. We welcome experiences of all kinds to highlight the complexity and pervasiveness of marginalisation during mobility.
- **Potential solutions to inequality.** Since history shows that necessary improvements will not happen by accident, your piece may propose how actors (governments or otherwise) can work to protect and empower migrants in the face of inequality. We encourage pieces that interrogate the damage caused by certain procedures, and offer creative alternatives. Such solutions can

and should include how migrants themselves should be elevated to positions that involve them in change.

We are particularly interested in publishing work that lifts up the voices of people on the move and exploring (im)mobility in its many varied forms. We are also keen on receiving pieces that analyse **current news** about migration and (im)mobility, or reflect on **cultural developments** related to these topics.

Articles should address a broad audience, made of experts and non-experts, and should be originally written in **English**.

When: The deadline for proposals is **15 September 2023**.

How: If you are interested in proposing a submission for this issue, please send us a short abstract no longer than 250 words via email to: routedmagazine@gmail.com. We would also like to hear about your relationship to migration and mobility (whether you are a migrant, a researcher, a student, a practitioner...).

Article guidelines:

1. The length of the piece should be between 700 and 1000 words.
2. The article should consistently use British spelling and grammar, if you are writing in English.
3. The simpler the language the better. Try to briefly explain or add links to any concepts, organisations, policies... introduced in the article.
4. Concepts and cited works/legislation/articles should be inserted in the article as hyperlinks.
5. All acronyms should be specified in parentheses.

Some notes on the publication process:

1. Once you send us your proposal, we will get back to you after the deadline for all submissions (**15 September 2023**).
2. First drafts are due on **6 October 2023**, for publication on **4 November 2023**. After you send us your first draft, your editor will get back to you with their comments, which you will review before publication.
3. The article will be translated, will be included in Routed Magazine's newsletter, and may be promoted on social media.
4. We understand this topic may be highly sensitive. If any writer wishes to remain anonymous, we commit to protecting their identity.
5. Please be aware that any opinions you express in your article will be yours alone and not reflect Routed's general stance.