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Discourses of fear and war-like metaphors around the current coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic have paved the way for the introduction of unprecedented mobility restrictions at the local, national, and global level. During times of crisis, the media are key in contributing to the legitimization of measures and in providing communities access to critical information. Against this background, when it comes to displaced persons, it is important to highlight barriers related to digital accessibility and literacies, as well as associated risks of technology use (e.g., misinformation, privacy issues, and surveillance). These barriers might exacerbate their vulnerabilities and existing condition, as well as render them invisible as a community. They might also transform and challenge the communication and relations with their transnational families.

This call for papers invites reflective contributions that bring together digital infrastructures and media through the spectre of migration during the Covid-19 crisis. The connection of media and migration provides a critical lens to think through themes of borders, migrants, integration, governance, and representation associated with this pandemic crisis. Some of the themes this thematic issue is open to consider include:

- The role of mediated processes and discourses around the immediate and long-term effects of the Covid-19 on migrants;
- The role of digital and social media in facilitating solidarity movements towards migrant groups, or conversely, anti-immigrant mobilisations amid the pandemic;
- The mediated consequences of the Covid-19 for migratory movements;
- The opportunities and constraints of digital technologies in migrant settlement, integration, and rights protection amid the pandemic;
- The role of media and technologies in risk and crisis management;
- The opportunities and challenges of using digital technologies to conduct research on migrant populations during a global pandemic;
- The impact of media on transnational family relations and communications within the context of limited global mobility.

Please send your abstracts to the editors for **internal selection** by **March 31st**:

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