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migration  
transformation  
sustainability

# The Politics of Transformative Research

T2S Mid-term Workshop

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# Migration as transformation



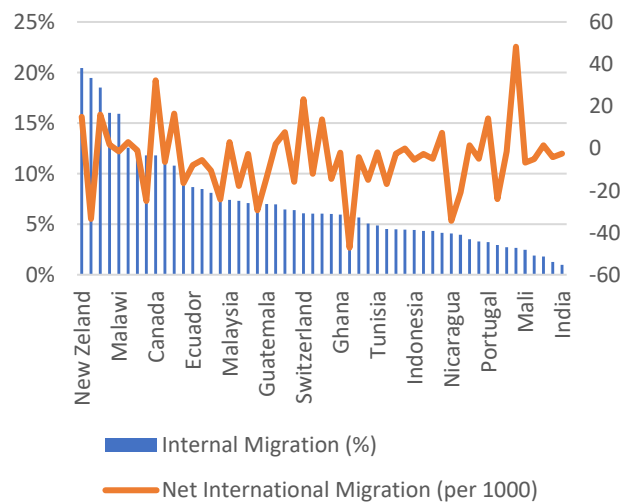
# Concepts that underpin MISTY

- Migration is transformative of individual's lives
  - Economic opportunities, cross-generational mobility, identity
- Migration is transformative of societies
  - Convergence of behavior in migration destinations
  - Place identity and incentives for sustainable places
- Models of sustainability transitions underplay migration and demographic transitions
- Migration governance, in parallel with climate governance, has been securitized





## Migration & Sustainability



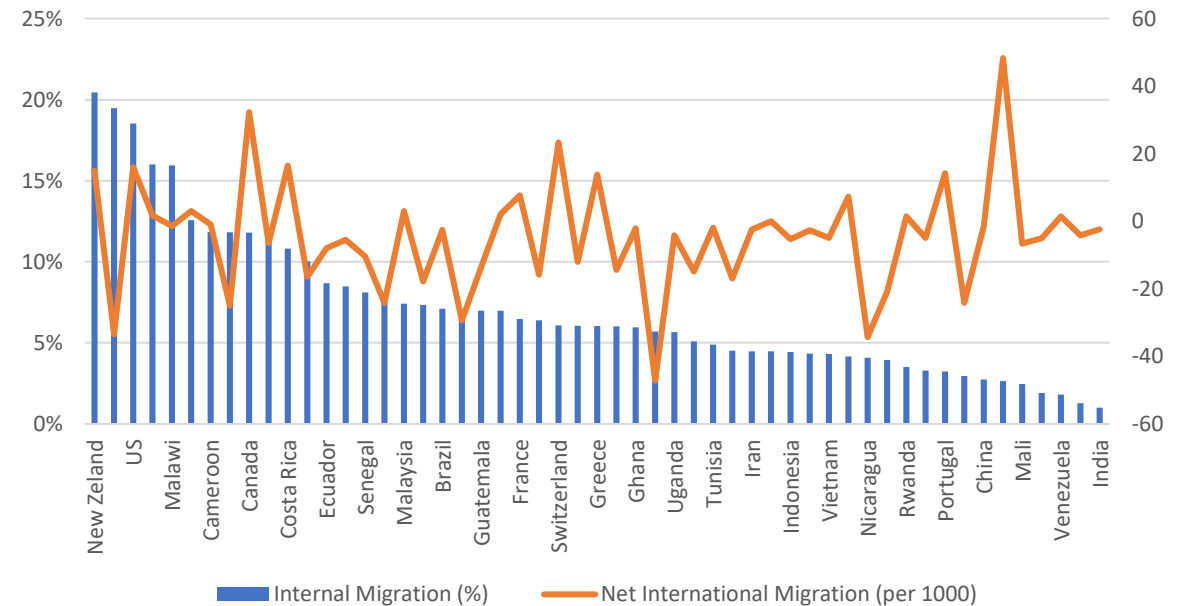
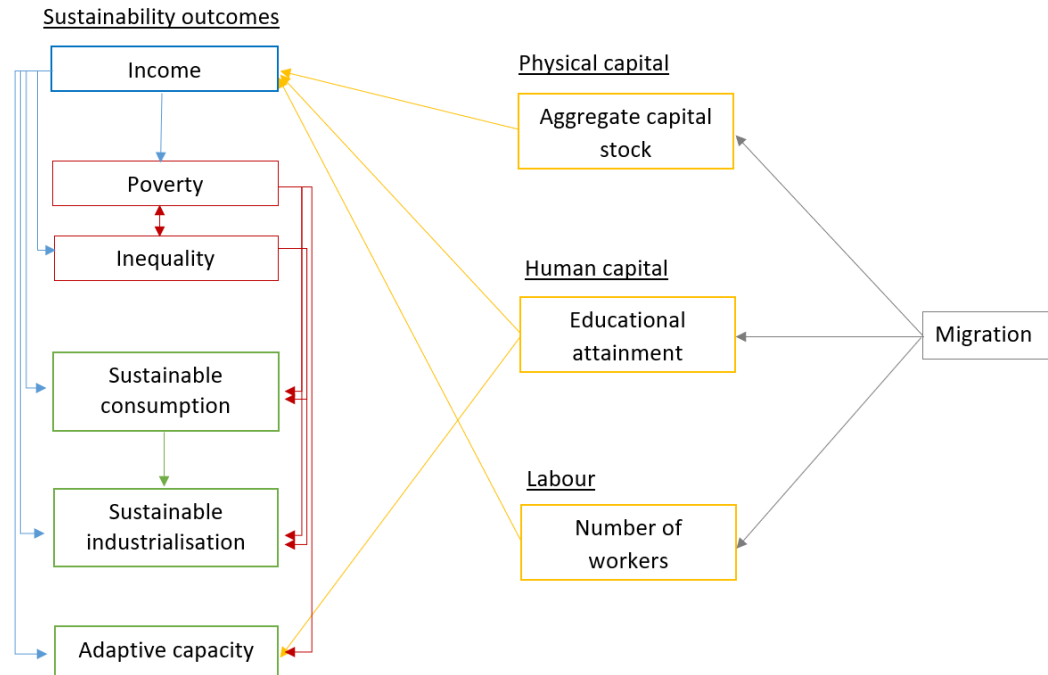
## Identity & Life Course

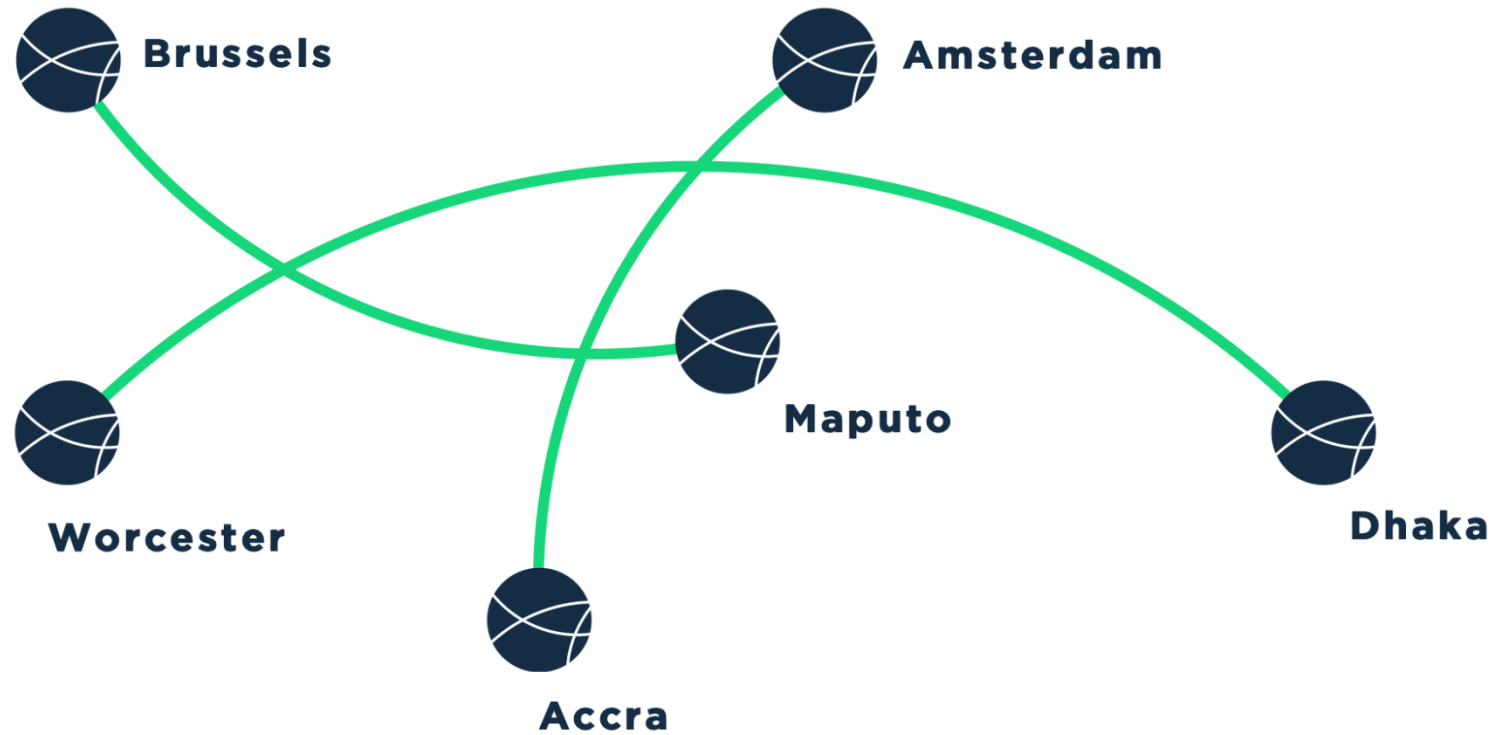


## Governance



# Measuring and modelling migration-sustainability for 130 countries





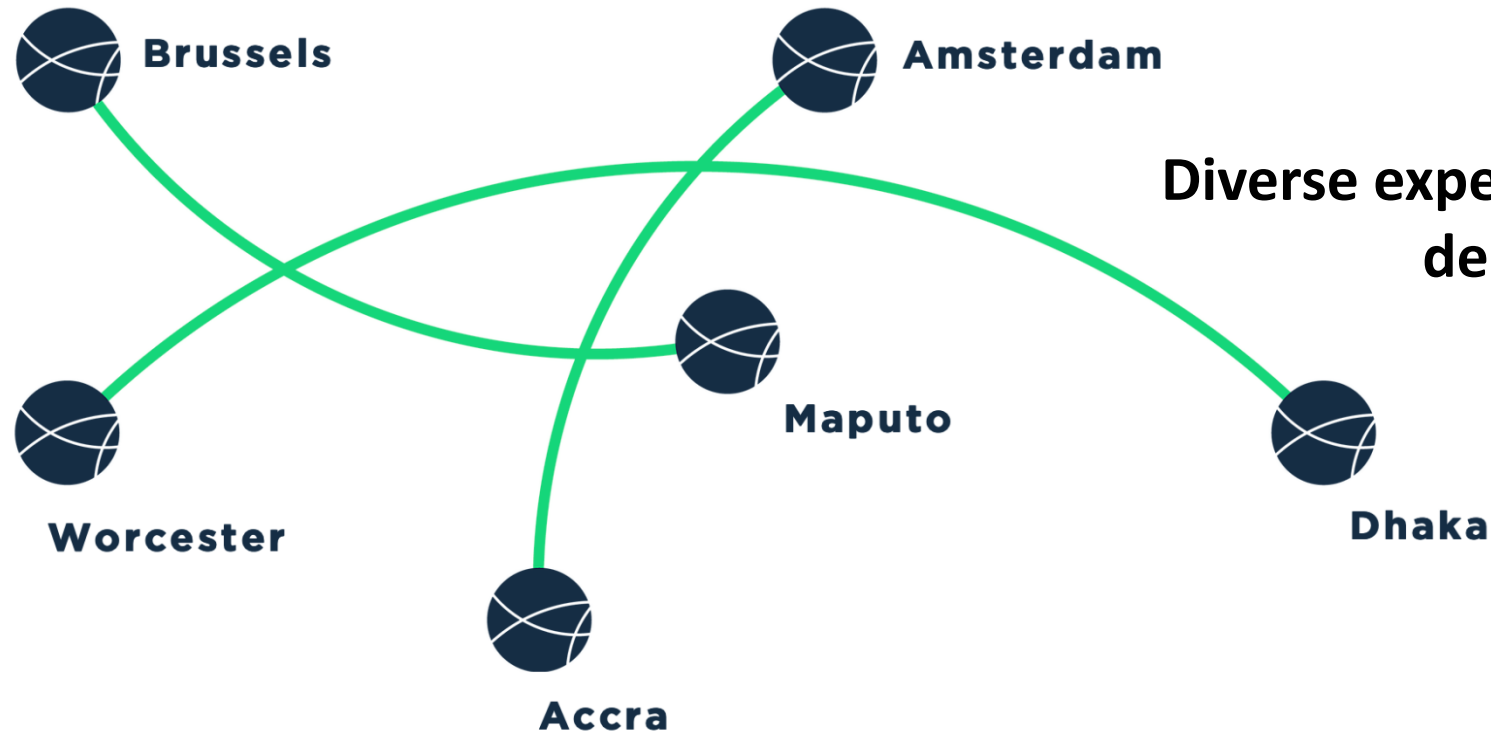
What does a sustainable city mean?  
How secure do you feel?  
Does the city work for you?  
Do you love this place?

Sample of 90 migrants – intensive research methods

Sustainable practices  
Evolution of social norms in cross-cultural settings  
Lifecourse decisions and return migration

Sample of 1500 migrant and non-migrant participants

## Post COVID-19



**Diverse experiences of migrants in urban destinations to pandemic crisis and economic shock**

**How does the COVID19 crisis affect practices perceptions, attitudes and behaviours:  
related to security, mobility, distance and isolation, sustainable consumption, and community in migrant and non-migrant populations?**

Re-interview of 90 migrants – intensive research methods



*What are the connections  
between the governance of  
migration and the governance  
of sustainability?*

*How do local policies address  
the role of migration in the  
transformation towards  
sustainability?*



***Global, e.g.:***  
UNFCCC & COP  
GCM  
SDGs



***Local, e.g.:***  
Mayors Migration Council  
C40  
City officials and civil  
servants

# Conclusion

- Next steps
- Impact and policy engagement in the critical upcoming years
- Post-COVID pathways to sustainability –
  - mobility and migration contested
  - Inequality revealed and the need for inclusive multi-dimensional transformations
  - Political conflation between mobility and migration as constraint on positive pathways to sustainability