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**Changing Realities of Migration and Mobility.
A Swiss Perspective.
Neuchatel, 23–24 June 2016**

Call for Workshops and “Pecha Kucha”

Abstract

Contemporary regimes and realities of migration and mobility in Europe have undergone a considerable shift since the recruitment of workers from the former colonies and “guestworkers” in the aftermath of World War II. The larger transformation has been marked by the creation of the Schengen/Dublin area. This process liberalized the movement of EU member state nationals, while tightening the rules of entry for third country nationals. The re-drawing of boundaries has been accompanied by a rise of anti-immigrant populism in many European countries, which has been combined with an anti-muslim stance since the terrorist attacks of 9/11. More recently, the “refugee policy crisis” has given rise to the intensification of humanitarian concerns and solidarity movements as well as to populist counter-movements.

Against this background one could argue that the spatial and political re-arrangement of migration and mobility in Europe has been driven by new interconnections between marketization, securitization, anti-immigrant nationalism as well as human rights standards. This configuration has given rise to the emergence of concurring developments at different levels: In demographic terms, new patterns and types of migration and mobility, such as the increase of undocumented migrants and the selective influx of highly-skilled professionals, can be observed. At the societal level, lines of exclusion and inclusion have been re-adjusted according to gender, class, race and ethnicity. At the legal and political level, the terms of sovereignty are being re-negotiated between federal, national and supranational levels. Culturally, the negotiation of practices and subjectivities is increasingly taking place in fragmented transnational social spaces.

The 2nd Annual Conference of the nccr – on the move offers a platform for discussing the contemporary “turbulence of migration and mobility” from different disciplinary, theoretical and methodological angles. In many ways, Switzerland offers a laboratory for understanding the changing regimes and realities of migration and mobility. In fact, the Swiss “case” might act as a prism for disentangling these transformations, which are arising as a result of (1) the liberal demand for labor, (2) securitization and anti-immigrant sentiments as well as (3) multilevel governance and human rights discourses. All three have been particularly pronounced in Switzerland.

Researchers from anthropology, demography, economics, geography, law, political science, sociology and other relevant fields will discuss the intersections and contradictions between the legal orders, societal dynamics and economic drivers underpinning the contemporary realities of migration and mobility. With their timely and innovative contributions they will sketch an interdisciplinary picture of the contemporary Swiss regimes and realities

of migration and mobility. Doing so, the conference shall strengthen the collaboration within the field of migration and mobility research in Switzerland and foster its link to international academic debates.

Formats

Workshops

Workshops shall address contemporary issues, which shed light on the transformation of Swiss regimes and realities of migration and mobility. Workshop slots of 2 hours allow for deepening the ongoing discussion among experts of the field. Therefore, it is suggested that the workshops assemble three papers and one discussant to offer enough space for discussion. The workshop proposals should consist of three thematically related papers.

Further, each workshop shall include one international contribution (paper presentation or discussant) in order to connect Swiss research to international debates. The travel and accommodation costs of the international contributor will be reimbursed to the maximum amount of CHF 1000.

Pecha Kucha

The conference will host a Pecha Kucha panel. Pecha Kucha has been proliferating as an entertaining way of discussing scientific projects. It is a PowerPoint performance with 20 slides, which are projected for a fixed duration of 20 seconds each. It is especially suitable for presenting “out of the box” and explorative scientific reflections.

Procedure

Workshop proposals shall include:

- an abstract (max. 250 words on the workshop theme);
- name and affiliation of the convenor;
- list of possible paper presentations (indicative titles);
- names and affiliations of paper presenters (speakers), discussants and chairs;
- and short bio(s) of convenors (some 100 words).

Pecha Kucha proposals shall include:

- an abstract (max. 250 words on the topic);
- name and affiliation of the performer;
- and a short bio of the performer (some 100 words).

Deadline for submission is 1 February 2016.

Please send your proposals to the Scientific Officer Rohit Jain, rohit.jain@nccr-onthemove.ch, +41 32 718 39 18 (Tuesdays and Fridays) or +41 76 515 58 82. Applicants will be informed by 28 February 2016.

Conference Fees

The conference fee is CHF 150; for doctoral students CHF 100. It includes all conference materials, lunches, coffee breaks and the conference dinner. Accommodation is not covered by the conference fee.