Covid#Migrants : Tweeting on Migrants in the Covid-19 Context

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ABSTRACT

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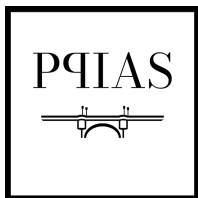
interest in the way the topic of the coronavirus has slotted into Twitter discussions on migrants. The project uses content analysis (qualitative and quantitative approaches). The project Covid#Migrants draws upon and extends findings of the project "M-Phasis Migration and Patterns of Hate Speech in Social Media. A Cross-cultural Perspective", funded by ANR (Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France), DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Germany. Covid#Migrants is conducted within the Center for Research on Mediations, an interdisciplinary research unit of 230 researchers at the University of Lorraine, France, mainly positioned in the field of Information-Communication and Language.

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